



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 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 November 16, 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, Corporation Counsel; Tina Gavalier, Catherine Jones-Alther, Brady Peck, Marie Pfeifer, and Alexander Waterhouse, Finance; Sheriff Jerry Clayton and Derrick Jackson, Sheriff; Monica Boote, Human Resources; Teresa Gillotti, OCED; Brian Mason, ITS; Andrew DeLeeuw, Peter Lindeman, Terrence Williams and Candace Reum, County Administration; Robert Mulcahy, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Charmelle Kelsey from Ann Arbor spoke in favor of youth serving organizations in Washtenaw County.

Tad Weiser from Ypsilanti Township voiced a desire for the Huron Valley Labor Federation to be included in Resilient Washtenaw.

Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office Director of Community Engagement Derrick Jackson spoke about articles posted online about Supreme Felons that spread misinformation.

Director Jackson shared that the man mentioned in the article was not in jail, has never been in jail, and is a public servant working as an employee of Washtenaw County.

Arloa Kaiser from Ypsilanti Township spoke about Peace Neighborhood Center coming into her neighborhood and expressed concern that Peace Neighborhood Center will get rid of the free store at St. Mark Lutheran Church.

David Jacobs from Ypsilanti Township spoke in favor of the Resolution to Encourage the Well-Being of Covid-19 Impacted Communities by Investing in the Engineering and Planning, Site Acquisition, Demolition and/or Construction, and Operationalization of a Recreation Center in the Eastern Region of Washtenaw County (recreation center resolution) and employing union contractors to build the recreation center.

Karsein Campbell from Ypsilanti Township spoke in favor of the recreation center resolution.

Robert Joerg from Ann Arbor spoke in favor of the recreation center resolution and employing

union contractors to build the recreation center.

LeRonica Roberts, an employee of Food Gatherers, shared that Food Gatherers was not recommended to receive funds from the Community Priority Fund and spoke in favor of the county investing more in Food Gatherer's safety net infrastructure.

Pastor Donald Phillips thanked the BOC for their partnership and discussed building relationships in the community.

David Garcia, a case manager at Ozone House, voiced appreciation for the proposed renewed funding for Ozone House and spoke in favor of the Board of Commissioners investing in house and human services.

Pastor Harold Wimberly spoke in favor of the recreation center resolution and discussed the need to fund Food Gatherers.

Cherisa Allen thanked the Board of Commissioners for considering Women and Men Working for Change for Community Priority Fund funding and provided an invitation to an annual Christmas dinner on December 23rd from 4-7 PM in Ypsilanti behind Trojan Dry Cleaners.

Anell Eccleston from the Student Advocacy Center of Michigan asked the Board of Commissioners to allocate \$1.2 million of funds for proven youth serving organizations in Washtenaw County.

T.C. Collins provided an overview of Willow Run Acres and its work helping differently-abled individuals farm.

Shenise Johnson thanked the Board of Commissioners for the Community Priority Fund funds for Our Community Reads.

Jamall Bufford spoke in favor of the recreation center resolution and thanked Administrator Dill for funding the mural dedicated to those who lost their lives to gun violence.

Colleen Klus from Ann Arbor thanked the Board of Commissioners for considering the Trusted Advisor Initiative through Community Priority Fund funding.

Gail Wolkoff from Ypsilanti City spoke in favor of the recreation center resolution, discussed the need for funding for youth serving organizations in Washtenaw County, and spoke about the mural dedicated to those who lost their lives to gun violence.

Jan Piert from Superior Township spoke in favor of the recreation center resolution.

Bryan King, a Washtenaw County employee, expressed frustration with the MAG compensation study and discussed pay for nurses across the county.

Monica Ross-Williams from Ypsilanti Township expressed frustration with the Washtenaw County Sheriff and spoke in favor of Ypsilanti Township establishing its own police department.

Jamila James from Ann Arbor voiced concern about commissioner pay raises and spoke in favor of making a recreation center in Washtenaw county free for residents.

Jo Ann McCollum from Ypsilanti Township stated the New West Willow Neighborhood Association supports Supreme Felons.

Gail Summerhill admonished the Board of Commissioners for not following the White House's policy agenda.

Juan Bradford, a Superior Township employee, spoke in favor of the recreation center resolution.

1. Written Public Comment

IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Commissioner Hodge thanked everyone who participated in public comment. Commissioner Hodge addressed the concern that the terms recreation center and community center have been used interchangeably. Commissioner Hodge confirmed that the Board of Commissioners wants to ensure the space is accessible for anyone who wants to access it and addresses areas of the county that have a lower opportunity index. Commissioner Hodge voiced a desire to support community partners despite the loss of the Coordinated Funding

Partnership. Commissioner Hodge thanked Director Jackson for dispelling disinformation regarding a resident and thanked Jo Ann McCollum for speaking in support of Supreme Felons.

