

# SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:00 pm Wednesday, January 14, 2009  
Manchester Village Hall

## APPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** by Chairman Mann at 7:03 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Sign In** – Ron Mann (Chair), Pat Vaillencourt (Vice Chair), Karl Racenis (Secretary), Ray Berg, Dave Betts, Andrea Bibby, George Daubner, Peter DeLoof, Margene Dunsmore, Dave Faust, Laurie Fromhart, Shirley Haussler, Mark Iwanicki, Brett Lenart, Bill Lewis, Larry Lindemann, Deena McIntosh, Melissa Milton-Pung, Jolea Mull, Jimmy Schiel, Jeff Wallace, Marty Way.
4. **Introductions**
5. **Approval of Agenda** – proposed Agenda agreed to by acclamation.
6. **Approval of Minutes** – Dec. 10, 2008 Regular meeting, Vaillencourt, Lewis, approved by acclamation.
7. **Reports** –
  - a. **County Planning Advisory Board** - Lewis  
Two natural area preservation items considered, Scio Twp & near Milan.  
Two PA-116 in Augusta Twp.
  - b. **Other** -  
Police Services Steering Committee, Vaillencourt  
County Commission extended Police Services contracts by 1 year at 2% increase to give new Sheriff more time to evaluate costs. Sheriff Clayton is committed to work with Steering Committee on evaluating and understanding costs. He feels the County is obligated to provide some level of service throughout the County. Sheriff is eager to attend future SWWCOG meeting.  
Township-based Commissioners now holding many Board positions once dominated by urban members. Mark Ouimet is now Vice Chairman of the County Board.  
CEO Meeting, Mann -  
Community Success Strategy for the AA Region working copies distributed and discussed.  
Barb Fuller appointed as Deputy Supervisor of Pittsfield Township. She emphasizes that Wireless Washtenaw continues to be important need for the County, especially the rural areas.  
Ann Arbor Business Review had editorial about Regional Consolidation. Mann will communicate with Paula Gardner-Editor about specific cost savings issues and controversies.  
Milton-Pung requested that SWWCOG nominate 2009 representative to County Planning Advisory Board. Vaillencourt moved to appoint Bill Lewis to WC Planning Advisory Board for 2009, supported by Mull, approved by acclamation.

**8. Future topics/projects**

**9. Roundtable Discussion –**

**Manchester Village, Vaillencourt** – reviewed MDOT review of Downtown Manchester enhancement project on January 8. Project likely deferred to 2011 due to tree and pavement issues raised by State Historic Preservation Office.

Planning Commission, Dunsmore - discussed car wash site plan changes.

**Manchester Schools**, no report

**Freedom Township,**

Board, Haussler – fire run complaints primary Board discussion topic.

Planning Commission, Lindemann – gravel pit reviewed, JPC plan discussed, regionalization will be pushed in 2010 according to their Engineering Consultant.

**Bridgewater Township,**

Board, Mull – passed resolution approving consent decree resolving fireworks lawsuit.

Sewer has received approval reducing testing requirements from 5 days/week to 3 days/week for most tests. One test will continue to require 5 day/week testing.

Planning Commission, Fromhart – recommended flag lot and shared driveway ordinance revisions, Board tabled for further study and will evaluate other SWWCOG Township Ordinances, reviewing revisions to Preservation District Ordinance, updating By-Laws, looking at private wastewater ordinance.

**Sharon Township,**

Planning Commission, Lewis – no significant issues at Board Meeting, PC working on Master Plan review.

**Manchester Township,**

Board, Mann – amendments to Zoning Ordinances on commercial vehicles brought significant citizen participation and concern, sent back to PC for further work and will hold another Public Hearing.

new contract from Sand Lake Fire Department for southern part of Township.

WATS long range plan discussed financing of Public Transportation.

**10. Other Business - none**

**11. Adjourn** – motion by Lewis, supported by Mull, adjourned at 7:46 PM.

**The next regular meeting will be February 11, 2009 – Manchester Schools**

approved without change at February 11, 2009