



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 17, 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 17, 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 Greg Dill, County Administrator; Andrew DeLeeuw, Interim Deputy County Administrator; Michelle Billard, Corporation Counsel; Eli Savit, Washtenaw County Prosecutor; Tina Gavalier, Marie Pfeifer, Catherine Jones-Alther, Finance; Brady Peck, Director of Operations; Terrence Williams, Equity Office; Morghan Boydston, OCED; Jason Fee, Facilities Management; Ashley Hall, BOC Communications and Operations Manager; Bryce Allmacher, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Christian Wilson is attending today's meeting for their government class; shared that they are interested in local government.

Courtney Vanderlon spoke about Older Michiganians Day; said that investing in aging adults in Washtenaw County is highly important.

1. Written Public Comment through May 11, 2023.

IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Comm. Maciejewski spoke about Older Michiganians Day.

Comm. Beeman thanked the Milan High School students in attendance.

Comm. Somerville said she was disappointed to miss Older Michiganians day in Lansing and is grateful for people advocating for older adults.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

Comm. Scott shared that the most recent Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting went well and took place at Independence Lake. The Commission

reviewed various reports and funding allocations.

Comm. Maciejewski asked people to register for the June 24th County Clean-Up day. Shared that he has been asked to join a healthcare taskforce through the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

Comm. Sanders said that the Washtenaw County Road Commission meetings are full of information. The most recent meeting included a report on the traffic cameras throughout the County. The general public can speak with a Road Commissioner through their website.

Comm. Somerville shared that the Commission on Aging is hosting a Safe Aging Townhall on June 9th from 1-3pm at the Ypsilanti Civic Center.

Comm. Rahbi shared that the Environmental Council is looking at staffing recommendations which will move forward to the Board of Commissioners.

VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Beeman, moved that a Resolution to set a public hearing for June 7, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Board Room at 220 North Main Street to receive public comment on the adoption of a Brownfield Plan for the 300 North Zeeb Road Development Project be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.
2. Comm. Hodge opened (and closed) a public hearing to receive comment on the proposed 2023 Millage Rate (with no public comment).

VII. APPOINTMENTS

None.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that the Minutes of the Previous Meeting (May 3, 2023) be approved. Voice vote - motion carried (Complete report is on file at Washtenaw County Clerk's Office).
2. 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 Washtenaw County Clerk's Office).

R-0013 RECEIVED: May 3, 2023. Alger County Board of Commissioners: Resolution urging the repair of the Cornwall Creek Flooding Dam in Cheboygan County.

R-0014 RECEIVED: May 3, 2023. Alger County Board of Commissioners: Resolution urging state lawmakers to oppose all legislation relating to the control of firearms.

R-0015 RECEIVED: May 3, 2023. Alger County Board of Commissioners: Resolution declaring Alger County a Constitutional Second Amendment Sanctuary County.

R-0016 RECEIVED: May 3, 2023. Alger County Board of Commissioners: Resolution supporting "Dark Store Legislation," which is intended to address the method by which the Michigan Tax Tribunal values certain properties.

R-0017 RECEIVED: May 5, 2023. Osceola County Board of Commissioners:
Resolution urging state lawmakers to oppose all legislation relating to the control of firearms.

3. Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved to approve the minutes of the Working Session on May 3, 2023. Voice vote - motion carried (complete report is on file at Washtenaw County Clerk's Office).

4. Report of Special Committees - None.

5. Other Reports

- A. Reports Prepared by the Finance Department

Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved to approve a report on the Schedule of Fund Balances/Net Positions as of Year End 2022. Voice vote - motion carried.

Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved to approve a report on the Schedule of Long-Term Liabilities - Last Five Years. Voice vote - motion carried.

- B. Reports Prepared by the County Auditor

Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved to approve the Independent Auditors' Communication with Those Charged with Governance. Voice vote - motion carried.

Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved to approve the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the Year Ended December 31, 2022. Voice vote - motion carried.

Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved to approve the Washtenaw County Building Authority Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2022. Voice vote - motion carried.

Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved to approve the Washtenaw County Department of Public Works Projects Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2022. Voice vote - motion carried.

Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved to approve the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2022. Voice vote - motion carried.

Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved to approve the Washtenaw County Employees Retirement System (WCERS) Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2022. Voice vote - motion carried.

Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved to approve the Washtenaw County Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association (VEBA) Financial Statements for the Year ended December 31, 2022. Voice vote - motion carried.

Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved to approve the Washtenaw County Defined Contribution Plan (WCDC) Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2022. Voice vote - motion carried.

Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved to approve the Washtenaw County Retirement Health Savings Plan (RHS) Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2022. Voice vote - motion carried.

Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved to approve the Washtenaw County Community Mental Health (CMH) Financial Statements for the Year ended September 30, 2022. Voice vote - motion carried.

Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved to approve the Washtenaw County, Michigan Single Audit for the Year ended December 31, 2022. Voice vote - motion carried.

Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved to approve the Washtenaw County 800 MHz Communications Consortium Financial Statements for the Year ended December 31, 2022. Voice vote - motion carried.

- C. Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a report on contracts in the amount of \$25,000 and under from April 25, 2023 through May 9, 2023 be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- D. Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a report from the Washtenaw County Road Commission on the summary of service requests for the month of April, 2023 be approved. 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 approving the acceptance of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority HUD home ARP grants: Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) in the amount of \$139,673 and Housing Navigation Program (HNP) in the amount of \$150,000; authorizing the County Administrator to sign the grant amendment and contracts related to this award be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
 - B. Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution approving the acceptance of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority emergency rental assistance/housing stability services program grant amendment in the amount of \$518,400 for calendar year 2023; authorizing the County Administrator to sign the grant amendment and contracts related to this award be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
 - C. Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution requesting the Board of Commissioners approve the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant application for the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Improvement and Advancement Grant (CCBHC-IA) be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- 2. Final 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. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 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. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

3. Single Reading

- A. Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution setting the 2023 Washtenaw County Operating Millage Rate at 6.8343 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- B. Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a Resolution to Amend the Bylaws of the Washtenaw Commission on Aging be approved.

Comm. Somerville said that the bylaw amendment is intended to increase diversity on the Commission, a previous provision which would have eliminated the representative from the Board of Commissioners' ability to vote was not included in this resolution.

Comm. Maciejewski shared that several ideas as to how to increase diversity on the Commission on Aging were considered.

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

- C. Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution to honor Ypsilanti resident Virginia Basler's 100th birthday be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- D. Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution recognizing May 2023 as Older American's Month be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- E. Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a Resolution Recognizing the 20th Anniversary of Growing Hope be approved .

Comm. Somerville said that Growing Hope fills an important need in Ypsilanti.

Comm. Sanders offered additional congratulations to Growing Hope.

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

4. Approval of Claims

- A. 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 8, 2023 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

X. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- 1. Nathan Baldermann of Rehmann gave a brief overview of the County's 2022 Financial Statements and Audit.

XI. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Comm. Hodge recently visited SafeHouse Center; shared that they are hiring in an effort to alleviate staffing issues. Comm. Hodge also shared that SafeHouse provides a variety of services to individuals who aren't housed on location.

Comm. Hodge said that he is the Chair of the State Commission on Community Action and Economic Opportunity. He recently moderated a panel with community action agency directors and learned about other communities' challenges with housing.

Comm. Hodge spoke about a recent meeting regarding the East Side Community and Recreation Center with representatives from different levels of government. The Board is modeling a resolution that partner governments may take to their respective legislative bodies to formalize their partnership.

Comm. Hodge recently helped facilitate a Washtenaw New Human Services Partnership Equity Summit. Various partner organizations were in attendance.

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

Comm. Beeman thanked everyone who was involved with the Social Justice and Racial Equity Townhall in Saline; noted that the event was well attended by both the general public and representatives from various jurisdictions throughout the area.

Comm. Rahbi said that the millage rollback is significant, hopes to discuss future funding sources in detail.

Comm. Rahbi said that the County's various advisory boards should consider moving to in-person meetings to better comply with the Open Meetings Act.

Commissioners Hodge, Rahbi, and Sanders discussed the possibility of charging for parking in County lots on the weekends.

Comm. Somerville shared that Ypsilanti Pride will be taking place in Depot Town in Ypsilanti on June 2nd.

XIII. PENDING

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

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

The meeting adjourned at 07:50 PM.

Justin Hodge, Chair

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register

By: Bryce Allmacher, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: June 7, 2023