



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 20, 2023

WORKING SESSION

I. ROLL CALL

A Working Session of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners was held at the Administration Building, in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on September 20, 2023.

The meeting was called to order at 05:30 PM by Comm. Somerville, Chair of the Working Session.

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 & Michael Auten Corporation Counsel; Brady Peck, Director of Operations; Jerry Clayton, Washtenaw County Sheriff; Trish Cortes, CMH Executive Director; Lisa Wentz, CMH Program Administrator; Derrick Jackson, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office; Theo Eggermont, Director of Public Works; Ashley Hall, BOC Communications and Operations Manager; Bryce Allmacher, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tina Juries spoke about how millage funding supports the work of the Student Advocacy Center.

III. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

None.

IV. REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LIAISON

None.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Theo Eggermont, Washtenaw County Public Works Director, gave a presentation on a draft solid waste ordinance and the materials management planning process.

Eggermont gave an overview of the Board's responsibilities in developing a Materials Management Plan.

Eggermont said that a solid waste ordinance would improve the County's ability to

promote higher recycling rates, allow for more effective regulation of waste haulers, provide a funding mechanism for Public Works, and promote education on what is and is not recyclable.

Comm. Sanders asked about the costs associated with Eggermont's requests.

Eggermont said the Department will incur consulting fees as well as staffing costs.

Eggermont said that the Department receives approximately \$1.3 million in annual revenue from landfill tipping fees.

Comm. Sanders asked about the County's ability to enforce a potential ordinance.

Eggermont said that in other Counties the haulers who are in compliance with the ordinance will alert regulators of haulers who are not in compliance.

Comm. Maciejewski asked about representation on the MMP Committee.

Eggermont said that the committee used to include representatives of the public but now consists primarily of representatives of the applicable local industries and governments.

Comm. Rabhi asked about SEMCOG representation on the Planning Committee.

Eggermont said that SEMCOG staff will fill that position.

Comm. Rabhi asked about public haulers and to what extent they would be subject to the requirements of the ordinance.

Eggermont said that public haulers would potentially be exempt from the fees associated with the ordinance but that they would still be required to deliver on the reporting metrics.

- B. Trish Cortes, Community Mental Health Executive Director, and Lisa Gentz, CMH Program Administrator, gave a presentation on the Mental Health and Public Safety Millage's impact on CMH.

Gentz and Cortes each noted the recent increases in requests for service among County youth.

Gentz said that CMH designated millage funds primarily for service expansion. Since millage implementation, CMH has expanded service to uninsured residents, privately insured residents without adequate mental health coverage, and residents with mild to moderate mental health and substance use concerns.

Gentz said that CMH has greatly increased total service volume since millage implementation.

Gentz said that CMH and their community partners intensified outreach efforts to accompany their service expansion.

Gentz said CMH is currently prioritizing youth service expansion.

Gentz said that over 700 individuals have received supportive housing services as a result of CMH's support of supportive housing agencies using millage funds.

- C. Derrick Jackson, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office Director of Community Engagement, and Lisa Gentz, CMH Program Administrator gave a presentation on the Mental Health and Public Safety Millage's impact on the collaborative work of the Sheriff's Office and CMH.

Jackson and Wentz highlighted several programs which are supported by millage funds and are administered by both CMH and WCSO employees. Jackson and Wentz noted that these programs are rooted in philosophies of harm reduction and social work.

Jerry Clayton, Washtenaw County Sheriff, gave a brief overview of the original motivations for the millage.

Jackson gave an overview of the work of the Community Engagement Office. Jackson noted that significant investments have been made in community outreach in recent years.

Millage dollars have additionally supported improvements to the Washtenaw County Jail, primarily through improvements in technology, modernization, and safety and security.

Millage dollars also support the Community Corrections program, police services contracts with local municipalities, and emergency services.

Comm. Scott asked about the training received by individuals working at Metro Dispatch.

Staff said that there is state-mandated training and WCSO provides stress management resources to dispatchers.

Comm. Rabhi indicated a desire to adjust the Board's schedule so as to accommodate lengthier presentations.

Comm. Rabhi asked for a more detailed accounting of exactly how millage dollars are being spent by CMH and WCSO.

Comm. Sanders asked about WCSO's efforts to monitor the performance of their various contracted caseworkers and program administrators.

Comm. LaBarre said that the integration of Washtenaw County mental health and public safety services serves as a model for similar programming statewide.

VI. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

None.

VII. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

Comm. Sanders, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved to adjourn. Voice vote - motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 07:20 PM.

Annie Somerville, Chair of the Working Session
Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register

By: Bryce Allmacher, Deputy Clerk

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