



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 15, 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 February 15, 2023.

The meeting was called to order at 07:01 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; Andrew DeLeeuw, Interim Deputy County Administrator; Michelle Billard and Michael Auten, Corporation Counsel; Alize Asberry Payne, Racial Equity; Tina Gavalier, Catherine Jones-Alther, Brady Peck, Terrence Williams, County Administration; Jason Fee, Facilities Management; Corey Mason, Labor Relations; Nina Johnson, Human Resources; Ed Golembiewski, Chief Deputy County Clerk/Register; Reyanne Gallippo, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Hazelette Crosby Robinson thanked commissioners for their work to fund programs that are helping the community.

Gigi Jones shared concern that the Michigan Works Center is no longer located in Ypsilanti.

Nicole Beverly complained of a lack of safe shelter at the SafeHouse Center.

Susan Tyson shared concern that the Michigan Works Center is no longer located in Ypsilanti.

Ricky Jefferson expressed support for creation of the Council on Reparations.

Harvey Somers appreciated the commissioners work regarding space for the restorative justice center and on the bylaws for the Criminal Justice Collaborative Council.

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IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Commissioner Rabhi thanked those that spoke during public comment and discussed the priorities of human and animal sheltering, stating that human sheltering needs to come first. He stated that Michigan Works was once a county division but is not now and wants to understand the issue of the Center's relocation better.

Commissioner LaBarre thanked Hazelette Crosby Robinson and discussed the work of the Community Priorities Fund and stated the board has received criticism about how it has spent those and ARPA funds, but he is glad the board took that action and thought out of the box to try to obtain new outcomes.

Commissioner Sanders thanked Hazelette Crosby Robinson for her advocacy and work to provide equitable funding to the 48197 and 48198 zip codes and stated that she had received criticism and threats after the board's decisions regarding the Community Priorities Fund. She stated that she is one of three commissioners that sit on the Michigan Works Southeast Regional Consortium and advocated against the move. She said there are reasons why the center had to move, including finding appropriate space, and there appeared to be only one location that would work for the Center after the former landlord was unwilling to make needed changes. She said she is willing to approach the executive director about the decision to move out of the City of Ypsilanti.

Commissioner Somerville stated she has spoken to individuals who work with youth at the SafeHouse Center and is hoping that creative solutions may be found.

Commissioner Hodge thanked Hazelette Crosby Robinson. He stated that the Michigan Works decision was out of the county's control but he and others are working with the organization to consider additional locations.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Somerville reported that the Commission on Aging is in the process of updating its bylaws.

Commissioner Scott provided a report regarding the Parks and Recreation Commission, including about inclusive summer programming.

Commissioner Hodge reported that Ann Arbor SPARK and the county will be partnering to promote economic development. He reported that the Board of Health is undertaking an "art for justice" initiative in partnership with the UM School of Public Health. He reported that the Board of Health has been discussing priorities and legislative opportunities. He reported that the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority discussed the establishment of a county land bank and stated the county can obtain more funding for additional projects when the land bank is established.

VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

None.

VII. APPOINTMENTS

1. **23-013** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that the resolution appointing members to various boards, committees, commissions and agencies be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

2. **23-014** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that the resolution appointing members to the Willow Run Airport Joint Zoning Board be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that the minutes of the January 18, 2023 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. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, 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-0004 RECEIVED: January 18, 2023. Rehmann Washtenaw County MI Letter of Engagement. Received and filed.

3. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioners Working Session held January 18, 2023. Voice vote - motion carried.
4. Report of Special Committees - None.
5. Other Reports:
 - A. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that the following reports be received: A report on contracts in the amount of \$25,000 and under from December 31, 2022 through January 24, 2023. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
 - B. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that the following reports be received: A report on contracts in the amount of \$25,000 and under from January 24, 2023 through February 7, 2023. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
 - C. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that the following report be received: A report from the Washtenaw County Road Commission on the summary of service requests for the month of January, 2023. 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. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution authorizing a Community Priority Fund - Community Violence Interventions allocation to We the People Opportunity Farm be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
 - B. Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution authorizing a grant from Results for America in the amount of \$25,000 for the period of January 2023 to December 2023 be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
2. Final Reading - From January 18, 2023

- A. **23-015** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a 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. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- B. **23-016** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a 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. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- C. **23-017** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution establishing a Washtenaw County Advisory Council on Reparations be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

3. Single Reading

- A. **23-018** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution authorizing the signature of the County Administrator on the contract between the State of Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and Washtenaw County Health Department on the Michigan Marijuana Operation and Oversight Project in the grant budget amount of \$139,422 for the period of January 1, 2023, through September 15, 2023; amending the budget; and authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- B. **23-019** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution confirming the appointments of Randall Tashjian, MD effective March 1, 2022, and Catherine Morris, MD effective July 1, 2022 as Deputy Medical Examiner for Washtenaw County as recommended by Medical Examiner, Dr Allecia M Wilson from the Health Department be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- C. **23-020** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a Resolution Authorizing the County Administrator to sign the 2021 Homeland Security Grant Program Interlocal Fiduciary Agreement with Macomb County for the period of September 1, 2021, Through May 31, 2024; In the Amount of \$328,055 to Reimburse Washtenaw County for the Approved Homeland Security Planning, Training and Equipment, and Personnel Expenses; and Authorizing the Administrator to Sign Delegate Contracts be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- D. **23-021** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution of appreciation to Robert Mulcahy for his service to Washtenaw County be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- E. **23-022** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution to recognize the members of the Community Review Body of the Community Priority Fund be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- F. **23-023** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution to Honor the Michigan Association of Counties on its 125th Anniversary be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

4. Approval of Claims

- A. **23-024** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution authorizing the payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of January 23, 2023 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- B. **23-025** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution authorizing the payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of February 6, 2023 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

X. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. County Administrator Gregory Dill and Interim Deputy County Administrator presented information about a new GIS tool and maps that help analyze the county's senior population in proximity to county facilities.

XI. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Hodge reported that interviews are moving forward for the Board of Commissioners liaison position. He stated that he is obtaining information from the Michigan Association of Counties about establishing a county housing commission. He said that the county will soon receive opioid-related funds. He said that an appointment to the Road Commission is coming in March. He stated that the opportunity index is to be updated this year. He stated that the board recently hosted the Cuban ambassador. He discussed a resolution to support legislative efforts to address firearms, in relation to the shooting at Michigan State University, including safe storage.

Commissioner Scott discussed safe storage of firearms in relation to senior citizens.

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

Commissioner Rabhi thanked everyone involved in hosting the Cuban ambassador. He said his ancestors fought against colonialism in Algeria and the Cuban people stood in solidarity with those efforts. He stated that Americans should realize the harm we are causing to Cuban people and that he hopes the board will consider a resolution to ask the Biden administration to roll-back some Trump administration policies related to Cuba.

XIII. PENDING

1. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved to withdraw a resolution amending the bylaws of and appointing members to the Criminal Justice Collaborative Council. Resolution withdrawn.

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

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

The meeting adjourned at 08:38 PM.

Justin Hodge, Chair

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register

By: Ed Golembiewski, Chief Deputy Clerk/Register

