



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 5, 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 October 5, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 07:10 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; Tina Gavalier, Catherine Jones-Alther, Brady Peck & Marie Pfeifer, Finance; Monica Boote & Corey Mason, Human Resources; Jimena Loveluck & Kristen Schweighoefer, Public Health; Jeff Rose, Justin Vidaurri, & Brian Mason, ITS; Andrew DeLeeuw, Crystal Campbell, Peter Lindeman, and Candace Reum, County Administration; Robert Mulcahy, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Corinne Bruder, a Washtenaw County employee, discussed the MAG compensation study and negotiations.

Annie Laugavitz, a Washtenaw County employee, discussed the MAG compensation study and negotiations.

Chelsea Compton, a Washtenaw County employee, discussed the MAG compensation study and negotiations.

Abigail Allman, a Washtenaw County employee, discussed the MAG compensation study and negotiations.

David Gilbreath, a Washtenaw County employee, discussed the MAG compensation study and negotiations.

Rachel Roston, a Washtenaw County employee, discussed the MAG compensation study and negotiations.

Tim Kolbasa, a Washtenaw County employee, discussed the MAG compensation study and negotiations.

Tammy Lewis, a Washtenaw County employee, discussed the MAG compensation study and negotiations.

Renee Blaze, a Washtenaw County employee, discussed the MAG compensation study and negotiations.

Corrie Farler, a Washtenaw County employee, discussed the MAG compensation study and negotiations.

John-Sebastian Trim, a Washtenaw County employee, discussed the MAG compensation study and negotiations.

Ian Robinson, President of the Huron Valley Area Labor Federation, discussed the MAG compensation study and negotiations.

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

Kier McLemore, co-owner of Bottles-N-Backpacks, spoke in favor of social workers receiving fair wages and thanked the county for their community priority fund review board process.

IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Commissioner Jefferson stated he learned new information from public comment this evening, noted most of the participants tonight who participated in public comment live in eastern Washtenaw County because they cannot afford to live in Ann Arbor, and voiced concern that the county's top range of pay for some roles is the starting salary in other counties.

Commissioner Morgan stated it was helpful to hear from those who participated in public comment. Commissioner Morgan voiced appreciation for the county employees' passion, noting that no one who works full time should struggle to make ends meet. Commissioner Morgan discussed MAG, noting that it might not be perfect, but it should be a starting point to get everyone in the county to a new base salary before re-assessing pay equity across the county.

Commissioner Scott recalled when she first started working she could not afford her basic needs and credited her union job for the increased wages she has earned. Commissioner Scott noted she would like to see the gap between the lowest and highest paid members of the organization in line with each other, discussed the ideas for a \$25 living wage for the county, and proposed a new salary study for the post-Covid economy.

Commissioner Beeman thanked everyone who participated in public comment, noting it can be difficult to say personal things about your employer. Commissioner Beeman discussed that Washtenaw County's service is its workers, who are put out in the community, noting they need to be valued and given the quality of life they deserve.

Commissioner LaBarre thanked everyone who participated in public comment. Commissioner LaBarre voiced concern about the CMH system, noting that it is set up to break due to workers burning out and leaving the county.

Commissioner Hodge thanked everyone who participated in public comment. Commissioner Hodge discussed how the Board of Commissioners takes MAG seriously and noted, like Commissioner Morgan, he would like to see employees paid above market value.

Commissioner Maciejewski thanked everyone who participated in public comment. Commissioner Maciejewski discussed that stress on the statewide CMH system, stating he fears the system is at a breaking point due to anguish from work, wages, and work environment. Commissioner Maciejewski stated he wants MAG resolved and fully implemented soon.

Commissioner Shink thanked everyone who participated in public comment. Commissioner Shink stated she appreciates the county employees and believes that no one who works for the county should struggle financially. Commissioner Shink stated the Board of Commissioners supports employees and wants employees to feel supported by their employer.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Scott provided an update from the Board of Health and discussed a presentation from the Michigan Metro Area Communities Study, noting they would be a good topic for a Working Session, discussed the EGLE response to the hexavalent chromium release, and discussed the county's rapid antigen program.

Commissioner Maciejewski provided an update from the Area Agency on Aging 1-B Board, sharing that the AAA 1-B has free expert consulting for Medicare Part B open enrollment season. Commissioner Maciejewski shared an update from the Broadband Task Force, discussing the Sylvan Township broadband event co-hosted with Commissioner Beeman and informed the Board of Commissioners that the project is set to be completed by 2025.

