



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 20, 2021

WORKING SESSION

I. Roll Call

A session of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners was held virtually (due to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic) using Zoom videoconferencing on May 20, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Comm. Maciejewski, Chair of the Working Session.

Members Present: Comms. **Shannon Beeman** (Village of Manchester, Washtenaw County, MI), **Andy LaBarre** (City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI), **Jason Maciejewski** (Dexter Twp., Washtenaw County, MI), **Sue Shink** (Centerville Twp., Leelanau County, MI), **Justin Hodge** (Ypsilanti Twp., Washtenaw County, MI), **Caroline Sanders** (Pittsfield Twp., Washtenaw County, MI), **Ricky Jefferson** (Ypsilanti Twp. Washtenaw County, MI), **Katie Scott** (Pittsfield Twp., Washtenaw County, MI), and **Jason Morgan** (City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI)

Members Absent: None

Others Present County Administrator, Greg Dill; Jimena Loveluck, Health Department; Christine Scott, Facilities Management; Alize Asberry Payne, Racial Equity Office; Branden O'Grady, ITS; Peter Lindeman & Candy Reum, County Administration; Edwin Peart, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

II. Citizen Participation

Barbara Fuller (Broadband Taskforce) reported that the Broadband Taskforce is working diligently to prepare a proposal for the BOC's consideration to fill the gaps in broadband coverage following recent federal funding.

Dan Kelly, Sarah Hong, and Peg Bravo spoke in support of the action items outlined in the Washtenaw Housing Alliance's letter to the BOC (regarding coordinated funding).

Valisa Bristle thanked the BOC for its commitment to broadband access and asked that it continue to support the work of the Broadband Taskforce.

III. Commissioner Follow-Up To Citizen Participation

Comms. Beeman & Shink thanked the members of the Broadband Taskforce for speaking and supporting broadband access.

Comms. Shink, Hodge, and Jefferson addressed concerns around coordinated funding and safety-net services, indicating that Washtenaw County is not one of the partners that cut funding, and that the BOC is working diligently to address concerns.

IV. County Administrator's Report

Greg underscored Comm. Shink's comments around coordinated funding and safety-net services, and indicated that he and his team are working on a framework to address those concerns (to be shared with BOC leadership on Monday, May 24).

V. Discussion Items

A. Racially Restrictive Covenants Project: Justice InDeed

Michael J. Steinberg, Director
Civil Rights Litigation Initiative | Michigan Law | University of Michigan

Matthew Countryman, Associate Professor of History, American Culture
Department of Afroamerican and African Studies | University of Michigan

B. Public Health Millage Discussion

VI. Items for Current/Future Discussion

None.

VII. Pending

VIII. Adjourn to Next Session

Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Caroline Sanders, moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Jason Maciejewski,
Chair

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register
By: Edwin Peart, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: 6/2/21