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Meeting Location:
2501 Woodlake Circle - Conference Room 3/First Floor
Okemos, Michigan 48864

MINUTES
May 9, 2012

WASHTENAW COUNTY

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. James Stewart, State Commissioner
Mr. Cameron Priebe, State Commissioner
Mr. Dennis Schornack, Chairman
Mr. Wesley Prater, Local Commissioner
Mr. John Barr, Local Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS PERSONNEL ATTENDING

Mr. Kevin O'Brien, P.S., Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation
Mr. Chris Beland, Director, Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation
Mr. Keith Lambert, P.S., Deputy Director, Bureau of Construction Codes
Mrs. Angela Sanderson, Secretary for the Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Shawn Keough, Village of Dexter President
Mr. William Fahey, Attorney for Webster Township
Mr. John Kingsley, Webster Township Supervisor

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chairman Schornack called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 p.m. and read the Opening Statement. A quorum was determined present at that time.

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2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Prater and supported by Commissioner Barr to approve the Agenda for the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES**

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Stewart and supported by Commissioner Schornack to approve Draft Minutes for Washtenaw County for the November 17, 2011 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. **DOCKET # 10-I-2 – ADJUDICATIVE SESSION**

a. **Presentations:**

Mr. O'Brien recapped the docket activity, saying that the SBC had made a recommendation to the Director of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs to deem the petition as legally insufficient. However, the Director of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs signed the Order for this docket as legally sufficient. A public hearing was held in Dexter in January of 2012 following this decision by the Director.

b. **Involved Parties:**

Mr. Keough (Village of Dexter President) explained that the Village has worked with Webster Township and found a boundary that's harmonious and contiguous and that they feel meets all of the requirements. He proposed that the Commission approve the petition with the revised boundary.

Mr. Kingsley (Webster Township Supervisor) agreed with Mr. Keough and said he is in agreement with the new boundary. He said that Webster Township will drop any contention they have in Ingham County Circuit Court, assuming the Director and the SBC agree that the new boundary is appropriate.

Mr. Fahey, Attorney for Webster Township, said that the matter is now pending in Ingham County Circuit Court after the decision by Director Hilfinger to approve the legal sufficiency of the petition. He explained that the court case is on hold for now and if the Commission agrees with the new boundary Webster Township will not pursue the lawsuit.

5. **COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Priebe asked if there had been any consideration given to a 425 Agreement and expressed that he is dissatisfied with their boundaries and would like to work toward squaring them up.

Mr. Kingsley replied saying no.

Chairman Schornack asked if the Dexter Historical Society is receiving any kind of payment for development rights.

Mr. Kingsley replied saying yes, that Webster Township owns a conservation easement on the Historical Society property.

Chairman Schornack confirmed that there were no continuing payments, and asked if they were worried about extinguishing that deal.

Mr. Kingsley responded saying that their millage had passed with language in the ballot proposal that said that the money could only be spent within Webster Township; if that becomes part of the City there will be some questions on whether that money was properly spent. Webster Township does not wish to sell the easement to any other party.

Commissioner Prater mentioned to the Commission that Webster Township has a millage that is Township wide that is primarily for these conservation easements.

Commissioner Stewart asked about the boundaries of the Historical Society. He said he felt that the original boundary made more sense, and that they had created more confusion for the residents with new boundaries.

Commission questions/discussion/deliberation: Discussion ensued.

Mr. Keough commented saying that they are not drawing anyone in who has not asked to come in – they have all asked to become part of the new City. He asked the Commission not to make a decision that would put people into a jurisdiction that do not want to be there.

Commission questions/discussion/deliberation: Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Prater said that in Washtenaw County they have a robust and good mutual aid program in the fire departments. Nowhere in the County is there a problem in getting fire protection. He said that all of the police protection comes from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department and that the County contracts out the Sheriff's Department to different communities. As far as public safety goes, he felt they do better than most counties; and said they have excellent first responders and ambulance services.

Chairman Schornack asked about the Mill Creek Sporting Goods business owner - he is under the jurisdiction of Scio Township's Fire Department., and the Village's Fire Department is across the street, why does it make sense to do that?

Mr. Keough said that there are currently talks of combining the fire departments of Scio Township, Webster Township and the Village of Dexter.

Mr. Kingsley said that the municipalities share deputies provided by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department. He stated that it would be nice if they could square boundaries, but the boundaries they've agreed upon are workable for everyone concerned.

Commissioner Barr asked about a "box alarm" consideration for all departments wherein they all would support each other, but the closest one is the first to respond.

Commissioner Stewart asked why they would want the Historical Society in the Township.

Mr. Kingsley responded, noting tradition, saying that Judge Dexter, the founder of the Village of Dexter, built that home (Dexter Mansion), on the Dexter Historical Society property. The Dexter Mansion has always been part of Webster Township and they want it to remain that way.

6. COMMISSION ACTION

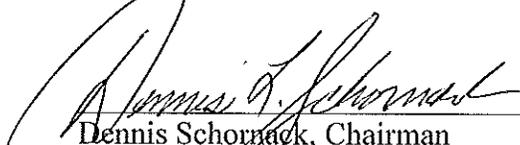
A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Priebe and supported by Commissioner Prater that the Commission recommends that the Director of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs approve, with the revised boundaries, the petition requesting Incorporation of the Village of Dexter and land in Scio and Webster Townships as a Home Rule City. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Prater and supported by Commissioner Barr to adjourn this session on Docket #10-I-2. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Schornack adjourned the meeting on Docket #10-I-2 at 2:02 p.m.

APPROVED:



Dennis Schornack, Chairman
State Boundary Commission

6/20/12
Date