# WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**January 3, 2024**

## 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 January 3, 2024.

The meeting was called to order at 07:01 PM by Lawrence Kestenbaum, Washtenaw County Clerk.

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| 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, Deputy County Administrator; Alize Asberry Payne, Racial Equity Officer; Crystal Campbell, Public Information Officer; Guillermo Hernandez, Director of Human Resources; Brady Peck, Director of Operations; Corey Mason, Labor Relations Director; Terrence Williams, Administration; Cami Khorrami, Racial Equity Office; Ashley Hall, BOC Communications and Operations Manager; Bryce Allmacher, Clerk's Office; and members of the public. |

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Martha Young spoke about their experience as a CMH employee and thanked the Board for approving premium pay for those County employees who worked during the initial onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic and who make more than $150,000 per year.

   Written Public Comment through December 28, 2023.

IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

V. LIAISON REPORTS

VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Comm. Maciejewski, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved to elect Justin Hodge as Chair of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners. Voice vote - motion carried (Comm. Rabhi was absent for this vote).

Commissioner Hodge took the Chair.

Comm. Lyte, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved to elect Caroline Sanders as Vice-Chair of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners. Voice vote - motion carried.

2. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that a resolution adopting the Rules and Regulations of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners be approved.

   Comm. LaBarre asked to clarify whether the Chair's ex-officio status on County sub-committees has any bearing or effect on those bodies which are mandated by state law.

   Michelle Billard, Corporation Counsel, said that ex-officio status does not impact those bodies mandated by state law.

   Comm. Sanders said that she is concerned about the language in the Board rules dictating the circumstances under which someone may be removed from a meeting.

   Michelle Billard, Corporation Counsel, said that this language is used to comply with the Open Meetings Act.

   Comm. Lyte noted the availability of certain parliamentary procedures to help mitigate the risk of any potential threat.

   Comm. Maciejewski asked who determines what qualifies as a breach of peace.

   Billard recommended that the Chair first consult with Corporation Counsel and the Administrator before declaring a breach of peace.

   Comm. Rabhi asked about the process for determining which items qualify for single reading vs. multiple readings.

   Billard stated that the process of requiring approval from the Board Chair and the County Administrator to receive single reading status remains essentially unchanged.

   Comm. Rabhi asked whether resolutions would continue to include indicators of which department prepared them.

   Brady Peck, Director of Operations, said that standard practice will still be to indicate which department prepared a resolution, but that the current language allows for individuals who worked on resolutions to remove their name from them.

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

3. Comm. Rabhi, seconded by Comm. Beeman, moved to elect Annie Somerville as Chair of the Working Session. Voice vote - motion carried.

   Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Lyte, moved to elect Andy LaBarre as Vice-Chair of the Working Session. Voice Vote - motion carried.

## VII. APPOINTMENTS

1. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that a resolution appointing Commissioners to various boards, committees, commissions, and agencies for various terms 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 December 6, 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-0001 RECEIVED:** December 4, 2023. Charter Township of Superior: Notice of updated Master Plan.

3. Report of Standing Committees - None.

4. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that the following reports be received: Report of Special Committees. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register’s Office.)

5. Other Reports - None.

6. Report of the Treasurer - None.

IX. RESOLUTIONS

X. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

XI. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

1. Oath of understanding of the Standards of Ethics for the Board of Commissioners

XIII. PENDING

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION
Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Sanders, moved to adjourn. Voice vote - motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 07:40 PM.

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Justin Hodge, Chair of
the Board of
Commissioners

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register

By: Bryce Allmacher, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: January 17, 2024