



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 20, 2021

WAYS & MEANS

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 20, 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), **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; Michelle Billard, Corporation Counsel; Alize Asberry Payne, Racial Equity Office; Jerry Clayton, Washtenaw County Sheriff; Eli Savit, Washtenaw County Prosecutor; Tina Gavalier and Catherine Jones-Alther, Finance; Monica Boote, Human Resources; Judy Kramer, Risk Management; Jason Fee, Facilities; Jeffrey Rose and Justin Vidaurri, ITS; Andrew DeLeeuw, Peter Lindeman, and Candy Reum, County Administration; Robert Mulcahy, Clerk's Office; Matt Carpenter, CEO TheRide; and members of the public.

II. Citizen Participation

John Weiss from Ypsilanti City spoke in favor of allocating American Rescue Plan fund resources to BIPOC-led grassroots organizations in eastern Washtenaw County.

Alex Thomas from Ypsilanti Township spoke in favor of the Conviction Integrity and Expungement Unit position creation and in favor of funding grassroots organizations in Washtenaw County.

Tad Wysor from Ypsilanti Township spoke in favor of the Conviction Integrity and Expungement Unit position creation.

Harvey Somers from Scio Township spoke in favor of the Conviction Integrity and Expungement Unit position creation.

Kenneth Nixon from Wayne County spoke in favor of the Conviction Integrity and Expungement Unit position creation.

Gail Summerhill from Ypsilanti Township spoke in favor of the Board of Commissioners more closely following the Biden Administration's policy agenda.

Alyshia Dyer from Ypsilanti Township spoke in favor of the Conviction Integrity and Expungement Unit position creation and spoke about gun violence in Washtenaw County.

Lauren Fardig-Diop from Pittsfield Township spoke in favor of allocating American Rescue Plan fund resources to BIPOC-led grassroots organizations in Washtenaw County and in favor of the Conviction Integrity and Expungement Unit position creation.

Audrey Anderson spoke in favor of the Conviction Integrity and Expungement Unit position creation.

Margaret Schankler from Ann Arbor spoke in favor of allocating American Rescue Plan fund resources to grassroots organizations, in favor of the Conviction Integrity and Expungement Unit position creation, and provided an update about ideas to elicit feedback from the community regarding future American Rescue Plan funds allocation.

Marvin Cotton Jr. from Detroit, Wayne County spoke in favor of the Conviction Integrity and Expungement Unit position creation.

Lisa Querijero from Pittsfield Township spoke about literacy rates in eastern Washtenaw County.

Eric Anderson from Detroit, Wayne County spoke in favor of the Conviction Integrity and Expungement Unit position creation.

Jennifer Haines from Ann Arbor Township spoke in favor of the Conviction Integrity and Expungement Unit position creation and in favor of allocating American Rescue Plan fund resources to BIPOC-led grassroots organizations in Washtenaw County.

Floki Ivey from Ypsilanti Township spoke in favor of allocating American Rescue Plan fund resources to grassroots organizations in eastern Washtenaw County and about gun violence in Ypsilanti.

Trische Duckworth from Belleville, Wayne County spoke about providing relief for eastern Washtenaw County through grassroots organizations and in favor of the Conviction Integrity and Expungement Unit position creation.

Roeiah Epps-Ward from Macomb County, spoke in favor of the Conviction Integrity and Expungement Unit position creation.

Devin Meyrer from Ann Arbor spoke in favor of allocating American Rescue Plan fund resources to BIPOC-led grassroots organizations in Washtenaw County.

Kayla Conrad from Ann Arbor spoke in favor of allocating the remainder of American Rescue Plan fund resources to African Americans living in Washtenaw County.

Jeremiah Richardson from Ypsilanti Township spoke in favor of the Conviction Integrity and Expungement Unit position creation.

Gary Munce from Lyndon Township spoke in favor of approving the Washtenaw County Commission on Aging bylaws.

III. Commissioner Follow-Up To Citizen Participation

Commissioner Morgan thanked those who participated in public comment. Commissioner Morgan stated his top priority is to find ways to support black and brown residents in areas of lowest economic opportunity in the county and is looking forward to hearing more about specific ideas. Commissioner Morgan spoke in favor of the Conviction Integrity and Expungement Unit position creation.