Commissioner Hodge provided an update from the Community Action Board, sharing that they received a presentation on further affirming fair housing.

Commissioner Shink provided an updated from the Parks and Recreation Commission sharing that the Michigan Folk School might become part of the county. Commissioner Shink shared an update from Washtenaw Urban County noting there are federal grants to increase weatherization projects countywide.

VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Comm. Shink opened (and closed) a public hearing to receive comment on a proposed brownfield plan for 4025 Packard Road in Pittsfield Township at 8:23 PM (with no public comment).

VII. APPOINTMENTS

1. **22-189** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the resolution appointing a member 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 September 21, 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-0050 RECEIVED: September 27, 2022. Iron County Board of Commissioners – Resolution No. 2022/012 Resolution In Support of Amending the Michigan No-Fault Auto Insurance Reform Act. Received and filed.

R-0051 RECEIVED: September 27, 2022. Iron County Board of Commissioners – Resolution No. 2022/013 Resolution In Support of Election Integrity as it Pertains to Unregulated Private Monies For Funding Elections. Received and filed.

R-0052 RECEIVED: September 29, 2022. Gogebic County Board of Commissioners – Resolution #2022-14 Resolution To Amend Michigan’s No-Fault Auto Insurance Reform Act. 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 (9/21/2022). Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register’s Office.)
4. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the following reports be received: Report of Special Committees: Washtenaw County Food Policy Council. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register’s Office.)
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 September 1, 2022 through September 15, 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 on contracts in the amount of \$25,000 and under from September 15, 2022 through September 29, 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 from the Washtenaw County Road Commission on the summary of service requests for the month of August, 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. Andy LaBarre, moved that the resolution re-establishing and amending certain discretionary fees administered by the Washtenaw County Clerk and Register of Deeds office be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
 - B. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the Resolution to Adopt the Brownfield Plan for 4025 Packard Road, Pittsfield Charter Township, MI 48104 be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
 - C. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the resolution authorizing the above mid-point hire at \$54,684.64 for Matthew Bertrand as the Volunteer Coordinator with the Parks and Recreation Commission be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.

- D. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the resolution to ratify the submission of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative - Johnson Creek Intercounty Drain Implementation grant application from the Water Resources Commissioner be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- E. Washtenaw County Public Information Officer Crystal Campbell informed the Board of Commissioners the way in which organizations are reported is the substantive change to this item from when it was brought before the BOC previously.

Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the resolution to approve funding recommendations for the Community Priority Fund's Expanding Early Childhood Education category in the amount of \$1,800,000 and recommendations in the addressing Housing and Homelessness categories in the amount of \$1,400,000 be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.

2. Single Reading

- A. **22-190** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Jason Morgan, moved that the resolution authorizing the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to sign and accept the Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$81,753 for the period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 from the Sheriff's Office be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- B. **22-191** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Jason Morgan, moved that the resolution authorizing the signature of the County Administrator on an application with the Michigan State Police for the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative reimbursement funds for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for 1 year, from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 in the amount of \$162,210 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- C. **22-192** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Jason Morgan, moved that the resolution recognizing Hispanic and LatinX Heritage Month be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- D. Commissioner Ricky Jefferson presented a proclamation to John E. Lawrence. John E. Lawrence thanked the BOC for the resolution, thanked Administrator Dill, Ricky Jefferson.

22-193 Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Jason Morgan, moved that the **SUPPLEMENTAL** A proclamation in honor of John E. Lawrence be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

3. Approval of Claims

- A. **22-194** 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 September 14, 2022 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- B. **22-195** 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 September 28, 2022 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

X. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Greg Dill thanked commissioners who participated in discussions over the last two days for the Fines and Fees Justice cohort.

XI. REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

None.

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

None.

1. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Shannon Beeman, moved that the BOC enter into a Closed Session regarding pending litigation with Gelman Sciences. Voice vote - motion carried (the BOC recessed at 8:51 PM and reconvened at 9:52 PM).

Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved to file a complaint against Gelman as recommended by counsel. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

XIII. PENDING

None.

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved to adjourn. Voice vote - motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 09:53 PM.

Sue Shink, Chair

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register

By: Robert Mulcahy, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: October 19, 2022