



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 16, 2022

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

A session of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners was held at the Administration Building, in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on February 16, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 07:00 PM by Comm. Shink, Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

Members Present: Comms. Shannon Beeman, Justin Hodge, Ricky Jefferson, Andy LaBarre, Jason Maciejewski, Caroline Sanders, Katie Scott, Sue Shink

Members Absent: Comms. Jason Morgan

Others Present County Administrator, Greg Dill; Diane Heidt, Deputy County Administrator; Michelle Billard, Corporation Counsel; Jimena Loveluck & Kristen Schweighoefer, Public Health Department; Jason Fee, Facilities; Jeff Rose & Faye Jasman, ITS; Andrew DeLeeuw, County Administration; Robert Mulcahy, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Brendo Stumbo, Ypsilanti Township Supervisor, voiced frustration about LynxDX and the Board of Commissioners not communicating with Ypsilanti Township regarding LynxDX's Covid-19 testing site and asked the Board of Commissioners to communicate with Ypsilanti Township regarding American Rescue Plan Act funding allocations.

Rod Casey from Ypsilanti Township wanted to know if Washtenaw County has a contract with United Electrical Contractors and spoke in favor of a community recreation center.

Joan Martin from Superior Township asked the Board of Commissioners to respond to a proposal submitted by the Friends of Restorative Justice for an independent restorative justice center.

Kathie Gourlay from Lima Township asked the Board of Commissioners to respond to a proposal submitted by the Friends of Restorative Justice for an independent restorative justice center.

Jan Piert from Superior Township spoke in favor of allocating American Rescue Plan Act funds to eastern Washtenaw County.

Gail Summerhill voiced frustration regarding the Board of Commissioners not complying with the Biden Administration's directives for allocating American Rescue Plan Act funds and

stated the county did not get Covid-19 home test kits to eastern Washtenaw County in a timely manner.

Trische Duckworth voiced frustration with the Board of Commissioners not allocating American Rescue Plans Act funds to eastern Washtenaw County.

1. Written Public Comment

IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Commissioner Hodge spoke about the LynxDX testing site in Ypsilanti Township, clarifying it is a private business and the county does not have control over its location.

Commissioner Jefferson thanked Ypsilanti Township Supervisor Stumbo for expressing concerns regarding the LynxDX testing site and spoke about individuals being missed through Washtenaw County's mask and test kit distribution efforts.

Administrator Dill thanked participants for their comments and took responsibility for missteps with communication. Administrator Dill highlighted the efforts of the Public Health Department and Racial Equity Office in distributing masks and vaccines to residents.

Commissioner LaBarre thanked the Washtenaw County Public Health Department for their work during the Covid-19 pandemic. Commissioner LaBarre stated it is unwise for elected officials to criticize the Public Health Department.

Commissioner Scott spoke about nurses in the United States being overworked and staffing issues.

Commissioner Sanders stated the county does the best they can for residents, commissioners are available for residents, and commissioners prioritize the needs of the most vulnerable residents in Washtenaw County.

Commissioner Beeman explained the RFP process is in place for transparency and used when a supplier cannot be decided on solely on the basis of price.

Commissioner Shink stated that if the county works together it can accomplish anything. Commissioner Shink further noted that the county's efforts saved countless lives throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

None.

VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

None.

VII. APPOINTMENTS

1. **22-009** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the resolution appointing a member to the Building Authority be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Morgan) Motion carried.
2. **22-010** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the resolution appointing members to the Community Mental Health (CMH) Board be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Morgan) Motion carried.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the minutes of the January 5, 2022 meeting of the Board of Commissioners be approved. Voice vote - 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. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

R-0005 RECEIVED: January 3, 2022. Ypsilanti Township – Resolution 2021-42, 2022 Boards and Commissions Appointments and Re-Appointments. Received and filed.

R-0006 RECEIVED: January 3, 2022. Michigan Black Caucus – Local Elected Officials – 2022 Membership Pamphlet. Received and filed.

R-0007 RECEIVED: February 7, 2022. Rehman Robson LLC – Engagement Letter for December 31, 2021 Audit. Received and filed.

3. Report of Standing Committees - None.
4. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the following reports be received: Report of Special Committees: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission and Washtenaw County Board of County Road Commissioners. Voice vote - 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 November 26, 2021 through December 30, 2021. Voice vote - 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 on contracts in the amount of \$25,000 and under from December 30, 2021 through January 14, 2022. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
 - C. 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 January 14, 2022 through January 28, 2022. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
 - D. 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 January 28, 2022 through February 11, 2022. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
 - E. 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 November, 2021. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

- F. 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 December, 2021. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
- G. 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 January, 2022. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
- 6. Report of the Treasurer - None.

IX. RESOLUTIONS

- 1. First Reading
 - A. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution approving the acceptance of the Weatherization Assistance Program Deferral Reduction Grant in the amount of \$97,080 for the period of January 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022 from the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
 - B. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution to approve all formula grants received by the Office of Community and Economic Development with a fiscal year starting during the 2022 calendar year be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
 - C. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution authorizing the County Administrator to sign the 2020 Homeland Security Grant program interlocal fiduciary agreement with Macomb County for the period of September 1, 2020 through May 31, 2023 in the amount of \$340,914 from the Sheriff's Office be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
 - D. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution authorizing the pause of the Washtenaw County Pollution Prevention Regulation to review, engage and update the regulation for a time effective immediately and for not more than 2 years from the effective date from the Health Department be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
 - E. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution to encourage generational success and invest in our community's health and wellbeing through a series of targeted investments in under-resourced communities as part of the Washtenaw County Rescue Plan and allocate up to \$11,299,007 in ARPA funds be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- 2. Single Reading
 - A. **22-011** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution ratifying the approval of the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program in the amount of \$867,938 for the period of November 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023 and creating a grant-status Human Service Program Aide position

from the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Morgan) Motion carried.

- B. **22-012** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution approving the contract for the Michigan State Housing Development Authority COVID Emergency Rental Assistance Program II in the amount of \$4,502,461 for the period of January 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022 to the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Morgan) Motion carried.
- C. **22-013** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution to ratify the submission of the grant extension to the Michigan State Police Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program for the period of June 2021 to December 2022 in the amount of \$131,452 from the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Morgan) Motion carried.
- D. **22-014** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution ratifying the amended 2021-2022 Secondary Road Patrol (SRP) grant amendment to the state to include additional funding awarded by the state in the amount of \$145,661 from the Sheriff's Office be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Morgan) Motion carried.
- E. **22-015** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution accepting the AAA Driver's Education grant in the amount of \$33,000 and authorizing the County Administrator to sign the grant agreement from the Sheriff's Office be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Morgan) Motion carried.
- F. **22-016** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution authorizing the County Administrator to sign the 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant - American Rescue Plan Act grant agreement in the amount of \$30,823 from the Sheriff's Office be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Morgan) Motion carried.
- G. **22-017** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution affirming the appointment of Benjamin Curtiss Pinette as Washtenaw County Emergency Management Coordinator from the Sheriff's Office be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Morgan) Motion carried.
- H. **22-018** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution amending the by-laws for the Washtenaw County Food Policy Council from the Health Department be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Morgan) Motion carried.
- I. Comm. Shink pulled this item from the agenda.
- J. **22-019** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution to authorize tax and continuing disclosure post issuance compliance procedures from the Finance Department be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Morgan) Motion carried.

- K. **22-020** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution to support State Legislators working to protect those in our community from sexual violence be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Morgan) Motion carried.
- L. **22-021** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution to support Senator Irwin's request for a hearing on prison conditions at Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Morgan) Motion carried.
3. Approval of Claims
- A. **22-022** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution authorizing the payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of January 13, 2022 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Morgan) Motion carried.
- B. **22-023** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution authorizing the payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of January 27, 2022 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Morgan) Motion carried.
- C. **22-024** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution authorizing the payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of February 10, 2022 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Morgan) Motion carried.

X. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Administrator Dill highlighted the work of Public Health Officer Jimena Loveluck and the Washtenaw County Public Health Department.

Washtenaw County Public Health Officer Jimena Loveluck provided an update on Covid-19 in Washtenaw County.

2. Administrator Dill provided an update on the SafeHouse Center.

XI. REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Shink discussed the Board of Commissioner's public outreach efforts while determining how to allocate American Rescue Plan Act funds. Commissioner Shink took a moment to reflect on the vote that allocated \$11.3 million of ARPA funds to the community and noted the county is hiring an evaluator to work with organizations to ensure accountability and effective use of funds.

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

Commissioner Scott discussed ongoing negotiations with AFSCME Local 3052.

Commissioner LaBarre mentioned Community Mental Health will have several positive announcements over the next few months.

XIII. PENDING

None.

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Caroline Sanders, moved to adjourn. Voice vote - motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 08:46 PM.

Sue Shink, Chair

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

Board Approved: March 2, 2022