



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 3, 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 May 3, 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, Jason Maciejewski, Yousef Rabhi, Caroline Sanders, Katie Scott, Annie Somerville

Members Absent: Comms. Crystal Lyte

Others Present County Administrator, Greg Dill; Andrew DeLeeuw, Interim Deputy County Administrator; Michelle Billard, Corporation Counsel; Michael Auten, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Nathan Voght, OCED; Morghan Boydston, OCED; Tara Cohen, OCED; Catherine Jones-Alther and Brady Peck, Finance; Monica Boote, Human Resources; Jeff Rose, ITS; Ashley Hall, BOC Communications; Marie Pfeifer, Finance; Corey Mason, Labor Relations; Tina Gavalier, Finance; Bryce Allmacher, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

1. Written Public Comment - through April 27, 2023.

IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

Comm. LaBarre stated that the last CMH meeting went well and he was encouraged by the data presented.

Comm. Somerville said there will be a Senior Safety Townhall in Ypsilanti sometime this month. The Community Action Board is working on creating sub-committees and working on setting a time for retreat.

Comm. Scott stated that the Board of Health provided a highly useful presentation on environmental health.

Comm. Scott provided an update on the EMS Commission, shared about the Huron Valley Ambulance's efforts to attract people to the EMT and paramedic professions.

Comm. Maciejewski provided an update on SEMCOG's draft Transportation Safety Plan. Stated that crash fatalities have been rising since 2008.

Comm. Hodge shared that the Board of Health passed a resolution to support banning the sale of flavored tobacco products.

VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **23-081** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Yousef Rabhi, moved that the resolution setting a Public Hearing for May 17th, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Board Room at 220 North Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan to receive public comment on the proposed 2023 millage rate be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 Motion carried.
2. Comm. Hodge opened (and closed) a public hearing to receive comment on the Village of Ann Arbor Brownfield Redevelopment Project in Ann Arbor, MI.

Ken Garber stated that the Brownfield Plan should be approved without the \$2.9 million in funding for non-environmental activities. Garber said there is a lack of transparency with Brownfield Developments and encouraged public participation in the process.

VII. APPOINTMENTS

1. **23-082** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Yousef Rabhi, moved that the resolution amending the term expiration date for a member appointed to the Community Mental Health Board be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 Motion carried.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that the Minutes of Previous Meeting (April 19, 2023) be approved. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file at the Washtenaw County Clerk's Office).
2. Communications:

Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that the Communications be received and dealt with as recommended. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file at the Washtenaw County Clerk's Office).

R-0010 RECEIVED: April 24, 2023. Alcona County Board of Commissioners: Resolution in support of "The Revised School Code" put forth by Michigan House Bill 4284.

R-0011 RECEIVED: April 26, 2023. Livingston County Board of Commissioners: Resolution in support of the Second Amendment to the US Constitution.

R-0012 RECEIVED: May 1, 2023. Ann Arbor City Councilmembers Lisa Disch, Cynthia

Harrison, and Mayor Christopher Taylor: Memo expressing support for the Villages of Ann Arbor Brownfield Plan.

3. Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2023 Working Session. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file at the Washtenaw County Clerk's Office).
4. Report of Special Committees:

None.
5. Other reports:
- A. Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved to approve a report on contracts in the amount of \$25,000 and under from April 11, 2023 to April 25, 2023. Voice vote motion carried.
6. Report of the Treasurer:

None.

IX. RESOLUTIONS

1. First Reading:
 - A. Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution pledging the full faith and credit of Washtenaw County for the payment of the bond of the North County Line Intercounty Drain District be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
 - B. Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution ratifying the grant application to the National Center for State Courts Eviction Diversion Initiative for the term beginning September 1, 2023 and ending August 31, 2025 be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
2. Final Reading:
 - A. **23-083** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution authorizing the reclassification of a position in the Prosecutor's Office to supervise its Special Victims Unit be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 Motion carried.
 - B. **23-084** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution approving the Michigan Drug Court Programs Operational and Planning Programs Grant for FY 2024 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 Motion carried.
 - C. **23-085** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution to adopt the Brownfield Plan for the Village of Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor, MI 48105 be approved.

Comm. Scott said she will vote yes on this resolution and encouraged the developer and builder to re-invest profits from the project into community organizations in Washtenaw County.

Roll Call Vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 1 ABSENT 1 Motion carried.

- D. **23-086** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, 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. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 Motion carried.
- E. **23-087** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, 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. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 Motion carried.

3. Single Reading:

- A. **23-088** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution authorizing the signature of the Chair of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners on the Washtenaw Urban County 2023-2027 Five Year Consolidated Plan & 2023 Annual Action Plan be approved.

Commissioner Rahbi noted that he is excited to see the various affordable housing developments that will be funded under this plan. Comm. Rahbi referred to projects at 121 E Catherine St, the Grove at Veridian, and a project in Ypsilanti, specifically.

Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 Motion carried.

- B. **23-089** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a request to amend resolution 22-244 to update the agency funds being allocated from "Coalition for Re-envisioning Our Safety" to "Washtenaw Care-Based Safety" be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 Motion carried.
- C. **23-090** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution proclaiming the week of May 14, 2023 through May 20, 2023 as Police and Corrections Officers Week, and May 15, 2023 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in Washtenaw County be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 Motion carried.
- D. **23-091** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution proclaiming the week of May 7, 2023 through May 13, 2023 as National Travel and Tourism week in Washtenaw County be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 Motion carried.
- E. **23-092** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution recognizing May 2023 as Jewish American Heritage Month be approved.

Comm. Scott stated that she is thrilled to be voting yes for this resolution. Comm. Scott noted the rise in hate crimes against Jewish Americans.

Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 Motion carried.

4. Approval of Claims:

- A. **23-093** 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 May 3, 2023 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 Motion carried.

X. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Dill provided the Commissioners with information relating to DDA, TIF, and Brownfield capture.

Comm. Rahbi stated that he hopes the Board reviews similar information in the future as they prepare to spend county funds on economic development.

XI. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Comm. Hodge has been participating in interviews for the Director of Operations at the County.

Administrator Dill introduced Brady Peck as the Director of Operations at Washtenaw

County. Follow-up discussions regarding OCED Director position are taking place.

Comm. Sanders and Comm. Hodge attended the Michigan Association of Counties Legislative Conference last week.

Community Violence Intervention Team had a large summit this week.

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

Comm. Beeman stated that she'll be attending the Racial Equity and Social Justice Town Hall in Saline next week on May 9th and will be joined by individuals in the Sheriffs, Prosecutor's, and Racial Equity Offices.

Comm. Scott noted that Nurse's Week begins this Saturday.

Comm. Hodge noted that on May 17th at 3pm the Board will have their 3-hour working session retreat.

XIII. PENDING

None.

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Yousef Rabhi, moved to adjourn. Voice vote - motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44pm on May 3, 2023.

Justin Hodge, Chair

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register

By: Bryce Allmacher, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: May 17, 2023