



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 15, 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 September 15, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 09:41 PM by Comm. Shink, Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

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, and Catherine Jones-Alther, Finance; Alize Asberry Payne and Crystal Campbell, Racial Equity Office; Heather Linky and Mike Harding, CMH; Delphia Simpson, Public Defender; Jimena Loveluck, Health Department; Judy Kramer, Risk Management; Teresa Gillotti, OCED; Monica Boote, Human Resources; Jason Fee, Facilities; Jeff Rose and Branden O'Grady, ITS; Andrew DeLeeuw, Peter Lindeman, and Candy Reum, County Administration; Ed Golembiewski and Robert Mulcihy, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Luann Ordean from Freedom Township, Washtenaw County asked the Board of Commissioners to vote on the American Rescue Plan funds resolution.

Trische Duckworth discussed difficulties with vulnerable populations participating in public meetings.

Barb Fuller from Sharon Township, Washtenaw County spoke in favor of the Board of Commissioners voting on countywide broadband equity.

Bernice Linky from Superior Township, Washtenaw County asked the Board of

Commissioners to delay voting on the American Rescue Plan funds resolution to address areas of the county that have other needs and are more economically distressed.

Mary Campbell spoke against the CMH living wage waiver exemption.

Jorie Fox from Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, an employee of Invenergy provided an update on an energy project in Saline Township.

Jessica Roberts from Freedom Township, Washtenaw County spoke in favor of countywide broadband equity.

Lisa Querijero from Pittsfield Township, Washtenaw County asked the Board of Commissioners to recognize the populations most impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Dirk Mayhew from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County voiced support of American Rescue Plan funds going to those most impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Gail Summerhill from Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County asked the Board of Commissioners to think about those most impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Lisa Jackson from Pittsfield Township, Washtenaw County asked for subsidies to be built into countywide broadband equity.

IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Commissioner Hodge thanked those who participated in public comment. Commissioner Hodge clarified the Board of Commissioners is voting on the American Rescue Plan fund items as a package and that broadband is a countywide issue.

Commissioner Beeman seconded Commissioner Hodge's comments. Commissioner Beeman highlighted the efforts of the Broadband Task Force and noted the Racial Equity Officer reviewed the plan for countywide broadband equity.

Commissioner Scott thanked those who participated in public comment. Commissioner Scott noted she has advocated for broadband affordability and that after the first American Rescue Plan funds package, there will be more funds to allocate.

Commissioner Morgan seconded Commissioner Hodge's response to public comment. Commissioner Morgan noted the memo from last working session included in the current Board of Commissioners meeting packet includes an updated equity analysis of the American Rescue Plan funds package.

Commissioner Jefferson asked Administrator Dill to break out the differences between the two broadband packages. Administrator Dill noted the two primary changes were affordability and allocation of funds which can be reimbursed.

Commissioner Shink thanked those who participated in public comment. Commissioner Shink noted some of the issues addressed during public comment are in the American Rescue Plan funds resolution. Commissioner Shink offered condolences to those who passed away from Covid-19 and advised family members that funerals for those who have passed away due to Covid-19 are reimbursable.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

None.

VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

None.

VII. APPOINTMENTS

1. Comm. Jason Morgan, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the A resolution appointing members to the Board of Canvassers be amended to change a nominee. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

21-149 Comm. Jason Morgan, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the A resolution appointing members to the Board of Canvassers be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

2. **21-150** Comm. Jason Morgan, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the A resolution appointing members to the Jury Board be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the minutes of the September 1, 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. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, 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.

R-0039 RECEIVED: August 31, 2021. Redacted communications from the public regarding countywide broadband equity. Received and filed.

R-0040 RECEIVED: September 9, 2021. Delta County - A resolution in support of Delta County's Resolution of Management of Wolves in Michigan. Received and filed.

R-0041 RECEIVED: September 9, 2021. Ingham County – A Resolution Supporting the Independent Decision Making of Public Health Officers. Received and filed.

R-0042 RECEIVED: September 9, 2021. Lake County – A Resolution Supporting Realignment of the Circuit and District Courts of Lake, Mason, Newaygo, and Oceana Counties. Received and filed.

R-0043 RECEIVED: September 9, 2021. Lake County – A Resolution Supporting American Rescue Plan State Match Programs. Received and filed.

R-0044 RECEIVED: September 9, 2021. Lake County – A Resolution Regarding the American Rescue Plan Act and the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. Received and filed.

