

**Hamilton County Government Reform Task Force
Meeting Summary
June 15, 2010**

Conference Room 607B
Hamilton County Administration Building
138 East Court Street
Cincinnati, Ohio

Task Force Members Present: Maggie Cook, Cathy Doyle, Kevin Flynn, David Krings, Jim O'Reilly, Elizabeth Robinson, Stephen Wessels

Task Force Members Absent: Marilyn DeCourcy, Connie Hinitz, Nikki Johnson, Mark Quarry, Rosemarie Sturgill, Lamont Taylor, Stephen Taylor

Invited Guests: Commissioner Todd Portune; Commissioner David Pepper, Robert Goering, County Treasurer

Hamilton County: Jim Cundiff, Jenna Skop

Task Force Facilitators: Jerry Newfarmer, Jacquelyn McCray

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by M. Cook who welcomed those in attendance.

Discussion with Hamilton County Elected Officials

Commissioner Todd Portune, Commissioner David Pepper and County Treasurer Robert Goering each met separately with members of the Task Force to discuss county government operations and answer questions from Task Force members. The County Treasurer provided those present with a copy of his resume, a concise outline of his comments, and a nineteen year General Fund revenue and expenditure summary for the office. The resume, outline of comments and revenue and expenditure summary is included as Appendix A.

Task Force members discussed issues of political and administrative accountability, operations and processes, functional consolidations of elected positions, cooperation between elected officials, ways to reduce redundancy of support and central administrative functions, reform structures adopted in other jurisdictions, independent boards and commissions and ways to assure efficiency, accountability, and fiscal management that will foster an environment to bring about a better future for Hamilton County.

K. Flynn requested information for Hamilton County boards and commissions similar to the support services matrix prepared by the county administrator's office. At a minimum the matrix should indicate appointing authority, authority for setting the budget, responsibilities and number of members.

Minutes of June 3, 2010

Members of the Task Force were asked to review the meeting summary from June 3, 2010. One correction was noted by K. Flynn.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

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EDUCATION: Chase College of Law, Highland Heights, KY
Degree: J.D.-May 1986
Denison University, Granville, OH
Degree: B.A.-May 1982-Cum Laude
Mariemont High School, Cincinnati, OH
Diploma: 1978-Class Rank: Third

HONORS AND

ACTIVITIES: Cincinnati Bar Association-Member and Service on various committees and subcommittees-1986-Present
Admitted to practice law in Ohio-November 12, 1986
Admitted to practice law in District of Columbia; U.S. Supreme Court; U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio; U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky
Phi Beta Kappa
Southwest Ohio Treasurers' Association-Past President-1992-1993
Knox Presbyterian Church-Deacon and Past Member of Finance Committee-1992-1998
Republican Club of Hamilton County-Past Director, Vice-President, Advisor and President
Denison University Regents Scholar
Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor-Member-1989-present
Kids Helping Kids-Member-Board of Directors-1990-1999
Kids Helping Kids-Board President-1998
Knox Nursery School-President-1992
Leadership Cincinnati Class XV-1991-1992
Leadership Cincinnati Steering Committee-Past member
Leadership Cincinnati-Government Day Co-Chair-1993
National Nuclear Community Working Group-Past Treasurer
Hamilton County Budget Commission-President-15 of last 16 years
Hamilton County Board of Revisions-President-1992-current-President
Hamilton County Investment Advisory Committee-President-1991-present
Stepping Stones Center-Board of Directors-1995-1998
Selected as one of "Forty Under 40" by Cincinnati Business Courier-1995
Transition Team-Ohio State Treasurer J. Kenneth Blackwell-1994
Transition Team-Ohio State Treasurer Joseph T. Deters-1998, 2002
Children's Hospital Medical Center-Citizen Member-Trustee
Interaction & Legislative Committee-1998-2008
Armstrong Chapel United Methodist Church-Finance Committee 1998-2001
Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services fka CRI-Non-profit Advisory Board
Member-1999-present
Family Services of Cincinnati-Non-profit-Finance Committee member-2000
University Club-Finance Committee-1999-2000, Sports Committee-2000-2001
Cincinnati Squash Racquets Association-Treasurer-2000-present
Dan Beard Council-Boy Scouts of America-Board Member-2002-present
Finance Committee member-2002-present
Investment Committee member-2002-present
Treasurer and Executive Committee-2006-2009
Honoree-National Philanthropy Day-1999
Eagle Scout

WORK

EXPERIENCE: Hamilton County Treasurer-February 1991-present
Elected in 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004 and 2008
Partner, Goering and Goering LLC-Law Offices-1986-present
Owner small business, 225 McFarland Street LLC-1999-present
Adjunct Professor Law-Chase College of Law-2006-present

County Government Reform-6/15/2010

Issues for consideration:

1. Economies of Scale
2. Accountable Authority
3. Limited Government

Hamilton County Treasurer's Office:

1. Functions – collection, safe keeping, disbursement
2. Political accountability
3. Foreclosure and other Collection tools (ie-Tax Lien sale)

TREASURER'S OFFICE OVERVIEW

GENERAL FUND (210021)										
	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
EXPENSE	\$1,308,568	\$1,331,773	\$1,190,831	\$1,121,692	\$1,110,778	\$1,071,446	\$1,098,609	\$1,198,008	\$1,176,781	\$1,228,783
REVENUE	\$12,102,577	\$11,280,395	\$12,251,283	\$16,351,815	\$15,144,507	\$18,089,119	\$25,142,032	\$27,940,146	\$32,693,669	\$31,352,901
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	
EXPENSE	\$1,239,230	\$1,196,424	\$1,199,773	\$1,115,802	\$1,130,897	\$1,247,223	\$1,216,682	\$933,312	\$832,000	
REVENUE	\$23,838,000	\$19,739,224	\$17,771,846	\$18,355,509	\$19,197,700	\$18,000,000	\$18,000,000	\$13,252,920	\$10,722,317	
Expenditures have decreased 36% in the General Fund since 1992										