

## SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

December 11, 2013-7:30 p.m.

### MANCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

In attendance were representatives from the Village of Manchester, Manchester Township, Bridgewater Township, Freedom Township, Sharon Township and Manchester Community Schools. Also in attendance were Michigan State Representative Gretchen Driskell, County Commissioner Alicia Ping, County Road Commissioners Doug Fuller and Barb Fuller, and Ryan Buck from WATS.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment:** No comments

**Agenda:** Added 2014 meeting schedule. Agenda approved.

**WATS:** Ryan Buck gave an overview of WATS is and does. He also gave an update on the status of US23 and M14 projects.

**Police Services:** Alicia Ping stated that there will be a slight increase in fees for those with contract Sheriff Deputies in the future due to the new county budget. Discussion was had on the data reports from the Sheriff's office regarding calls for service. General consensus was that the reports were not worth the paper they were printed on.

**WCRC:** Doug Fuller discussed several bridge projects in the county. None are in the SWWCOG area. Manchester bridge future was also discussed as they have now received funding. Alicia Ping summarized that the County Board was looking into the possibility of the WCRC being dissolved and taken over by the County Commission. It was expressed to Commissioner Ping VERY strongly that SWWCOG would not be in favor of such a change.

**Broadband Update:** Representative Driskell and Peter Psarouthakis discussed the new Broadband initiative in Washtenaw County to help get those residents without Broadband the service they need. Representatives from the schools, district libraries and townships are working together on this effort. Currently there is a survey that is being circulated. It is import that as many survey responses are obtained as this is the first step in helping resolve this issue. Connect Michigan ([www.connectmi.org](http://www.connectmi.org)) is helping organizing this effort.

**Manchester Township:** Reported that they signed a contract to purchase a new medical emergency truck for the fire department.

**Village of Manchester:** Reported that they have received funding to fix their bridge and they will be doing some repairs to roads in the village.

**Manchester Community Schools:** Bond renewal will be on the November 2014 ballot. It is EXTREMELY important that the Bond be renewed to keep the schools funded.

**Freedom Township:** Reported that a group of residents are working with the County to do spraying of the lake to control weeds.

**Bridgewater and Sharon Townships:** No major developments or drama to report to the amusement of those in attendance.

**2014 meeting schedule:** Approved.

Meeting adjourned: 9:00 p.m.