Commissioner Sanders stated that Peace Neighborhood Center does good work and has good intentions. Commissioner Sanders addressed incorrect information about the recreation center in eastern Washtenaw County and discussed how it would alleviate \$1 million in debt for Ypsilanti Community Schools.

Commissioner LaBarre spoke in favor of the community recreation center resolution. Commissioner LaBarre discussed the human services funding requests, the challenges of the Coordinated Funding Partnership being dissolved, and the county's continued efforts to fund human services.

Commissioner Scott acknowledged the inequities in pay for nurses in the county compared to other nursing employment opportunities, spoke in favor of the county recreation center resolution, and discussed the need for finding new ways to coordinate funds now that the Coordinated Funding Partnership has dissolved.

Commissioner Jefferson thanked everyone who participated in public comment. Commissioner Jefferson assured the community the recreation center will be built with community involvement. Commissioner Jefferson clarified previous comments about Peace Neighborhood Center.

Commissioner Morgan spoke in favor of the community recreation center resolution, noting the great work of the Board of Commissioners and staff working together on collective priorities.

Commissioner Shink discussed the Board of Commissioner's significant monetary allocations over the past year. Commissioner Shink expressed optimism that organizations who had a good idea were given monetary support to uplift the community. Commissioner Shink discussed working more than full-time hours while serving as Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

None.

VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Comm. Shink opened (and closed) a public hearing to receive comment on changes to the compensation levels of Washtenaw County Commissioners at 9:07 PM.

Mary Campbell, a Washtenaw County employee, spoke against the proposed changes to the compensation levels of Washtenaw County Commissioners.

Nancy Heine, a Washtenaw County employee, spoke against the proposed changes to the compensation levels of Washtenaw County Commissioners.

John-Sebastian Trim, a Washtenaw County employee, spoke against the proposed changes to the compensation levels of Washtenaw County Commissioners.

Shanon Seegert, a Washtenaw County employee, spoke against the proposed changes to the compensation levels of Washtenaw County Commissioners.

2. **22-213** Comm. Justin Hodge, seconded by Comm. Jason Maciejewski, moved that the resolution to set a public hearing to receive comment on Resilient Washtenaw, a Climate Action Plan for Washtenaw County for Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 7:00 PM 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. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the minutes of the November 2, 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. Communications - None.
3. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the following reports be received: Report of Standing Committees Working Session (11/2/2022). 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. 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 October 27, 2022 through November 10, 2022. 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 from the Washtenaw County Road Commission on the summary of service requests for the month of October, 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 to accept the grant with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) Clean Sweep project in the total amount of \$50,000 for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 for the Solid Waste Division; authorizing the Washtenaw County Administrator to sign the notice of award; amending the budget; authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.

- B. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the resolution authorizing the application to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth for the 2023 Remonumentation Program in the amount of \$155,989; appointing a County Grant Administrator and County Representative; authorizing the Grant Administrator to sign the notice of grant award; amending the budget and authorizing the Grant Administrator to sign the delegate contracts. be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- C. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the resolution to Authorize County Administrator to Apply for a Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy for \$477,500 Grant to Support Brownfield Activities for the 2 West Michigan Avenue Brownfield Redevelopment Project in the City of Ypsilanti be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- D. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the resolution requesting positions to staff the previously supported Financial Empowerment Center be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- E. Commissioner Hodge abstained from voting "Yes" for FedUp Ministries due to a conflict of interest.

Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the resolution approving the final recommendation of award recipients for RFP 8385, "2022 New Human Services Partnership Mini-grants" be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.

- F. Washtenaw County Sheriff Jerry Clayton explained the current millage and funding behind the police services contracts (PSUs). Sheriff Clayton elaborated on the need for increases to the current PSUs in order to make them sustainable.

Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the resolution adopting the Police Services 2023-2026 Cost/Price Metrics as the Agreed Calculation for the Total Price of the Police Service Unit be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.

- G. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the resolution approving the 2022 3rd Quarter General Fund and Non-General Fund Budget Adjustments be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- H. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the Resolution to Authorize the County Administration's Signature on an Agreement and Declaration of Restrictive Covenant Relating to Permissible Activities at the Service Center Located at Washtenaw Ave and Hogback Rd as they Relate to the Soil and Groundwater Impacted by the ExxonMobile Contamination be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- I. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the resolution accepting and adopting Resilient Washtenaw, A Climate Action Plan for Washtenaw County be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- J. Commissioner Morgan wanted to clarify that the faith-based organizations receiving funding did work consistent with Washtenaw County values, especially women's rights and LGBTQ rights. Administrator Dill confirmed the organizations fit within Washtenaw County's framework and guidelines, will stay within the framework of their secular responsibilities, and will be inclusive in their framework as they move forward. Administrator Dill added that if at any point those requirements are not being met, the

county will back away from those items.

Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the resolution to approve funding recommendations for the Community Priority Fund's Direct Assistance to Households category in the amount of \$1,000,000 and recommendations in the Addressing Educational Disparities category in the amount of \$1,000,000 be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.

- K. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Jason Morgan, moved that the Resolution to Encourage the Well-Being of Covid-19 Impacted Communities by Investing in the Engineering and Planning, Site Acquisition, Demolition and/or Construction, and Operationalization of a Recreation Center in the Eastern Region of Washtenaw County be amended to add a resolved clause stating "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners affirms that a central principle to this project must be ensuring the eventual recreation center be affordable and accessible to all area residents, and instructs county administration to incorporate these principles into project activities, agreements, and contracts whenever possible." Commissioner LaBarre, seconded by Commissioner Scott proposed a friendly amendment to Commissioner Scott's proposed amendment to add the word "and community" or strike the word "recreation" depending on the Board of Commissioner's preference. Commissioner LaBarre, seconded by Commissioner Scott withdrew the amendment. Voice vote - amendment carried.

Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Jason Morgan, moved that the amended Resolution to Encourage the Well-Being of Covid-19 Impacted Communities by Investing in the Engineering and Planning, Site Acquisition, Demolition and/or Construction, and Operationalization of a Recreation Center in the Eastern Region of Washtenaw County be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.

- L. Commissioner Jefferson inquired about the status of the Board of Commissioners' salary update. Deputy County Administrator Diane Heidt informed the Board of Commissioners that prior to the 2018 raises, the Board of Commissioners had not received a raise in over a decade. Commissioner Jefferson spoke against the resolution approving the recommendations set forth by the new classification and compensation system to adjust the salaries of the nine (9) Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners effective January 1, 2023 (commissioner MAG compensation resolution).

Commissioner Beeman stated she is struggling with the commissioner MAG compensation resolution because employees should be paid fairly, but noted that commissioners work significantly more than part time. Comm. Shannon Beeman, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that the 3rd "whereas" clause in the resolution approving the recommendations set forth by the new classification and compensation system to adjust the salaries of the nine (9) Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners effective January 1, 2023 be amended to state, "WHEREAS, regardless of when a board of commissioners votes to change its own compensation, such increase or decrease will not be effective until January 1st of the year following the 2022 general election." Voice vote - motion carried.

Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the amended resolution approving the recommendations set forth by the new classification and compensation system to adjust the salaries of the nine (9) Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners effective January 1, 2023 be amend. Voice vote - unclear. The clerk requested a roll call vote. Commissioner Shink allowed for additional deliberation.

Commissioner LaBarre discussed the hard work of elected officials in working for their constituents. Commissioner LaBarre reminded the Board of Commissioners to keep in mind the person who may fill their seat after them and expressed that the Board of Commissioners does not take their role for granted. Commissioner LaBarre spoke in favor of the commissioner MAG compensation resolution.

Commissioner Sanders received clarification that if the Board of Commissioners did not vote on pay changes now, the Board of Commissioners would not be able to implement pay changes until January 1, 2025. Commissioner Sanders stated she values her time and spoke in favor of the commissioner MAG compensation resolution.

Commissioner Maciejewski discussed the difficulty in determining the right level of pay for an elected official, noting the proposed raise would place his salary above all but two elected officials in township positions in his district. Commissioner Maciejewski shared that no one on the Board of Commissioners takes the decision lightly and all commissioners approach their responsibility as a full-time job. Commissioner Maciejewski spoke against the commissioner MAG compensation resolution.

Commissioner Jefferson shared that the Kent County Board of Commissioners struck down a raise in 2020 and stated he thinks it has been too soon since the Board of Commissioners had their last raise, noting it would not be fair to county employees.

Commissioner Hodge discussed the difficulty of making the decision with limited time. Commissioner Hodge proposed moving the item forward to final reading so the Board of Commissioners could continue discussion.

Commissioner Scott stated that her colleagues made good points in favor of and against the commissioner MAG compensation resolution. Commissioner Scott discussed the struggles of being a single income household, but shared she is reluctant to vote yes when the county has not fully implemented MAG for employees. Commissioner Scott spoke against the commissioner MAG compensation resolution.

Commissioner Beeman shared Commissioner Scott's concerns and voiced that there is a struggle in noting what a commissioner's time, work, and leadership is worth. Commissioner Beeman noted it is hard to vote for this item when the county does not have good relations with employees currently. Commissioner Beeman spoke against the commissioner MAG compensation resolution.