Commissioner LaBarre spoke in favor of the Conviction Integrity and Expungement Unit position creation. Commissioner LaBarre thanked nonprofits who have put forward proposals for allocating American Rescue Plan funds to grassroots organizations and informed the community that more detail on how the nonprofits would use the funds would be helpful to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Shink thanked those who participated in public comment. Commissioner Shink spoke in favor of the Conviction Integrity and Expungement Unit position creation.

Commissioner Shink emphasized the need for specificity in the plans to allocate American Rescue Plan fund resources to grassroots organizations. Commissioner Shink informed she

is working to get literacy support included in the next American Rescue Plan package and spoke in favor of developing a recreation and community center in eastern Washtenaw County.

Commissioner Scott told the public they impacted a new generation of people by speaking about their experience of being wrongfully convicted and spoke in favor of supporting the Conviction Integrity and Expungement Unit position creation. Commissioner Scott spoke in favor of allocating American Rescue Plan funds to grassroots organizations and stated she is eager to hear from the community what they need. Commissioner Scott thanked those who participated in public comment.

Commissioner Beeman thanked those who participated in public comment. Commissioner Beeman spoke in favor of the Conviction Integrity and Expungement Unit position creation and in favor of allocating American Rescue Plan funds to grassroots organizations.

Commissioner Jefferson spoke about the lack of opportunities, jobs, economic development, education, and training in eastern Washtenaw County. Commissioner Jefferson spoke in favor of the Conviction Integrity and Expungement Unit position creation and in favor of allocating American Rescue Plan funds to grassroots organizations. Commissioner Jefferson invited all to attend a grassroots organization meeting at 12 p.m. on Saturday, October 23rd at Parkridge Park.

Commissioner Hodge thanked those who participated in public comment. Commissioner Hodge stated he is taking the rise in gun violence seriously and the Board of Commissioners is evaluating creative ways to address the issue. Commissioner Hodge provided an overview of the Board of Commissioner's process highlighting the work that goes into the bi-weekly meetings.

Commissioner Shink read the Resolution Recognizing October 2021 as Co-Op Month (Agenda item IX 2C on the Board of Commissioners Agenda for October 20, 2021).

Commissioner LaBarre thanked Nick Coquillard, Executive Director of the Inter-Cooperative Council.

IV. New Business

A. Sheriff

1. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Sue Shink, moved that the Sheriff's Office Support Services Reorganization be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

B. Prosecuting Attorney

1. Washtenaw County Prosecutor Eli Savit spoke about the importance of the Conviction Integrity and Expungement Unit and provided an overview of the work the unit conducts.
Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Sue Shink, moved that the Conviction Integrity and Expungement Unit Position Creation be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

V. Report of the County Administrator

Matt Carpenter, CEO of The Ride (Ann Arbor Area Transit Authority) provided an update on TheRide's 2045, Ann Arbor Area Transit Authority's long-range plan.
County Administrator Dill thanked Matt Carpenter for his presentation.
Administrator Dill and Jason Fee, Director of Facilities Management, provided an update on ongoing work at Safe House.

VI. Report of the Chair of the Board

None.

VII. Report of the Chair of Ways and Means

Commissioner Hodge thanked Administrator Dill, Commissioner Shink, and county staff for the work they have put into Safe House.

VIII. Items for Current/Future Discussion

Commissioner Beeman informed the public that lead levels in the Village in Manchester tested above state recommendations of 15 parts per billion. Commissioner Beeman encouraged residents within the Village of Manchester to contact the Village of Manchester for free filters if they have children under 18 years old or are pregnant. Commissioner Beeman encouraged those interested to contact the Village of Manchester or Washtenaw County Health Department at 734-222-3800 for more information.

IX. Pending

A. Administration

1. Commissioner Hodge clarified the 2022-2025 Budget Reaffirmation will remain on the agenda until the budget reaffirmation process is complete.

X. Adjournment

Comm. Sue Shink, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 09:24 PM.

Justin Hodge, Chair

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

Board Approved: