



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 7, 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 September 7, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 07:01 PM by Comm. Shink, Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present County Administrator, Greg Dill; Diane Heidt, Deputy County Administrator; Michelle Billard and Michael Auten, Corporation Counsel; Alize Asberry Payne, Racial Equity; Tina Gavalier, Catherine Jones-Alther, and Brady Peck, Finance; Corey Mason, Human Resources; Jason Fee, Facilities; Delphia Simpson, Public Defender; Jeff Rose & Faye Jasman, ITS; Peter Lindeman, Crystal Campbell, and Candace Reum, County Administration; Robert Mulcahy, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Libby Hunter voiced concerns about Safe House and spoke against allocating county tax dollars to Ann Arbor.

Nancy Heine, a Washtenaw County employee, discussed the MAG compensation study and negotiations.

Mary Campbell, a Washtenaw County employee, discussed the MAG compensation study and negotiations.

Gina Vanduin, a Washtenaw County employee, discussed the MAG compensation study and negotiations.

Will Garcia, a Washtenaw County employee, discussed the MAG compensation study and negotiations.

Angela Parrinello, a Washtenaw County employee, discussed the MAG compensation study and negotiations.

Shanon Seegert, a Washtenaw County employee, discussed the MAG compensation study and negotiations.

Josh McAllister, Director of 2 Marines, thanked the Board of Commissioners for coming out into the community and listening to community priority fund requests.

Jo Ann McCollum spoke in favor of allocating community priority fund resources to the West Willow neighborhood in Ypsilanti Township.

Trische Duckworth voiced concerns about county administration.

Elizabeth Thompson, a member of the Washtenaw County Commission on Aging, thanked the Board of Commissioners for allocating a portion of American Rescue Plan Act funds to the Commission on Aging.

Gail Summerhill discussed the federal government's policy agenda for distributing American Rescue Plan Act funds.

IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Commissioner LaBarre thanked everyone who participated in public comment. Commissioner LaBarre stated that those who spoke tonight have a reasonable desire to be compensated fairly for their service to society. Commissioner LaBarre acknowledged the concerns employees raised, noting their efforts put a tangible face to the workforce that serves the county.

Commissioner Scott thanked everyone who participated in public comment. Commissioner Scott acknowledged the concerns employees raised, spoke about the importance of retention, and stated MAG is the first step towards getting the unions on equal footing with other counties.

Commissioner Morgan acknowledged the concerns employees raised and stated there is a lack of trust among county employees. Commissioner Morgan discussed how the original purpose of MAG in 2018 was because county employees did not feel they were being paid fairly. Commissioner Morgan spoke about equity in implementing pay raises countywide for both union and non-union employees. Commissioner Morgan noted the Board of Commissioners has set aside \$5 million for MAG and hopes to find an agreement to get this into the hands of county employees.

Commissioner Shink thanked everyone who participated in public comment. Commissioner Shink acknowledged the employee's concerns and stated it is disturbing that anyone who works for Washtenaw County full time struggles financially. Commissioner Shink provided an overview of the Board of Commissioner's actions, noting the BOC has made MAG a major priority, established a financial framework for MAG, and is hopefully close to implementing MAG. Commissioner Shink noted that Washtenaw County and the Board of Commissioners have no direct control over Safe House.

Commissioner Jefferson thanked everyone who participated in public comment. Commissioner Jefferson discussed that there have been several challenges to implementing MAG since 2018 and discussed the challenges with the unions reaching agreements on MAG. Commissioner Jefferson inquired about the status of Safe House.

Administrator Dill informed the Board of Commissioners there will be an update on the service delivery model at Safe House and stated he intends to invite the new incoming Executive Director of Safe House to a Board of Commissioners meeting for an update.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

None.

VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **22-169** Comm. Jason Morgan, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the resolution to set a public hearing to receive comment on a proposed Brownfield Plan for

4025 Packard Road in Pittsfield Charter Township for October 5, 2022 from the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

2. Comm. Shink opened (and closed) a public hearing to receive comment on a proposed brownfield plan for 220 N. Park in the City of Ypsilanti, MI at 7:51 PM (with no public comment).

VII. APPOINTMENTS

1. **22-170** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the resolution reaffirming and appointing Commissioner Ricky Jefferson to the Substance Use Disorders Oversight Policy Board be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the minutes of the August 3, 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. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, 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-0045 RECEIVED: August 3, 2022. Clinton County Board of Commissioners – Resolution #2022-10, Resolution Opposing HB 4730 to Require Treasurers to Provide Data to Corporations at Taxpayer Expense. Received and filed.

R-0046 RECEIVED: August 3, 2022. Clinton County Board of Commissioners – Resolution #2022-11, Resolution Establishing a Taskforce to Guide the Expansion of Broadband Infrastructure within Clinton County. Received and filed.

R-0047 RECEIVED: August 17, 2022. Van Buren County Board of Commissioners – Auto Insurance Reform Resolution. Received and filed.

R-0048 RECEIVED: August 26, 2022. Barton Hills Village – Master Plan. Received and filed.

3. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the following reports be received: Report of Standing Committees (Working Session 8/3/2022). Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
4. Report of Special Committees - None.
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 July 28, 2022 through September 1, 2022. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

- B. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, 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 July, 2022. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
- C. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the following reports be received: A report on budget adjustments made between April 1, 2022 and June 30, 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. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution adopting a Cyber Awareness Training Policy from Information Technology be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- B. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution to authorize the above midpoint rehire of Alyssa Fountain as a Legal Assistant from the Prosecuting Attorney be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- C. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution approving the final budget for the Washtenaw County Health Department's 2021-2022 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$17,919,486 be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- D. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution approving the Washtenaw County Health Department's 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$16,881,038 be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- E. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution approving the Washtenaw County Community Mental Health 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$117,854,263 be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- F. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution approving the Washtenaw County Public Defender's Office 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$8,541,498 be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- G. Comm. Shink pulled this item from the agenda.

2. Final Reading

- A. Comm. Shink pulled this item from the agenda.
Racial Equity Officer Alize Asberry Payne presented an overview of previous American Rescue Plan Act allocations, the process for reviewing Community Priority Fund Allocations, and the details of the third American Rescue Plan Act allocations. Commissioners LaBarre, Morgan, Sanders, Scott, Hodge, Shink, Jefferson, and Administrator Dill discussed changes to the coordinated funding process and the transparency behind allocating funds from the community priority fund.

3. Single Reading

- A. **22-171** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Jason Morgan, moved that the Resolution to Adopt the Brownfield Plan for the 220 N. Park Redevelopment Project, Ypsilanti, MI 48198 from the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- B. Commissioner Maciejewski discussed the need for continued advocacy to have the State of Michigan properly fund service providers. Commissioners LaBarre and Sanders discussed the limitations on providing county funds to assist service providers.

22-172 Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Jason Morgan, moved that the resolution authorizing an exemption to the County's Living Wage Ordinance for certain Community Mental Health service providers from Administration be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

- C. County Administrator Greg Dill and Deputy County Administrator Diane Heidt provided a detailed overview of MAG implementation challenges, detailing the need for sustainable funding, the requirement to have letters of understanding from labor partners, and where each labor partner stands in the negotiation process.

22-173 Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Jason Morgan, moved that the resolution reaffirming the Board of Commissioners commitment to continued negotiations and implementation of a new county-wide classification and compensation system be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

- D. **22-174** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Jason Morgan, moved that the resolution recognizing the labor challenges in hiring and retaining talent in Washtenaw County be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

- E. **22-175** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Jason Morgan, moved that the resolution welcoming Ronelle Johnson home to Washtenaw County be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

- F. **22-176** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Jason Morgan, moved that the resolution regarding the response to the discharge of Hexavalent Chromium into the Huron River by Tribar Manufacturing be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

- G. **22-177** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Jason Morgan, moved that the resolution setting the 2022 Washtenaw County Millage Rate for the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority at 0.2070 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

4. Approval of Claims

- A. **22-178** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Jason Morgan, moved that the resolution authorizing the payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of August 31, 2022 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

X. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Finance/Budget Operations Director Catherine Jones-Alther and Chief Financial Officer Tina Gavalier presented the Q2 2022 budget update.

XI. REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

None.

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

None.

XIII. PENDING

None.

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

Comm. Justin Hodge, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved to adjourn. Voice vote - motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 09:46 PM.

Sue Shink, Chair

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register

By: Robert Mulcahy, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: September 21, 2022