



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 6, 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 October 6, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 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** (City of Chelsea, 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; employees of Washtenaw County; and members of the public.

II. Citizen Participation

Trische Duckworth from Ypsilanti spoke about gun violence in Washtenaw County.

Floki Ivy from Ypsilanti Township spoke about gun violence in Washtenaw County and spoke in favor of a violence interrupter program.

Lisa Querijero from Pittsfield Township spoke about racism in Washtenaw County and asked the Board of Commissioners to allocate funds to grassroots organizations.

Jennifer Haines from Ann Arbor Township spoke about gun violence in Washtenaw County. Margaret Schankler from Ann Arbor spoke in favor of spending American Rescue Plan funds on grassroots organizations and asked for transparency in the Board of Commissioners' process in allocating future American Rescue Plan funds.

Jan Piert from Superior Township spoke against the American Rescue Plan funds resolution recently passed by the Board of Commissioners.

Ernesto Querijero spoke in favor of allocating funds to grassroots organizations in eastern Washtenaw County.

Devin Meyrer from Ann Arbor spoke about gun violence in Washtenaw County and funding grassroots organizations in Washtenaw County.

Jamila James from Ann Arbor spoke about a lack of resources to help those in need in Washtenaw County.

Dirk Mayhew from Ann Arbor spoke about the need for two plans, one long-term plan and one immediate plan to address gun violence in Washtenaw County.

Morgan Schatz from Ann Arbor spoke about the need for increased representation for minority women who are survivors of domestic violence.

III. Commissioner Follow-Up To Citizen Participation

Commissioner LaBarre asked for a formalized proposal for allocating funds to grassroots organizations.

Commissioner Scott seconded Commissioner LaBarre's comments and would like to see a formalized grassroots funding proposal.

Commissioner Shink spoke about gun violence in Washtenaw County and spoke about ongoing work to address gun violence in Washtenaw County.

Commissioner Morgan spoke about meaningfully engaging with minority communities and allocating American Rescue Plan funds to minority communities in Washtenaw County.

Commissioner Beeman thanked everyone who participated in public comment and welcomed a formal proposal for allocating funds to grassroots organizations.

Commissioner Jefferson spoke about gun violence in Washtenaw County and proposed using the Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development to conduct outreach to better understand how to allocate American Rescue Plan funds to make a dent in poverty in Washtenaw County.

Commissioner Shink voiced support for working with Commissioner Jefferson to work on making a dent in poverty in Washtenaw County.

Commissioner Hodge spoke about gun violence in Washtenaw County and about having the chance to make a meaningful change in the county through thoughtful allocation of American Rescue Plan funds.

IV. New Business

A. Sheriff

1. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the 2021-2022 Secondary Road Patrol Grant be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
2. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the 2021-2022 Strategic Enforcement Grant be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
3. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the 2021-2022 Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategic Enforcement Grant be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

B. Office of Community and Economic Development

1. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the MSHDA Emergency Housing Voucher grant be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

C. Trial Court

1. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

D. Administration

1. County Administrator Greg Dill and CFO Tina Gavalier discussed the 2022-2025 Budget Reaffirmation. The item will have a Working Session presentation on October 21st and will be held in the Ways & Means Committee until November 3rd, 2021, when a budget public hearing is conducted.
2. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the 2022 WCCVB Budget be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

E. Board of Commissioners

1. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the **SUPPLEMENTAL** - Domestic Violence Victim and Survivor Resources be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the **SUPPLEMENTAL** - Domestic Violence Victim and Survivor Resources be moved forward and voted on in the October 6, 2021 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

V. Report of the County Administrator

- A. County Administrator Greg Dill provided and update on Safe House.

VI. Report of the Chair of the Board

Two survivors of domestic violence spoke about their experience at Safe House.

VII. Report of the Chair of Ways and Means

Commissioner Hodge thanked the survivors who spoke for coming forward and sharing their experiences.

VIII. Items for Current/Future Discussion

None.

IX. Pending

None.

X. Adjournment

Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Jason Morgan, moved to adjourn. Voice vote - motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 pm.

Justin Hodge, Chair

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register

By: Robert Mulcahy, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: October 20, 2021