



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

A session of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners was held at the Administration Building, in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on Wednesday, July 12, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 p.m. by Commissioner Andy LaBarre, Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: County Administrator, Greg Dill; Curt Hedger, Corporation Counsel; Diane Heidt, Deputy County Administrator; Tina Gavalier, Finance; Ellen Rabinowitz and Jennifer Brassow, Public Health; Teresa Gillotti, OCED; Andy Brush, OIM; Ken Schrader, ITS; Lisa Moutinho, County Administration; Edwin Peart, Clerk's Office; and various citizens.

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Comm. Ping, seconded by Comm. Deatrck, moved that the minutes of the June 7, 2017 and June 28, 2017 meetings of the Board of Commissioners be approved. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation

Harley Rider (Dexter Twp. Supervisory) spoke about the CMH and Public Safety millage.
Scott Brown (Executive Director, Renaissance Community Homes) spoke about the Living Wage issue.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation

Comm. Martinez-Kratz thanked the citizens for speaking.

Communications

Comm. Ping, seconded by Comm. Deatrck, moved that the communications be received and dealt with as recommended. Motion carried.

R-0017 RECEIVED: June 6, 2017. A letter of thanks from Senator Rebekah Warren regarding the immigration package that the BOC passed. Received and filed.

R-0018 RECEIVED: June 7, 2017. Five letters of thanks from various citizens regarding the immigration package that the BOC passed. Received and filed.

R-0019 RECEIVED: June 28, 2017. A notice from the Saline City Planning Commission regarding a public hearing on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 7pm. Received and filed.

R-0020 RECEIVED: July 12, 2017. A letter from NAMI Washtenaw County (Mark Creekmore, President) regarding the public safety-mental health services millage. Received and filed.

Liaison Reports

Comm. Deatrck reported that problems continue to arise at the landfill in Salem Township, and that she would keep the BOC informed.

Comm. Smith announced that Parks and Recreation Director Robert (Bob) Tetens will retire officially this month after decades of service to the citizens of Washtenaw County.

Special Order of Business

Report of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners

17-102 Comm. Ping, seconded by Comm. Deatruck, moved to approve a proclamation honoring Lloyd E. Powell on his retirement as Washtenaw County Public Defender. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

Reports of the Standing Committees

Comm. Ping, seconded by Comm. Deatruck, moved that the following reports be received: Ways and Means (6/7/17) and Working Session (6/8/17).

Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office)

Reports of Special Committees

Comm. Ping, seconded by Comm. Deatruck, moved that the following reports be received: 800 MHz POC, Board of Health, Social Services Board, and Public Works Board.

Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office)

Other Reports

None.

Report of the Treasurer

None.

Appointments

None.

Resolutions

A. Ways and Means— June 7, 2017

17-103 Comm. Ping, seconded by Comm. Deatruck, moved to approve a resolution authorizing the signature of the County Administrator on the Washtenaw County Urban County 2017 Action Plan. Comm. Brabec moved to substitute the original document (with approximate numbers) for the final document (with official numbers); voice vote –motion carried. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. Deatruck, moved to suspend the Board of Commissioners Rules and Regulations in order to move a resolution from the "Items for Current/Future Discussion" section to a vote before consideration of the millage proposal (Comm. Deatruck's resolution not included in the printed BOC agenda packet).

17-104 Comm. Deatruck, seconded by Comm. Jamnick, moved to approve a resolution directing Corporation Counsel to negotiate contracts with the County's contracted Mental Health service providers that increase wages for direct care workers to \$9.75 no later than October 1, 2017 and to \$10.50 no later than January 1, 2018. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 2 (Comms. Ping and Smith) ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

Comm. Smith, seconded by Comm. Martinez-Kratz, moved amend the resolution by striking "Corporation Counsel" (in the title of the resolution) and inserting "Washtenaw County Community Mental Health", and striking "Corporation Counsel to work with the County's Mental Health Agency on negotiating" (of the last paragraph) and inserting "the County's Community Mental Health Agency to negotiate". Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

Comm. Smith, seconded by Comm. Morgan, moved to amend the last paragraph by adding the following sentence at the end: "Per the Washtenaw County Living Wage Ordinance Section 8 (2)(B), contractors may request a partial or complete exemption from the requirements of this resolution if they believe they would cause demonstrated economic harm and the Board of Commissioners finds that said harm outweighs the benefits, provided that the contractor shall provide a written plan to fully comply with the Living Wage Ordinance within three years." Comm. Jamnick, seconded by Comm. Jefferson, moved to amend the amendment by changing the word "demonstrated" to "significant". Roll Call Vote: YEAS 6 NAYS 3 (Comms. Brabec, Ping, and Smith) ABSENT 0 Motion carried. Roll Call Vote (on amendment): YEAS 8 NAYS 1 (Comm. Ping) ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

Comm. Jefferson, seconded by Comm. Smith, moved to amend the resolution by changing "\$9.75" to "\$10.00" in the title of the resolution and the last paragraph. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 2 (Comms. Martinez-Kratz and Ping) ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote (on entire resolution): YEAS 7 NAYS 2 (Comms. Martinez-Kratz and Ping) ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