R-0045 RECEIVED: September 9, 2021. Kalamazoo County – A Resolution Opposing Gearing Towards Privatizing Michigan's Mental Health System. Received and filed.

R-0046 RECEIVED: September 9, 2021. Lenawee County – A Resolution Opposing to Gearing Towards Integration Proposal. Received and filed.

R-0047 RECEIVED: September 9, 2021. Missaukee County – A Resolution Regarding the American Rescue Plan Act and the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

Received and filed.

R-0048 RECEIVED: September 9, 2021. Muskegon County – A Resolution Supporting Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Casino in Muskegon County. Received and filed.

R-0049 RECEIVED: September 9, 2021. Oceana County – A Resolution Opposing Covid-19 Vaccine Passports. Received and filed.

R-0050 RECEIVED: September 9, 2021. Roscommon County – A Resolution Opposing Proposed Legislative Changes to Current Mental Health Systems. Received and filed.

R-0051 RECEIVED: September 9, 2021. Roscommon County – A Resolution Opposing Michigan Secretary of State “By Appointment Only”. Received and filed.

R-0052 RECEIVED: September 9, 2021. Wexford County – A Resolution Opposing Michigan Secretary of State “By Appointment Only”. Received and filed.

3. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the following reports be received: Report of Standing Committees: Ways & Means (9/1/21). 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. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the following reports be received: Report of Special Committees: Washtenaw County Food Policy Council. 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. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the following reports be received: A report on contracts in the amount of \$25,000 and under from August 25, 2021 through September 8, 2021. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register’s Office.)
 - B. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the following reports be received: A report from the Washtenaw County Road Commission on the summary of service requests for the month of August, 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 1, 2021
 - A. **21-151** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that the A resolution ratifying the 2021/2022 Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Washtenaw County Compliance Plan from the Office of the Public Defender be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

- B. **21-152** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that the A resolution approving the Washtenaw County Community Mental Health 2020/2021 Final Budget be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- C. **21-153** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that the A resolution approving the Washtenaw County Community Mental Health 2021/2022 Annual Operating Budget be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- D. **21-154** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that the A resolution approving the Washtenaw County Health Department 2020/2021 Final Budget be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- E. **21-155** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that the A resolution approving the Washtenaw County Health Department comprehensive agreement and budget for 2021/2022 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- F. **21-156** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that the A resolution authorizing the above midpoint hire of Jeffrey Rose as Washtenaw County Director of Information and Technology Services be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- G. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Shannon Beeman, moved that the A resolution accepting offers for insurance coverage for the County for the period of October 1, 2021 to October 1, 2022 be amended by substitution to be updated with new charges. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

21-157 Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Shannon Beeman, moved that the A resolution accepting offers for insurance coverage for the County for the period of October 1, 2021 to October 1, 2022 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- H. **21-158** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that the A resolution obligating American Rescue Plan and County General Funds to address childcare needs; launch a children's savings account program; connect all households to broadband infrastructure; address broadband affordability, literacy, and access; expand the County's weatherization program; and account for lost revenue as a part of the Washtenaw County Rescue Plan be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- I. **21-159** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that the A resolution ratifying the receipt of financial assistance from the State of Michigan for damages due to the severe weather of June 25 and 26, 2021 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- J. **21-160** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that the A resolution amending the 2021 General and non-General Fund budgets be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- 2. Board of Commissioners - September 15, 2021

- A. **21-161** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that the A resolution authorizing an exemption waiver for certain CMH providers for expected financial hardship (adjourned from September 1, 2021 Board of Commissioners Meeting) be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 1 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- B. **21-162** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that the A resolution authorizing an exemption waiver for certain CMH providers for expected financial hardship be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 1 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- C. **21-163** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that the A resolution in support of continued economic support for direct care workers be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- D. **21-164** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that the A resolution to support a review of the Washtenaw County Living Wage Ordinance of 2021 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- E. **21-165** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that the A resolution amending the bylaws of the Washtenaw County Environmental Council be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- F. **21-166** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that the A resolution to amend the purchase agreement between Washtenaw County and Avalon Nonprofit Housing Corporation for a portion of the 13.59 acre Platt Road parcel be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- G. **21-167** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that the A resolution supporting the independent decision making of public health officers be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

3. Approval of Claims

- A. **21-168** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that the A resolution authorizing the payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of September 3, 2021 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

X. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

None.

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. Justin Hodge, moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 PM.

Sue Shink, Chair

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

Board Approved: October 6, 2021