

# **SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

## **Manchester High School Commons**

**7:00 pm Wednesday, NOVEMBER 8, 2006**

### **UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

1. Call to Order by Pat Vaillencourt at 7:02 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Sign In; Pat Vaillencourt, Karl Racenis, Jeff Wallace, Cindy Dresch, Pat DuRussell, Marty Way, Cindy Carver, Amy Riley, Jim Fish, Bill DeGroot, Larry Lindemann, Ray Berg, Duane Beuerle, Eric Beuerle, Stephanie Beuerle, Ron Ellison, Ron Mann, Sybil Kolon, Gary Blades, Bill Chizmar, Bill Lewis, Jesse O'Jack, Jan Godek, Mark Roby (Washtenaw County Planning), Brett Lenart (Washtenaw County Planning), Allison Arsott (Scio Twp), Kathy Knol (Scio Twp), John Kinglsey (Webster Twp), Eric Perm (Webster Twp), Heather Seyfarth (LIAA), Lynn Harvey (MSU).
4. Introductions of members and guests.
5. Approval of Agenda; motion by Mann, second by Wallace, approved by acclamation.
6. Approval of Minutes of October 11, 2006 meeting; motion by Wallace, second by Ellison, approved by acclamation.
7. Partnerships for Change; Lynn Harvey – Presentation on 425 Agreements (presentation distributed)

#### Q & A

Village-Township cooperation agreements through Urban Cooperation Act (PA 7 of 1967 ES) may better suit Village/Township agreement. (Another act from this Extra Session was PA 8 of 1967 ES - Intergovernmental Transfer of Responsibility)-Pat Vaillencourt

Michigan has restrictive powers for local government, meaning that there must be enabling legislation for any powers to be exercised by local governments.

Planning process better accommodated by 425 agreement than PA-7 agreement. (Jeff Wallace)  
PA-425 was implemented to transition to annexation. (Mann)

Dr. Harvey will summarize PA-425 vs. PA-7 for Village-Township agreements and supply to LIAA.

At the December meeting Dr. Mark Wyckoff, MSU Director of Planning & Zoning Center, will make presentation on high density housing. A question worksheet was passed out in preparation for this meeting. (Seyfarth)

8. Washtenaw County Public Safety & Justice Needs Update (time permitting)  
County Administrator recommended that County Bond for construction of new jail with old Board members, because referendum petition has expired. (Vaillencourt)

**9. Wireless Project Report – Ray Berg**

Detailed update on SWWCOG website and in Manchester Enterprise.

20/20 Communications & Siemens will have Public Forum in Manchester in early December.

WiFi and WiMax radio equipment being installed on Village water tower for pilot. Water tower has significant installation challenges currently being addressed.

Pilot will run 60-90 days starting in December.

WiMax will test signal propagation into rural areas, with good reception expected 1 mile out and acceptable signals 2 miles out.

Customer Premise Equipment box required for rural coverage.

**10. Roundtable Discussion – (time permitting)**

Manchester Schools; keep waiting for news on funding from State; Proposal 5 defeated-bad legislation.

Sharon Township; residents bringing in T-1 lines to share with neighbors.

Freedom Township, Planning Commission meeting tomorrow night dealing with Mineral Extraction Ordinance.

Bridgewater Township; new Supervisor-Jolea Mull, Police Services millage passed, Building Committee formed.

Manchester Township; hiring new attorney at next Board Meeting; Planning Commission surveys being returned.

Lodi Township; approaching lawsuit with 800 unit developer who wants to put in new community sewer system; another 600 unit development also being proposed; Road Commission capital improvement plan but was approved despite projects being poorly defined; will be reducing services to Townships due to budget constraints, not have overtime for snow removal and will not plow roads unless snow is over 3”.

Manchester Village; DDA is diligently working on Enhancement Grant Application for 2008 M-52 project and Main Street; Planning Commission putting together Highway Commercial Zone for corridors into Village; waiting for 2 developers to come back with site plans; Martin rea almost ready to open facility; AMCOR looking to expand; Tax Abatement being considered for old SGF plant to add 30 new jobs.

**11. Other Business**

Annual Planning Workshop “Legal Defensibility and Master Planning” on November 30, 7-9 PM, at Weber’s Inn in Ann Arbor. RSVP to Brett Lenart at [lenartb@ewashtenaw.org](mailto:lenartb@ewashtenaw.org) or 734-222-3860. (Lenart)

**12. Adjourned at 8:53 PM.**

The next regular meeting will be December 13, 2006, Manchester Township Hall