



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 4, 2021

WAYS & MEANS

I. Roll Call

A session of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners Ways & Means Committee was held virtually (due to the coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic) using Zoom video conferencing on August 4, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 06:31 PM by Comm. Hodge, Chair of the Ways & Means Committee.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present County Administrator, Greg Dill; Diane Heidt, Deputy County Administrator; Curt Hedger, Interim Corporation Counsel; Eli Savit, Washtenaw County Prosecutor; Victoria Burton-Harris, Prosecutor's Office; Tina Gavalier, CFO; Andrew DeLeeuw, Peter Lindeman, & Candy Reum, County Administration; Alize Asberry Payne, Racial Equity Officer; Teresa Gillotti, OCED; Monica Boote, Human Resources; Evan Pratt & Theo Eggermont, Water Resources; Judy Kramer, Risk Management; Kevin Mitchell, Children's Services; Kathryn O'Grady, Court Services; Branden O'Grady, ITS; Robert Mulcihy, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

II. Citizen Participation

Mary Campbell spoke against proposed cuts to CMH vocational program.

Corey Mason spoke against the proposed elimination of positions in the Child Care Fund.

Barbara Fuller, informed the Board of Commissioners that the Washtenaw County Road Commission passed a resolution in support of Item #6 on tonight's agenda for the Washtenaw County Rescue Plan and spoke about the Broadband Task Force request being pulled from the agenda, asking for the request to be considered for approval.

Kathy spoke against staff cuts to CMH.

Mechelle Hardy spoke about systemic racism within Washtenaw County.

Dani Hoover spoke against proposed cuts to the CMH program.

Susan Thompson spoke against proposed cuts to the CMH vocational program.

Lisa Moutinho spoke positively about the work of the Broadband Task Force and in favor of

countrywide broadband equity.

Zachary Altefogt spoke in favor of countywide broadband equity.

Adam Cecil spoke against proposed cuts to vocational staff at CMH and in favor of the county expanding social services.

Peter Psarouthakis spoke about county infrastructure needs and spoke in favor of countywide broadband equity.

Jeffrey Arbogast spoke against proposed cuts to the CMH program.

Daniel Piippo spoke against proposed cuts to the CMH program.

Ben Fineman spoke in favor of countywide broadband equity, urging the county not to wait for a federal infrastructure bill and spoke about the need for physical infrastructure for broadband equity.

Mary Ellen Mayo spoke against proposed cuts to the CMH program.

Lindsay Fernandez spoke against proposed cuts to the CMH program.

Carrol Westfall spoke in favor of countywide broadband equity.

Corrie Farler spoke against proposed cuts to the CMH program.

Ian Robinson spoke against proposed cuts to the CMH program.

Valisa Bristle spoke in favor of countywide broadband equity.

III. Commissioner Follow-Up To Citizen Participation

Commissioner Morgan acknowledged the public's concern regarding cuts to CMH funding.

Commissioner Sanders spoke about concern for residents who need support.

Commissioner Beeman thanked participants in public comment who spoke about CMH funding and countywide broadband equity and spoke about challenges in not having countywide broadband equity.

Commissioner Scott thanked Corey Mason for bringing CMH issues to the Board of Commissioner's attention and spoke in favor of countywide broadband equity.

Commissioner LaBarre voiced a desire to speak with the CMH administration further and spoke in favor of finding a compromise to get countywide broadband equity passed.

Commissioner Maciejewski thanked participants in public comment who spoke about CMH funding and countywide broadband equity.

Commissioner Shink thanked participants who participated in public comment and recognized the work of the Broadband Task Force and vocational service employees.

Administrator Gregory Dill stated Washtenaw County has work to do regarding the CMH program before the September agenda.

Commissioner Hodge thanked all participants in public comment and acknowledged the sensitive situation surrounding CMH funding and countywide broadband equity.

IV. New Business

Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the agenda be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.

A.

1. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the 2020 Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy Scrap Tire Grant Award be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

B.

1. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the 2021 County Millage Rate for Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

C.

1. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the 2021 - 2022 Child Care Fund Budget be amended to change the status of the elimination of the 4.0 FTE Youth Counselor positions to hold vacant. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Jefferson, moved that the 2021 - 2022 Child Care Fund Budget be amended to make a report available to the Board of Commissioners that details overtime policies and vacation time in the Child Care Fund organization. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the 2021 - 2022 Child Care Fund Budget be approved as amended. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

D.

1. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the Approval of Pandemic Response Funding be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

E.

1. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the Responsible Contractor Policy be amended to correct typos. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the Responsible Contractor Policy be approved as amended. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

V. Report of the County Administrator

County Administrator Dill provided updates on financial documents for: initial Covid-19 allocation, allocation for public health, flood response allocation, and recommendation for the remainder of the 2022 surplus and plans to have the documents available on or before September 1, 2021 Board of Commissioners meeting.

VI. Report of the Chair of the Board

Commissioner Shink gave an update on public engagement for the American Rescue Plan, including the commissioner's town hall schedules.

VII. Report of the Chair of Ways & Means

Commissioner Hodge is holding two town halls on 8/9, one at 12:00 pm and one at 6:00. Commissioner Hodge gave an update on the Health Department's vaccination RV.

VIII. Items for Current/Future Discussion

None.

IX. Pending

None.

X. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 08:45 PM.

Justin Hodge, Chair

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register

By: Robert Mulcihy, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: September 1, 2021