Commissioner Shink spoke in favor of the commissioner MAG compensation resolution, noting she worked more than full time as Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Morgan stated that county commissioners are worth the proposed amount. Commissioner Morgan discussed the challenges of timing, noting that commissioner compensation can only be adjusted before new terms start. Commissioner Morgan spoke in favor of the commissioner MAG compensation resolution.

Roll Call Vote: YEAS 5 NAYS 4 (Beeman, Jefferson, Maciejewski, Scott) ABSENT 0
Motion carried.

- M. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the resolution approving the reorganization of County Administration be postponed to the December 7, 2022 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, withdrew the motion.

Commissioners Hodge, LaBarre, Maciewski, Morgan, Sanders, Scott, Jefferson, and Shink discussed the resolution approving the reorganization of County Administration, including this item being delayed several times, the need for the Administrator to have the department organized with the optimal set up, and countywide awareness of the proposed change.

Comm. Jason Morgan, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the resolution approving the reorganization of County Administration be amended to clarify the BOC Communications & Operations Manager position will report directly to the Chair of the Board of Commissioners in the org chart and supporting documents. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 2 (Jefferson, Sanders) ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the amended resolution approving the reorganization of County Administration be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

2. Final Reading

- A. **22-214** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Shannon Beeman, moved that the resolution approving a grant application for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Weatherization Assistance Program from the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- B. **22-215** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Shannon Beeman, moved that the resolution to ratify the receipt of a grant from the Flinn Foundation to support the Pre-Plea Diversion Program in the amount of \$50,000 for the period of January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024 from the Prosecuting Attorney be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- C. Comm. Jason Morgan, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the resolution approving and adopting the 2023-2026 Quadrennial County Budget be amended to add three additional resolved clauses as follows:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners amend the recommended budget by allocating \$3 Million of the County's ARPA lost revenues to cover \$3 Million of IT and Facilities projects that recommended to be funded by general fund allocations in 2023 and 2024."

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners amend the recommended budget by allocating \$100,000 structurally from the BOC Priority Fund to the Youth Assessment Center activities."

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners amend the budget by allocating \$9000 structurally from the BOC undesignated fund to Historic Preservation activities."

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

22-216 Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Shannon Beeman, moved that the amended resolution approving and adopting the 2023-2026 Quadrennial County Budget be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

3. Single Reading

A. **22-217** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Shannon Beeman, moved that the resolution to approve the 2022 Apportionment Report be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

B. **22-218** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Shannon Beeman, moved that the resolution adopting the 2023 annual calendar for the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

C. County Administrator Greg Dill presented a resolution of appreciation to Monica Boote for her 25 years of service to Washtenaw County.

22-219 Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Shannon Beeman, moved that the resolution of appreciation to Monica Boote for 25 Years of Service to Washtenaw County be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

D. County Administrator Greg Dill presented Teresa Gillotti with a resolution of appreciation for her service to Washtenaw County. The Board of Commissioners sang happy birthday to Teresa Gillotti.

22-220 Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Shannon Beeman, moved that the resolution of appreciation to Teresa Gillotti for her years of service to Washtenaw County be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

E. **22-221** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Shannon Beeman, moved that the SUPPLEMENTAL - A resolution to invest in 2022 nonstructural board priorities be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

4. Approval of Claims

A. **22-222** Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Shannon Beeman, moved that the resolution authorizing the payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of November 9, 2022 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

X. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. County Administrator Greg Dill informed the Board of Commissioners that due to time concerns, he would send the ARPA 3.0 County Infrastructure Projects update via email. Via show of hands, the Board of Commissioners agreed.

2. Finance/Budget Operations Director Catherine Jones-Alther presented the 3rd Quarter 2022 Budget update during the Board of Commissioners Working Session. County Administrator Greg Dill informed the Board of Commissioners that county administration has reached a tentative agreement with AFSCME 2733 in MAG

negotiations.

XI. REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

None.

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

Commissioner LaBarre voiced optimism that commissioners can reach consensus on items discussed tonight. Commissioner LaBarre congratulated Commissioner Shink on her election to State Senate and Commissioner Morgan on his election to the State House.

Commissioner Shink informed everyone that at the last meeting of the year the Board of Commissioners have a celebration at 5:30 to visit and enjoy refreshments in lieu of Working Session. Commissioner Shink said everyone is welcome to attend.

XIII. PENDING

None.

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Shannon Beeman, moved to adjourn. Voice vote - motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 PM.

Sue Shink, Chair

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

Board Approved: December 7, 2022