17-105 Comm. Ping, seconded by Comm. Deatrick, moved to approve a resolution certifying to the County Clerk, ballot language for a ten-year millage of one (1) mill per year to be placed on the November 7, 2017 election ballot. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried. Comm. LaBarre moved that this item be pulled for a separate vote.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Brabec, moved to amend the resolution by substituting the ballot language with the following: "**Washtenaw County Community Mental Health and Public Safety Preservation Millage** For the purposes of using the Washtenaw County Community Mental Health Department to improve the treatment of people with mental health needs, provide increased financial support for mental health crisis, stabilization and prevention, and for continued law enforcement services provided by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office, and for local governments which have their own police force, 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 to be used as follows: 37% shall be allocated to Washtenaw County's Community Mental Health Department for mental health crisis, stabilization and prevention, and to meet mental health needs in an appropriate setting, thus reducing the burden on the jail and improving care; 38% shall be allocated to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office to ensure continued operations and increased collaboration with the mental health community; and 25% shall be allocated to jurisdictions in the County which maintain their own police force as of August 2017 (Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Milan, Saline, Ypsilanti, Pittsfield Township and Northfield Township) in proportion to their respective 2016 population values?"

Comm. Martinez-Kratz, seconded by Comm. Ping, moved to amend the original amendment by striking "as of August 2017". Comm. Martinez-Kratz, seconded by Comm. Ping, moved the previous question; voice vote –motion carried. Roll Call Vote (on the amendment to the original amendment): YEAS 7 NAYS 2 (Comms. LaBarre and Morgan) ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. Smith, moved to amend the original amendment by striking "2018 through 2027 inclusive" and inserting "beginning with the December 1, 2017 levy"; amendment accepted as "friendly".

Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. Deatrick, moved to amend the original amendment by changing "37%" (for CMH) to "38%", and changing "25%" (for jurisdictions that maintain their own police force) to "24%". Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

Comm. Martinez-Kratz, seconded by Comm. Ping, moved to amend the original amendment by replacing "2016 population" with "taxable". Roll Call Vote: YEAS 2 (Comms. Martinez-Kratz and Ping) NAYS 7 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

Comm. Deatrick, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved to amend the original amendment by inserting "currently" as the first word inside the parenthetical; voice vote –motion carried.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Jamnick, moved to amend the original amendment by inserting "and extending through the 2026 levy" after "beginning with the December 1, 2017 levy"; voice vote –motion carried.

Comm. Smith, seconded by Comm. Martinez-Kratz, moved to amend the original amendment by changing the millage period from ten years to eight years. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 1 (Comm. Morgan) ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

Comm. Smith, seconded by Comm. Martinez-Kratz, moved to amend the original amendment by replacing "beginning with the December 1, 2017 levy and extending through the 2026 levy" with "beginning with the December 1, 2018 levy and extending through the 2025 levy". Roll Call Vote: YEAS 6 NAYS 3 (Comms. Jamnick, LaBarre, and Morgan) ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote (Comm. LaBarre's original amendment by substitution): YEAS 8 NAYS 1 (Comm. Martinez-Kratz) ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote (on entire resolution): YEAS 5 NAYS 4 (Comms. Jamnick, Jefferson, Martinez-Kratz, and Ping) ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

B. Board of Commissioners – June 7, 2017

17-106 Comm. Ping, seconded by Comm. Deatruck, moved to approve a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to sign a contract with the Humane Society of Huron Valley to provide certain animal control services. Roll Call Vote YEAS 8 NAYS 1 (Comm. Smith) ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

17-107 Comm. Ping, seconded by Comm. Deatruck, moved to approve a resolution approving the funding model for the Tyler EnerGov Permitting and Land Management System for the Washtenaw County Building Inspection, Public/Environmental Health and Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control. Roll Call Vote YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

17-108 Comm. Ping, seconded by Comm. Deatruck, moved to approve a resolution ratifying the signature of the County Administrator on the contract from the Ypsilanti Area Community Foundation, Washtenaw County Coordinated Funders, Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study for targeted community engagement. Roll Call Vote YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

17-109 Comm. Ping, seconded by Comm. Deatruck, moved to approve a resolution approving the recommendation to place the feasibility study process on hold. Roll Call Vote YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

17-110 Comm. Ping, seconded by Comm. Deatruck, moved to approve a resolution approving the Washtenaw County Community Health 2016/2017 budget amendment. Roll Call Vote YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

17-111 Comm. Ping, seconded by Comm. Deatruck, moved to approve a resolution affirming the County's commitment to a joint Washtenaw County - City of Ann Arbor equity initiative; approving the contract with the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) group; and approving the budget and funding allocation for this program. Roll Call Vote YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

17-112 Comm. Ping, seconded by Comm. Deatruck, moved to approve a resolution creating a Broadband Subcommittee. Roll Call Vote YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

17-113 Comm. Ping, seconded by Comm. Deatruck, moved to approve a resolution appointing members to the Broadband Subcommittee and directing the committee to take certain action. Roll Call Vote YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

C. Approval of Claims

17-114 Comm. Ping, seconded by Comm. Deatruck, moved to approve a resolution authorizing payment of claims with the last previously adopted claims and continuing through the date June 23, 2017. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

Report of the County Administrator

Items for Current/Future Discussion

17-115 Comm. Deatruck, seconded by Comm. Smith, moved to approve a resolution encouraging the Michigan Civil Rights Commission to assist the Ypsilanti Area Community, its broader region, and Washtenaw County to address the racial segregation and racial inequity occurring in the Ypsilanti Community School District. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

Adjournment

Comm. Ping, seconded by Comm. Deatruck, moved to adjourn. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 12:20 a.m.

Andy LaBarre, Chair

Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register
By: Edwin Peart, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: 8/2/17