



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 1, 2021

WAYS & MEANS

I. Roll Call

A session of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners Ways and Means Committee was held virtually (due to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic) using Zoom videoconferencing on September 1, 2021.

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

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present County Administrator, Greg Dill; Diane Heidt, Deputy County Administrator; Curt Hedger, Interim Corporation Counsel; Kelly Belknap, Tina Gavalier, Nicole Phelps, Jennifer Brassow, and Catherine Jones-Alther, Finance; Alize Asberry Payne, Racial Equity Officer; Trish Cortes, CMH; Delphia Simpson, Public Defender; Jimena Loveluck, Health Department; Judy Kramer, Risk Management; Teresa Gillotti, OCED; Nina Johnson, Human Resources; Jason Fee, Facilities; Jeff Rose and Branden O'Grady, ITS; Andrew DeLeeuw, Peter Lindeman, and Candy Reum, County Administration; Robert Mulcihy, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

II. Citizen Participation

Corey Mason spoke against vocational program budget shifting, asking for more time before passage of the CMH budget.

Desiree Simmons spoke about the American Rescue Plan fund appropriations asking for the funds to be distributed to those most adversely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Adam Cecil spoke in favor of premium pay for social service workers and spoke against cuts to the CMH program.

Trische Duckworth spoke in favor of fully funding the Prosecutor's Office Conviction Integrity & Expungement Unit and allocating funds to grassroots organizations for similar causes.

Lindsay Fernandez spoke against cuts to CMH funds.

Gary Munce spoke strongly in favor of countywide broadband equity.

Marvin Cotton spoke in favor of establishing and funding the Conviction Integrity &

Expungement Unit in Washtenaw County.

Dani Hoover spoke about intelligent decision making with social worker funding.

John Kingsley spoke in favor of countywide broadband equity and the Washtenaw County Water Resource Commission initiative.

Barb Fuller thanked the Board of Commissioners for their five years of efforts in working towards countywide broadband coverage and spoke in favor of countywide broadband equity.

Trina Shanks spoke in favor of the Board of Commissioner's use of American Rescue Plan funds for child savings accounts.

Jeffrey Arbogast spoke in favor of the CMH vocational program.

Matthew Dargay spoke in favor of premium pay for local social services workers.

Audrey Anderson spoke in favor of the Conviction Integrity & Expungement Unit and in favor of charter schools.

Guy Conti spoke about John Doe, a man who needs help from Washtenaw County Community Mental Health services.

Lynn Videka spoke in support of using American Rescue Plan funds and the County General Fund for child savings accounts.

Ben Fineman spoke in favor of countywide broadband equity.

Eric Anderson spoke in favor of the Conviction Integrity & Expungement Unit.

Liz Lin spoke about the before and aftercare crisis for students in public schools and in favor of the allocation of American Rescue Plan funds to child care.

Mary Campbell spoke against cuts to the CMH program, asked the Board of Commissioners not to pass the CMH budget resolution, and in favor of increasing pay for social workers in certain situations.

Aimee Picard spoke in favor of using American Rescue Plan funds for after-school care for children.

Ron Milkey spoke in favor of countywide broadband equity.

Kenneth Nixon spoke in favor of funding the Washtenaw County Conviction Integrity & Expungement Unit.

Melanie Bell spoke in favor of countywide broadband equity.

Lisa Moutinho spoke in favor of countywide broadband equity.

Jeweletter Anderson spoke in favor of premium pay for essential service workers, in favor of the Conviction Integrity & Expungement Unit, and against reductions in CMH funding.

Carrie Rheingans spoke in favor of approving the Washtenaw County CMH budget, notified the Board of Commissioners that the Board of Health passed a mask mandate for all those in K-12 schools throughout the county, in favor of funding for before and aftercare for county students, and in favor of funding children's savings accounts.

Noah Coward spoke in favor of countywide broadband equity.

Larry Darnell Smith Jr. spoke in favor of funding the Washtenaw County Conviction Integrity & Expungement Unit.

III. Commissioner Follow-Up To Citizen Participation

Commissioner Shink thanked all participants in public comment for their participation.

Commissioner Shink clarified that the Board of Commissioners is not looking to reduce funding for CMH, but changing where money is allocated, clarifying 22 positions will remain with the CMH vocational program. Commissioner Shink clarified the Board of Commissioners is still working on countywide broadband equity. Commissioner Shink thanked individuals who shared their difficult experiences being wrongfully convicted and clarified there is a conviction integrity and expungement position in the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office and the county is talking about continued funding of this position.

Commissioner LaBarre clarified that the Board of Commissioners is not voting on a standalone CMH budget, but that the CMH system is part of a larger state-wide and federal

ecosystem and that the Board of Commissioners is not cutting CMH services, but reconfiguring positions based on the funding attached to the positions. Commissioner LaBarre voiced support for moving the CMH budget forward to ensure CMH has the necessary funding they need to succeed.

Commissioner Beeman thanked participants in public comment and clarified that countywide broadband equity is an issue across the county and will have a positive impact on jobs.

Commissioner Scott clarified the Board of Commissioners is approving the budget CMH gave the Board of Commissioners, not decreasing the CMH budget and does not want to see the vocational program eliminated or outsourced to force lower wages onto workers. Commissioner Scott thanked participants who spoke in favor of getting after-school care programs running, spoke in favor of countywide broadband equity that helps individuals with internet affordability, and thanked those who spoke about wrongful conviction, voicing support for working with the Prosecutor's Office moving forward.

Commissioner Morgan thanked participants in public comment who spoke. Commissioner Morgan stated tonight is the beginning of spending American Rescue Plan funds and encouraged the public to engage other units of government to spend their American Rescue Plan funds. Commissioner Morgan spoke in favor of countywide broadband equity, investing in weatherization, child care access, the Conviction Integrity & Expungement Unit, and looks forward to the proposal to support social workers throughout the community.

Commissioner Maciejewski thanked the public for their participation in public comment. Commissioner Maciejewski clarified that premium pay for social workers is a state level issue and encouraged those interested to contact their State Representative and State Senator to voice support for putting premium pay for social workers in the state budget.

Commissioner Sanders thanked participants who participated in public comment. Commissioner Sanders spoke in support of the Conviction Integrity & Expungement Unit and social service worker pay increase. Commissioner Sanders voiced concern for offering living wage waivers and ensuring any countywide broadband equity brings training and employment to Washtenaw County residents.

Commissioner Jefferson thanked participants who spoke during public comment. Commissioner Jefferson spoke in favor of the Conviction Integrity & Expungement Unit and funding for child care. Commissioner Jefferson spoke about the importance of making sure countywide broadband equity and school funding for aftercare provide equal and equitable access to all.

Commissioner Hodge thanked fellow social workers for participating in public comment. Commissioner Hodge clarified that Washtenaw County is holding active discussions about the Conviction Integrity & Expungement Unit and has broad support.

IV. New Business

A.

1. Delphia Simpson from the Public Defenders Office presented the 2021-20221 MIDC Compliance Plan and Annual Budget which will cause a significant increase in public defense services for the county. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott,

moved that the 2021-2022 MIDC Compliance Plan and Annual Budget be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

B.

1. Nicole Phelps discussed the 2021 Final Budget Amendment and the 2021-2022 Annual Operating Budget. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the 2020 - 2021 Final Budget Amendment be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
2. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the 2021 - 2022 Annual Operating Budget be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

C.

1. Jimena Loveluck provided an update on the FY2020-21 Final Budget Amendment and the FY2021-2022 Annual Comprehensive Agreement. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the FY2020 - 21 Final Budget Amendment be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
2. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the FY2021 - 2022 Annual Comprehensive Agreement be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

D.

1. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the Above Midpoint Hire for Jeffrey T. Rose as Director of Information and Technology Services be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

E.

1. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the Approval of Insurance Premiums for October 1, 2021 to October 1, 2022 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

F.

1. County Administrator Gregory Dill thanked all for their work on the American Rescue Plan funds and let everyone know this is only the beginning of spending American Rescue Plan Funds.

Commissioner Shink thanked everyone who worked on the American Rescue Plan resolution and provided an overview of the items in the resolution.

Commissioner LaBarre thanked everyone for their work on the American Rescue Plan resolution, especially for those who helped with child care options for children in Ann Arbor Public Schools.

Commissioner Maciejewski spoke about the significance of the resolution for the county and heavily emphasized the importance of countywide broadband equity, thanking the Broadband Task Force for their tireless work.

Commissioner Beeman took a moment to reflect on the impact of the American Rescue Plan funds resolution and thanked the Broadband Task Force for their work.

Commissioner Morgan thanked everyone who worked on the American Rescue Plan funds resolution and thanked Barb Fuller and the Broadband Task Force for their work.

Commissioner Jefferson thanked the Broadband Task Force for their work and highlighted the importance of the vote, including funding weatherization and child care.

Commissioner Scott highlighted the importance of the American Rescue Plan funds to address the needs of the county and stressed the importance of getting people involved and enrolled in these programs to promote the equity the county desires. Commissioner Scott noted there are countless individuals to thank for their efforts with this resolution.

Commissioner Sanders thanked Washtenaw County administrative staff, voiced excitement about using these funds to help the most vulnerable residents in Washtenaw County, and noted the Board of Commissioners listened to their constituents.

Commissioner Hodge thanked everyone who worked on the American Rescue Plan funds resolution ranging from residents to county administration to fellow commissioners. Commissioner Hodge noted it is an awesome responsibility to steward funds and that the Board of Commissioners and County Administrator Dill take the responsibility seriously.

Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the Obligating American Rescue Plan and Other Funds be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

G.

1. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the State Assistance to address damage from June 25-26 Flood Event be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
2. Tina Gavalier provided an update on 2021 General Fund and Non-General Fund Budget Adjustments. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the 2021 General Fund and Non-General Fund Budget Adjustments be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

V. Report of the County Administrator

- A. Tina Gavalier gave a presentation providing an update for the 2nd Quarter 2021 Budget including the Adjustment Report.

B.

VI. Report of the Chair of the Board

Commissioner Shink voiced excitement about the vote taken tonight and noted the hard work involved at the federal, state, and county level. Commissioner Shink encouraged those who are unvaccinated to get vaccinated.

VII. Report of the Chair of Ways and Means

Commissioner Hodge thanked everyone for their patience during the meeting.

VIII. Items for Current/Future Discussion

Commissioner LaBarre made a point of personal privilege to inform the Board of Commissioners that his son had an idea for a small robotic shark to clean up the Huron River.

Commissioner Scott talked about a joint working group with the city to make the M14 interchange at Main Street and Barton Drive safer. The item was added to pending items.

Commissioner Shink thanked Commissioner Scott.

IX. Pending

None.

X. Adjournment

Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Jason Morgan, moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 09:51 PM.

Justin Hodge, Chair

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register

By: Robert Mulcihy, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: September 15, 2021