



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 6, 2021

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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 October 6, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 pm by Comm. Shink, Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present County Administrator, Greg Dill; Diane Heidt, Deputy County Administrator; Curt Hedger, Interim Corporation Counsel; Tina Gavalier and Kelly Belknap, Finance; Teresa Gillotti, OCED; Andrew DeLeeuw, Peter Lindeman, and Candy Reum, County Administration; Reyanne Gallippo, Clerk's Office; Washtenaw County employees; and members of the public.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Trische Duckworth, from Van Buren Township, spoke about issues within Safe House. Rachel Pooley, from Ann Arbor, spoke about the need for the Board of Commissioners to have a more coordinated communications and engagement strategy with the public. Gail Summerhill spoke about struggles in the community.

IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Commissioner Scott replied to Rachel Pooley, informing her to "like" and "follow" the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners on Facebook. Commissioner Scott thanked everyone for participating in public comment.

Commissioner Beeman thanked everyone for participating in public comment and reiterated that the Board of Commissioners has a Facebook and Instagram presence, a newsletter, and commissioners have individual Facebook pages.

Commissioner Hodge thanked the public for their comments. Commissioner Hodge reiterated that all Board of Commissioners meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays and Thursdays of the month. Commissioner Hodge reiterated that while he appreciates the focus from the public on how Washtenaw County has allocated American Rescue Plan funds, the public should also focus on what their local cities and townships are doing with their American Rescue Plan funds.

Commissioner Morgan spoke about some efforts the County has taken for outreach and welcomed ideas to further help with public outreach and participation.

Commissioner Sanders spoke about challenges in disseminating information to residents and stated the Board of Commissioners is working to improve outreach.

Commissioner Scott agreed with Commissioner Sanders about the challenges of sending out mail to the County.

Commissioner Morgan spoke about the challenges with the newsletter form of communication to the county and spoke about considering adding a new staff member to help with outreach.

Commissioner LaBarre proposed taking the rest of the calendar year to solicit feedback from the public about the allocation of American Rescue Plan funds to ensure a good process and outcome for allocation of funds.

Commissioner Jefferson spoke about adding Board of Commissioners staff and adding community connectors to the county to help with outreach.

Commissioner Shink thanked everyone for participating in public comment and her fellow Commissioners. Commissioner Shink shared the Board of Commissioners is currently planning community focused listening sessions and will have details soon, including a potential bus tour to talk to the community.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

None.

VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

None.

VII. APPOINTMENTS

None.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the minutes of the September 15, 2021 meeting of the Board of Commissioners be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
2. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the communications be received and dealt with as recommended. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.) Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

regarding countywide broadband equity. Received and filed.

R-0054 RECEIVED: September 15, 2021. Delta County – A Resolution Opposing Senator Shirkey’s Gearing Toward Integration Proposal and Supporting Pathways Community Mental Health Service Program. Received and filed.

R-0055 RECEIVED: September 15, 2021. Kalkaska County – Resolution Opposing Mandatory Vaccinations and Mandatory Masks. Received and filed.

R-0056 RECEIVED: September 22, 2021. Tuscola County – A Resolution to Exempt Certain Counties from the Recently Updated Open Meetings Act (OMA). Received and filed.

3. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the following reports be received: Report of Standing Committees: Ways & Means (9/15/21) and Working Session (9/16/21). Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register’s Office.)
4. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the following reports be received: Report of Special Committees: Board of Public Works. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register’s Office.)
5. Other Reports
- A. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the following reports be received: A report on contracts in the amount of \$25,000 and under from September 8, 2021 through September 29, 2021. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register’s Office.)
6. Report of the Treasurer - None.

IX. RESOLUTIONS

1. Ways & Means - September 15, 2021
 - A. **21-169** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the A resolution ratifying the 2021-2022 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant from the Office of the Sheriff be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
 - B. **21-170** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the A resolution authorizing the Gordon Hall Geothermal HVAC Grant from the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
 - C. **21-171** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the A resolution approving a project to develop a Washtenaw County Community and Organization Climate Action Plan be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
2. Board of Commissioners - October 6, 2021

A. **21-172** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the A resolution recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

B. **21-173** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the A resolution honoring Hispanic and Latinx organizers for their continued partnership in expanding COVID-19 vaccine access for Spanish speaking residents in Washtenaw County be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

3. Approval of Claims

A. **21-174** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the A resolution authorizing the payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of September 24, 2021 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

4. Supplemental - Safe House

A. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Jason Morgan, moved that the A resolution authorizing an allocation of up to \$75,000 from General Fund balance to provide resources to help victims and survivors of domestic violence be added to the Board of Commissioners' agenda as item 4a as written for same night approval. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

21-175 Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the A resolution authorizing an allocation of up to \$75,000 from General Fund balance to provide resources to help victims and survivors of domestic violence be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

X. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Greg Dill sent an email from Safe House to the Board of Commissioners.

XI. REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

None.

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

None.

XIII. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Shannon Beeman, moved to adjourn. Voice vote - motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 pm.

Sue Shink, Chair

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register
By: Robert Mulcahy, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved:

