



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 19, 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 19, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 07:03 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, Brady Peck, and Marie Pfeifer, Finance; Monica Boote, Human Resources; Jason Fee, Facilities; Lisa Fusik, Courts; Jeff Rose, Justin Vidaurri, and 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

Brian Marl, Mayor of Saline City, spoke in favor of the resolution to expand the Saline Courthouse, to make security improvements to the Chelsea Courthouse, and to include a Western County Service Center in the Space Plan.

Rob Zimmerman, from Pittsfield Township, voiced concern about the county's contract with Supreme Felons.

Kathleen Kennedy, Sylvan Township Supervisor, spoke in favor of the resolution to expand the Saline Courthouse, to make security improvements to the Chelsea Courthouse, and to include a Western County Service Center in the Space Plan.

Tyrone Bridges voiced concern about the commissioners not responding to questions about an article in the Ann Arbor Independent.

Bill Ruddock, a Chelsea City Council Member, spoke in favor of the resolution to expand the Saline Courthouse, to make security improvements to the Chelsea Courthouse, and to include a Western County Service Center in the Space Plan and recommended strengthening the language in the resolution.

1. Written Public Comment

IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Administrator Dill informed the Board of Commissioners that the Supreme Felons allocation will go through the ARPA framework to make sure it follows ARPA guidelines, legal guidelines, and that it meets the county's purchasing policies and processes. Administrator Dill informed the Board of Commissioners that no resources have been allocated to Supreme Felons at this time.

Commissioner Beeman thanked Mayor Marl and everyone who spoke about the Saline Courthouse, Chelsea Courthouse, and Western County Service Center resolution.

Commissioner LaBarre requested that the County Administrator provide the Board of Commissioners with information to communicate appropriately with constituents regarding the Supreme Felons ARPA allocation.

Commissioner Morgan thanked Administrator Dill for paying close attention to the Supreme Felons situation and making sure that the Board of Commissioners follows protocol.

Commissioner Hodge thanked Administrator Dill for the context regarding Supreme Felons. Commissioner Hodge voiced appreciation for the work Supreme Felons has done in his neighborhood and in nearby neighborhoods, noting that their work saves lives.

Commissioner Scott thanked the commissioners who spoke about Supreme Felons. Commissioner Scott discussed the work Supreme Felons does to make the community better.

Commissioner Sanders shared that she contacted the Racial Equity Office and is satisfied with the response from Administrator Dill regarding the Supreme Felons funding. Commissioner Sanders shared that the funding for Supreme Felons will be disbursed over time as the organization continues to meet their objectives. Commissioner Sanders shared frustration that Supreme Felons is a unique organization that had a strong community priority fund application and is under attack.

Commissioner Jefferson shared that he has witnessed a decrease in retaliation since Supreme Felons started their work. Commissioner Jefferson shared that he has seen young men turn away from violence because of Supreme Felons and shared that Supreme Felons reach community members that traditional law enforcement cannot.

Commissioner Shink shared that gun violence is the number one cause of death for young African American men. Commissioner Shink shared that the Board of Commissioners previously adopted a 14-point plan to interrupt violence, leveraging members of law enforcement, the community, the BOC, Supreme Felons, and social services members. Commissioner Shink shared that there is no other group in the community that can do the work Supreme Felons does in terms of interrupting violence and saving lives. Commissioner Shink noted that the county will follow all federal, state, and local laws and county policies, sharing that the community priority fund has a provision to ensure compliance with objectives or funding will cease.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

None.

VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **22-196** Comm. Justin Hodge, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the resolution setting a public hearing for the amended 2023-2025 budgets and the recommended 2026 budget for Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, County Administration Building and via Zoom be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

VII. APPOINTMENTS

None.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the minutes of the October 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. 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-0053 RECEIVED: October 12, 2022. Government Finance Officers Association: Notification of Washtenaw County as a 2020 GFOA Triple Crown Winner. 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 (10/5/2022). 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 September 29, 2022 through October 13, 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 September, 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. Court Administrator Lisa Fusik provided the Board of Commissioners with an overview of the 14A-4 and 14A-3 plans, noting there would be no change to court processes.

Comm. Jason Maciejewski, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the resolution approving a project to expand the Saline Courthouse, to make security improvements to the Chelsea Courthouse, and to include a Western County Service

Center in the Space Plan from Facilities Management and the District Court be amended to add one resolved clause, stating: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners reaffirms the commitment of the County to maintain and operate the 14A-3 Courthouse in Chelsea, located at 122 S. Main Street, as agreed to in the "Building Use Agreement" entered into with the then Village of Chelsea and Townships of Dexter, Lima, Lyndon, and Sylvan and dated January 18, 1988;" and editing the last resolved clause to state: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners directs that the Space Plan project include a Western County Service Center in its recommendations which would include space for Court and other county activities in addition to addressing the other principles and goals of that project." Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the amended resolution approving a project to expand the Saline Courthouse, to make security improvements to the Chelsea Courthouse, and to include a Western County Service Center in the Space Plan from Facilities Management and the District Court be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.

2. Final Reading

- A. **22-197** 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. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- B. **22-198** 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. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- C. **22-199** 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. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- D. **22-200** 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. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- E. Commissioner Sanders recused herself from voting on the line items in this resolution for the Child Care Network and the Family Empowerment Program - EMU.

22-201 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. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

3. Single Reading

- A. **22-202** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the resolution approving the receipt of grant funds from the Michigan State Court Administrative Office for the FY2023 Michigan Drug Court Grant Program (MDCGP) be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- B. **22-203** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, 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. **22-204** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the resolution to adopt the annual Exemption option as set forth in 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- D. Commissioner Morgan presented a plaque commemorating the service of Corporal Josiah Cutler and Sergeant Benjamin Woodruff for their service in the Continental Army.

22-205 Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the resolution to recognize a plaque-unveilings and dedication ceremony at Forest Hills Cemetery commemorating the service of two continental army service members be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

- E. **22-206** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the proclamation to honor and appreciate HART of Huron Valley for their service to the Washtenaw County Community be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- F. Commissioner Shink presented a proclamation to the Rotary Clubs in Washtenaw County in support of the commemoration of World Polio Day.

22-207 Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the **SUPPLEMENTAL** A proclamation in support of the commemoration of World Polio Day on October 24, 2022 by the Rotary Clubs in Washtenaw County be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

4. Approval of Claims

- A. **22-208** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the resolution authorizing the payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of October 12, 2022 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

X. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Dill provided an update on the countywide compensation study (MAG), noting implementation is rolling out. Administrator Dill thanked the Board of Commissioners for their commitment to MAG and informed them they will receive a further MAG update in closed session.

XI. REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

None.

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

1. BOC Communications & Operations Manager Peter Lindeman informed the commissioners this item is on the agenda to attach the resolution and cover letter so the public may read it and does not need discussion this evening.
2. Comm. Justin Hodge, seconded by Comm. Caroline Sanders, moved that the BOC enter into a Closed Session to discuss Labor Relation Matters, the County Classification and Compensation Update Project/MAG, and negotiation updates. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried (the BOC recessed at 8:20 PM and reconvened at 9:03 PM).

XIII. PENDING

None.

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved to adjourn. Voice vote - motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 09:04 PM.

Sue Shink, Chair

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register

By: Robert Mulcahy, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: November 2, 2022