



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 19, 2023

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I ROLL CALL

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A session of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners was held at the Administration Building, in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on April 19, 2023.

The meeting was called to order at 07:04 PM by Comm. Hodge, Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

Members Present:	Comms. Shannon Beeman, Justin Hodge, Andy LaBarre, Crystal Lyte, Jas Sanders, Katie Scott, Annie Somerville
Members Absent:	None.
Others Present	County Administrator, Greg Dill; Crystal Campbell, PIO; Michelle Billard and Gavalier, Catherine Jones-Alther, Brady Peck, Terrence Williams, County A Management; Corey Mason, Labor Relations; Ashley Hall, BOC Communic Gallippo, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

1. Written Public Comment.

IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

Comm. Maciejewski spoke about a Public Works meeting and a student at Dexter working on a recycling initiative where he has facilitated 18,000 lbs of recycled material since January. He als referenced the upcoming Clean Up day.

Comm. LaBarre stated that Senator Stabenow met with the Sheriff and CMH in regards to the behavioral health clinic.

Comm. Rabhi said he participated in a vote to purchase new parcel on the east side of the county.

Comm. Scott spoke about Rolling Hills camps and the success with repeat sign-ups.

Comm. Hodge provided an update on Gault Village Shopping Center demolition.

VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Comm. Hodge opened (and closed) a public hearing to receive comment on a proposed brownfield plan for the Village of Ann Arbor Brownfield Redevelopment Project in Ann Arbor, MI.

Ken Garber stated that taxpayers should not be on the hook for all of the monies being paid to develop the Village of Ann Arbor Brownfield Redevelopment Project.

2. Comm. Hodge opened (and closed) a public hearing to receive comment on the 2023-2027 Washtenaw Urban County Consolidated Strategy and Plan and the 2023-2024 Washtenaw Urban County Annual Action Plan. There was no public comment.
3. **23-061** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Somerville, moved that a resolution to set a second public hearing for May 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Board Room at 220 North Main and through Zoom to receive comment on the brownfield plan for the Village of Ann Arbor Brownfield Redevelopment Project in Ann Arbor, MI be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.

VII. APPOINTMENTS

1. **23-062** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Lyte, moved that a resolution appointing a member to the Washtenaw County Historic District Commission be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
2. **23-063** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Lyte, moved that a resolution appointing members to the 2023 Remonumentation and Land Survey Peer Review Group be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
3. **23-064** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Lyte, moved that a resolution appointing a member to the Washtenaw County Road Commission for a partial term ending 12/31/2024 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 April 5, 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. Communications - None.
3. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the following reports be received: Report of Standing Committees: Working Session (4/19/2023). 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 report be received: A report on contracts in the amount of \$25,000 and under from March 28,

2023 through April 11, 2023. 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 report be received: A report from the Washtenaw County Road Commission on the summary of service requests for the month of March, 2023. 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 report be received: A report on budget adjustments made within Administrative Authority for the period of October 1, 2022 to December 31, 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. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that a resolution authorizing the reclassification of a position in the Prosecutor's Office to supervise its Special Victims Unit be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
 - B. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that a resolution approving the Michigan Drug Court Programs Operational and Planning Programs Grant for FY 2024 be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
 - C. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that a resolution to Adopt the Brownfield Plan for the Village of Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor, MI 48105 be approved.

Robertson Brothers Homes presented information.

Comm. Rabhi stated concerns about methane diversion, asked how much of the development is done through Brownfield as opposed to residents tax dollars, asked if union contractors were going to be used, asked what is the price range of homes, expressed concerns with taxpayers paying for non-affordable housing, asked what the profit margin would be for developers, and expressed hope that the development could have a affordable component.

Comm. Scott stated she would like plan to be approved without the full 2.9 million dollars, and wondered about the methane percentage and the plans for monitoring it.

Comm. Sanders stated she wants tax dollars spent on Washtenaw County laborers, wondered if solar power would be paid for by the developer, and questioned developers' motive and profit margins.

Comm. Somerville asked if deed restrictions came up during discussions.

Comm. Labarre stated he reached out to Ann Arbor City council members and will be supporting the project.

Roll Call Vote: YEAS 6 NAYS 3 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

- D. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that a resolution approving the

agreement with COAM, Washtenaw County and Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office for the wage-reopener for 2023-2025 be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.

- E. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that a resolution to approve a \$3M Community Project Fund grant from HUD to support the East Washtenaw Recreation and Community Center be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.

2. Final Reading

- A. **23-065** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution to authorize the expansion of services of the Solid Waste division to staff an additional home toxics center, add a position, and authorize the Administrator to execute the contract with Arbor Hills Landfill be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- B. **23-066** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution directing the Board of Public Works to undertake a lake improvement project for Silver Lake in the townships of Dexter in Washtenaw County and Putnam in Livingston County be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- C. **23-067** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution approving the agreement with POAM, Washtenaw County and Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office for the Wage Re-Opener for 2023-2025 be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- D. **23-068** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution modifying the Washtenaw County Rescue Plan - American Rescue Plan Act investment for Washtenaw County Health Department be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- E. **23-069** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to sign a letter of intent to collaborate and to sign a service contract to provide certain animal control services with the Humane Society of Huron Valley for the period of May to December 2023 be approved.

Scott Tatro, Treasurer and Jon Trevathan, CFO of the Humane Society of Huron Valley presented information and answered questions from the board.

Comm. Hodge asked what would happen if the resolution is not adopted.

Comm. Rabhi asked about the cost of mandated services and non-mandated services, said he was concerned about supporting services for animals as opposed to homeless citizens, and said he is not sure the Humane Society is the cheapest provider available.

Comm. Sanders asked who owns the Humane Society building, how many employees do they have, and what their fund balance is.

Comm Somerville said she felt more secure in voting yes after gathering more information.

Comm. LaBarre spoke about the importance of animal services.

Comm. Beeman said she and her constituents are in more rural areas where needs are different.

Comm. Lyte said she wants to make sure cities and townships pay their fair share and asked how might the county free-up services.

Comm. Scott shared a story about the loss of her pet dog and talked about the importance of animals.

Roll Call Vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 2 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

3. Single Reading

- A. **23-070** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution to ratify and fund service contracts with Avalon Housing, Ozone House, Food Gatherers, Jewish Family Services, Faith in Action, Manchester Community Resource Center, and the Washtena Health Plan as were proposed in the 2022 Human Services Transition Program proposal be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- B. **23-071** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution approving the 2023 Washtenaw County Equalization Report be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- C. **23-072** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution amending the Board of Commissioners annual Calendar of Meetings be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- D. **23-073** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Eastern Michigan University Gospel Choir be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- E. **23-074** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a proclamation recognizing May 2023 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, May 15th through May 21st as Taiwanese American Heritage Week, and Celebrating the 21st Anniversary of the Michigan Taiwanese American Organization be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- F. **23-075** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution to recognize April as Child Abuse Prevention Month be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- G. **23-076** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the City of Ypsilanti be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- H. **23-077** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution recognizing April as Arab American Heritage Month be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- I. **23-078** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution to recognize April 28th as Workers Memorial Day be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.

4. Approval of Claims

- A. **23-079** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution authorizing the payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of April 10, 2023 be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.

X. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- 1. Commissioner Greg Dill provided a report on programming for Eviction Prevention Allocation.

XI. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Comm. Hodge reported that interviews to hire a new OCED Director are continuing.

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

1. **23-080** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution authorizing an amendment to Mask Requirement Policy be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

XIII. PENDING

None.

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 PM.

Justin Hodge, Chair

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register
By: Edward Golembiewski, Chief Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: