



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 18, 2023

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 January 18, 2023.

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

Members Present: Comms. Shannon Beeman, Justin Hodge, Andy LaBarre, Crystal Lyte, Jason Maciejewski, Yousef Rabhi, Caroline Sanders, Katie Scott, Annie Somerville

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 and Brady Peck, Finance; Nina Johnson and Corey Mason, Human Resources; Terry Delongchamps and Justin Vidaurri, ITS; Crystal Campbell, Terrence Williams, and Candace Reum, County Administration; Robert Mulcahy, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dehawn Leeth, member of A Brighter Way and founder of Under Dawg Nation, shared his past experiences and vision to help youth in Washtenaw County.

Harvey Somers from Scio Township stated he is looking forward to the revised Criminal Justice Collaborative Council (CJCC) and the CJCC resuming meetings.

1. Written Public Comment

IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Commissioner Rabhi thanked Deshawn Leeth for sharing his story about reentry and being a light in the community. Commissioner Rabhi proposed that the Board of Commissioners should have a Working Session about services available for re-entry.

Commissioner Sanders congratulated Deshawn Leeth for his persistence.

Commissioner Lyte congratulated Deshawn Leeth and thanked him for being of great value to the community. Commissioner Lyte stated in a Working Session she would like to know what resources he used when he returned home.

Commissioner Hodge thanked Deshawn Leeth for his courage and acknowledged the challenges of public speaking. Commissioner Hodge thanked Harvey Somers for his continued advocacy in resuming Criminal Justice Collaborative Council meetings.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Maciejewski provided an update from the Board of Public Works sharing that the board is in the process of contracting for wheat control in lakes and is working on a materials management plan.

Commissioner Hodge provided updates on Brownfield Redevelopment Authority projects underway, the Urban County Executive Committee, and the Drainage Board.

Commissioner LaBarre provided an update from the Community Mental Health Board, sharing that there has been discussion about creating a board seat for a disabled member of the community.

VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

None.

VII. APPOINTMENTS

1. **23-007** Comm. Yousef Rabhi, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the resolution appointing commissioners to various boards, committees, commissions, and agencies for various terms be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
2. **23-008** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Caroline Sanders, moved that the resolution appointing members to the Environmental Council be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
3. **23-009** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Caroline Sanders, moved that the resolution appointing members to the Historic District Commission be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
4. **23-010** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Caroline Sanders, moved that the resolution appointing a member to the Social Services Board be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
5. **23-011** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Caroline Sanders, moved that the resolution appointing members to the Washtenaw County/City of Ann Arbor Community Corrections Advisory Board be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Comm. Yousef Rabhi, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the minutes of the January 4, 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. Yousef Rabhi, 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-0003 RECEIVED: January 11, 2023. Branch County Board of Commissioners: Resolution #2023-01 Prairie River Reclassification. Received and filed.

3. Report of Standing Committees - None.

4. Comm. Yousef Rabhi, 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. Yousef Rabhi, 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 November 30, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
 - B. Comm. Yousef Rabhi, 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 November, 2022. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
 - C. Comm. Yousef Rabhi, 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 December, 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. Katie Scott, moved that the resolution to ratify the submission of a grant application to the Department of the Environment, Great Lakes and Energy to support the removal of Tyler Dam and Beyer Dam be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
 - B. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the resolution to accept a grant award from Huntington bank in the amount of \$40,000 to expand eligibility for participants in the Economic Stabilization Program for COVID impacted Microenterprises for the period of January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023 be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
 - C. Commissioner Hodge exercised his right as chair to amend by substitution and bring forth an updated resolution. Commissioner Hodge clarified the changes to the updated resolution: a commissioner will be appointed to the body, Commissioner Hodge will chair the first meeting to allow the body to develop bylaws before appointing a resident as chair, sector representation will include workers' rights, and the appointment process was clarified.

Racial Equity Officer Alize Asberry Payne provided the Board of Commissioners with an overview of how the recommendations for the council merged out of the pandemic, discussed community partners who helped shape the recommendations, and shared research findings detailing why the body should be structured as a working committee of the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Asberry Payne clarified the Washtenaw County Advisory Council on Reparations is intended to be an ongoing working committee of the BOC.

Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the resolution establishing a Washtenaw County Advisory Council on Reparations be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.

2. Single Reading

- A. Commissioner Hodge provided a history of the Criminal Justice Collaborative Council. Commissioner Hodge shared that the CJCC was reconstituted in 2020 and met virtually in 2021. In 2022 when the Open Meetings Act (OMA) required meetings to be held in person, the CJCC was unable to make quorum. Commissioner Hodge exercised his right as chair to amend by substitution and bring forth an updated resolution that removed the proxy voting and email voting language.

Commissioners Rabhi, Hodge, Somerville discussed the Open Meetings Act, the role of advisory groups, and the CJCC's struggle to make quorum.

Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved a friendly amendment that the resolution amending the bylaws of and appointing members to the Criminal Justice Collaborative Council be amended to change Section VIII Meetings - G. Minutes to read "Proposed minutes shall be available for public inspection not more than eight (8) business days after each meeting."

Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the amended resolution amending the bylaws of and appointing members to the Criminal Justice Collaborative Council be postponed to the February 1, 2022 Board of Commissioners meeting. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

3. Approval of Claims

- A. **23-012** 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 January 9, 2023 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

X. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. County Administrator Greg Dill updated the Board of Commissioners on key vacancies the county is looking to fill over the next few months.

Facilities Management Director Jason Fee updated the Board of Commissioners on current facilities management infrastructure, upcoming projects, and security at county buildings.

2. IT Operations Manager Terry Delongchamps provided an overview of the county IT network infrastructure, cybersecurity posture, and planned investments in IT network infrastructure and cybersecurity.

XI. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Hodge provided the Board of Commissioners with an update on the recreation center in eastern Washtenaw County, sharing that they have received feedback from elected officials and leaders and that communications will be aligned with partners moving forward. Commissioner Hodge shared that he visited Genesee County's community and economic development office and was impressed with their work.

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

1. Commissioner Hodge shared a memo from Public Health Officer Jimena Loveluck that masking is recommended at board meetings. The Board of Commissioners tentatively agreed to revisit masking at meetings on a periodic basis.

Commissioner Scott requested a Working Session on the living wage in Washtenaw County and an update on funds distributed to ARPA partners.

Commissioner Sanders shared that she attended an MDOT session regarding M17 and will share the environmental linkage study community session information with the public.

Commissioner LaBarre stated he would welcome an offline discussion about the corridor improvement authority.

XIII. PENDING

None.

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Yousef Rabhi, moved to adjourn. Voice vote - motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 08:57 PM.

Justin Hodge, Chair

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register

By: Robert Mulcahy, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: