



## WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

June 7, 2017

Comm. Andy LaBarre called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. in the Board Room, Administration Building, 220 North Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Comms. Deatrick, Jamnick, Jefferson, LaBarre, Martinez-Kratz, Morgan, Ping, and Smith

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Comm. Brabec

**OTHERS PRESENT:** County Administrator, Greg Dill; Curt Hedger, Corporation Counsel; Diane Heidt, Deputy County Administrator; Lawrence Kestenbaum and Ed Golembiewski, Clerk's Office; Kelly Belknap and Tina Gavalier, Finance; Andrea Plevak and staff, OCED; Jerry Clayton, County Sheriff; Monica Boote, Human Resources; Ellen Rabinowitz, Public Health; Trish Cortes, CMH; Dave Shirley and staff, OIM; Justin Vidaurri, ITS; Candy Wethington, Zach Neal, and Jake Young, County Administration; Edwin Peart, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

#### Roll Call

#### Citizen Participation

The following citizens spoke about the 2017 BOC millage (regarding CMH and Public Safety): Jeff Harrold, Tad Weiser, Ian Robinson, Joan Martin, Ashley Carter, Joe Somers, Norman Henry, Bob King, Amber Fellows, Sam Jones-Darling, Anna Lemler, and Larry Kestenbaum.

Kristin Muehlhauser spoke in support of the Veridian proposal at the Platt Road parcel.

#### Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation

Comm. Smith addressed the comment around the Brownfield Redevelopment Plan and Comm. LaBarre expressed Comm. Brabec's support for the Platt Road project.

#### New Business:

### **A. Community Economic Development**

#### ***1. Office of Community and Economic Development***

##### ***a. Washtenaw Urban County 2017 HUD Action Plan:***

Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Deatrick moved that the Board of Commissioners approves a resolution authorizing the signature of the County Administrator on the Washtenaw Urban County 2017 Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the period of 7/1/17 – 6/30/18 to receive funding for the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs by submitting an Annual Action Plan.

Roll call vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Comm. Brabec) Motion carried.

##### ***b. Termination of the 2014 Thompson Block Brownfield Plan, and Adoption of a new Thompson Block Redevelopment Brownfield Plan and budget, 400 N. River Street, Ypsilanti, MI:***

Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Deatrick moved that the Board of Commissioners approves a resolution terminating the 2014 Thompson Block Brownfield Plan, and adopting a new Thompson Block Redevelopment Brownfield Plan and budget, 400 N. River Street, Ypsilanti, MI.

Roll call vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Comm. Brabec) Motion carried.

### **B. Public Safety & Justice**

## **1. Sheriff**

### **a. 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant:**

Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Deatrick moved that the Board of Commissioners approves a resolution ratifying the electronic submission of the application to the Federal Bureau of Justice (BJA) for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2019.

Roll call vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Comm. Brabec) Motion carried.

## **C. Land Use & Environment**

### **1. Water Resources Commissioner**

#### **a. North Lake Improvement Project:**

Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Deatrick moved that the Board of Commissioners approves a resolution directing the Board of Public Works to undertake a Lake Improvement Project for NorthLake in the Townships of Dexter and Lyndon.

Roll call vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Comm. Brabec) Motion carried.

#### **b. Whitmore Lake Improvement Project:**

Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Deatrick moved that the Board of Commissioners approves a resolution directing the Board of Public Works to undertake a Lake Improvement Project for Whitmore Lake in the Township of Northfield, in Washtenaw County, and the Township of Green Oak, in Livingston County.

Roll call vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Comm. Brabec) Motion carried.

## **D. Civic Infrastructure**

### **1. Clerk/Register of Deeds**

#### **a. Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Grant & Equipment Purchase:**

Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Deatrick moved that the Board of Commissioners approves a resolution authorizing the submission of the HAVA grant application and the acceptance of HAVA funded voting system hardware, firmware, and software, for the period of 3/1/17 – 4/30/18 to replace outdated voting equipment and to improve polling access for County voters and voters with disabilities.

Roll call vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Comm. Brabec) Motion carried.

## **E. County Administration**

#### **a. Platt Road Proposals – Next Steps:**

Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Deatrick moved that the Board of Commissioners approves a resolution authorizing the recommended next steps regarding the Platt Road proposals including interviews in moving towards the selection of a development partner.

Roll call vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Comm. Brabec) Motion carried.

## **F. Board of Commissioners**

**a. 2017 Board of Commissioners Millage:**

Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Deatrick moved that the Board of Commissioners approves a resolution certifying to the County Clerk Ballot Language for aten-year millage of one (1) mill per year for the following purposes: (1) mental healthcrisis, stabilization and prevention efforts; (2) public safety efforts to insure continuedoperations and greater cooperation with the mental health community; and (3) toprovide funding for those entities within the County which maintain their own policeforce for the November 7, 2017 election. Comm. Smith moved that this item be pulled for a separate vote.

Comm. Smith seconded by Comm. Martinez-Kratz moved to amend the ballot language (by substitution) with the following: "In order to support mental health crisis, stabilization and prevention efforts and to prevent unnecessary incarcerations of individuals with mental health needs; and to insure continued operations the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office and enable greater cooperation with the mental health community, shall the limitations on the total amount of taxes which may be levied against taxable property within Washtenaw County, Michigan, as provided for by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, be increased up to the amount of \$1.00 per thousand dollars of taxable valuation (1.0 mills) for a period of ten years, 2018 through 2027 inclusive, which shall raise in the first year an estimated \$15,433,608.00?". Comm. Deatrick seconded by Comm. Smith moved to amend the paragraph by changing "insure" to "ensure" and inserting "of" between the words "operations" and "the" –without objections, amendments were accepted as friendly.

Roll call vote (on amendment): YEAS 2 (Comms. Martinez-Kratz and Smith) NAYS 6 ABSENT 1 (Comm. Brabec) Motion failed.

Roll call vote (on entire resolution): YEAS 6 NAYS 2 (Comms. Jamnick and Jefferson) ABSENT 1 (Comm. Brabec) Motion carried.

**Report of the Administrator:**

Greg Dill announced that his report will be presented at the BOC Special Meeting (date TBD).

1. Financial State of the County
  - a. Executive Summary
  - b. Presentation
  - c. 2017-2020 General Fund Major Assumptions
2. Eye on the Future – Anticipated 2018-2020 Impacts

**Report of the Chair of Ways & Means:**

None.

**Report of the Chair of the Board:**

Comm. LaBarre announced that there would be a short break in between meetings.

**Items for Current/Future Discussion:**

Comms. Jamnick, Jefferson, LaBarre, and Smith discussed bringing items "from the floor" and the timeliness of materials being brought to Commissioners for their review.

**Pending**

None.

**Adjournment**

Comm. Smith seconded by Comm. Deatrick moved that the meeting be adjourned until July 12, 2017. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Andy LaBarre, Chair of the Board

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Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register  
By: Edwin Peart, Deputy Clerk  
APPROVED: July 12, 2017