



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 7, 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 February 7, 2024.

The meeting was called to order at 07:12 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, Deputy County Administrator; Michelle Billard & Michael Auten, Corporation Counsel; Alize Asberry Payne, Racial Equity Officer; Tina Gavalier & Catherine Jones-Alther, Finance; Crystal Campbell, Public Information Officer; Jason Fee, Facilities Management; Brady Peck, Director of Operations; Terrence Williams, Administration; Guillermo Hernandez, Director of Human Resources; Jimena Loveluck, Public Health Officer; Camellia Khorrami & Akintunde Oluwadare, Equity Office; Jeff Rose, ITS; Ashley Hall, BOC Communications and Operations Manager; Bryce Allmacher, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Robert Boll advocated for the County to declare September 2024 as Veterans Suicide Prevention Month and for the County to place placards on all County police cars directing individuals to the 9-8-8 suicide prevention line.

Jared McLeary spoke in support of the resolution in support of statewide water affordability legislation on tonight's agenda.

Andrea Pierce spoke in support of the resolution in support of efforts to lift the ban on local ordinances banning plastic bags on tonight's agenda as well as the statewide water affordability resolution.

Telwin John asked the Board to help fund a 24/7 shelter in the City of Ypsilanti.

Katie Wendel shared with the Board that the Area Agency on Aging 1-B has rebranded to AgeWays.

Debra Schlitt spoke in support of the plastic bag and water affordability resolutions on tonight's agenda.

Grace Bartley spoke in support of expanded shelter services and temporary hotel programs in Washtenaw County.

1. Written Public Comment through February 7, 2024

IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Comm. Sanders asked for additional information on the statewide 9-8-8 hotline.

Comm. Somerville shared her childhood experience living in a home without running water and stated her support for the statewide water affordability legislation.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

Comm. Scott spoke about a pollution prevention report, budget update, and legislative update recently presented at the Board of Health.

Comm. Sanders said that the Washtenaw County Road Commission has introduced a new training opportunity for existing employees to obtain their CDL.

Comm. Somerville stated that the Commission on Aging is engaged in conversations on long-term funding for senior services in the County.

Comm. Hodge stated that the Advisory Council on Reparations has passed its bylaws and that they will come before the Board at their next meeting.

VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

VII. APPOINTMENTS

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that the minutes of the January 17, 2024 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-0003 RECEIVED: January 12, 2024. City of Saline: Notice of Master Plan Adoption.

R-0004 RECEIVED: January 16, 2024. Rehmann: Engagement Letter in compliance with Government Auditing Standards.

3. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that the following reports be received: Report of Standing Committees - Working Session (January 17, 2024). Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

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
 - A. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that the following reports be received: A report on contracts in the amount of \$25,000 and under from December 31, 2023 through January 30, 2024. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
 - B. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that the following reports be received: A report from the Washtenaw County Road Commission on the summary of service requests for the month of January, 2024. 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 amending compensation paid to the Washtenaw County Board of Canvassers from Clerk/Register of Deeds be approved.

Comm. Rabhi stated that he supports a holistic review of the compensation paid to members of County Advisory Boards and Commissions.

Comm. Rabhi asked about the compensation structure being proposed.

Larry Kestenbaum, Washtenaw County Clerk, stated that the model of half-day vs. full day's pay is fairly standard and in line with other public bodies which are asked to convene for long periods of time. Kestenbaum stated that this structure also simplifies the accounting process.

Voice vote - motion carried.

- B. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that a resolution reclassifying two (2.0) FTE positions as a result of the 2023 Position Description Questionnaire Process from Human Resources be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.

2. Final Reading

- A. **24-017** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution ratifying the application to the State of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy Community Energy Management Grant Program from Facilities Management be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

- B. **24-018** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution to authorize a subrecipient agreement with the City of Ann Arbor under the Community Geothermal Heating and Cooling Design and Deployment Funding (CGHCDDF) from Facilities Management be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.
- C. **24-019** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution authorizing the Facilities Management Department to serve as a host partner site for a MI Healthy Climate Corps Member from Facilities Management be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.
- D. **24-020** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution authorizing the approval of the mid-year budget adjustment for the Washtenaw County Health Department and position creations from the Health Department be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.
- E. **24-021** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution to approve the Cybersecurity Grant Program Local Consent Agreement from Information Technology be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.
- F. **24-022** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution ratifying the application and acceptance of the Community Violence Intervention Initiative Grant, from the Sheriff's Office be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.
- G. **24-023** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution authorizing the Strategic Traffic Enforcement grant from the Sheriff's Office be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.
- H. **24-024** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution approving the Tentative Agreement with TPOAM Supervisors and Probation Agents for it's 2024-2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

3. Single Reading

- A. **24-025** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution declaring and celebrating February as Black History Month be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.
- B. **24-026** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution recognizing and declaring support for the 2024 Lunar New Year be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.
- C. **24-027** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution supporting SB228 to repeal the law preventing local ordinances to ban plastic bags be approved.

Comm. LaBarre stated his support for the State legislation which is the subject of this

resolution.

Comm. Rabhi stated his support for the State legislation which is the subject of this resolution.

Comm. Scott stated her support for the State legislation which is the subject of this resolution.

Comm. Maciejewski stated his support for the State legislation which is the subject of this resolution.

Comm. Sanders stated her support for the State legislation which is the subject of this resolution. Comm. Sanders asked that the Board consider implementing an ordinance which would waive any fee relating to the purchase of bags and assist individuals who walk or ride their bike to the grocery store with acquiring high-quality reusable bags.

Comm. Rabhi stated his support for the ideas proposed by Comm. Sanders.

Comm. Beeman stated that a small bag fee could represent a significant source of revenue for the County.

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

- D. **24-028** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution supporting statewide water affordability legislation be approved.

Comm. Rabhi stated his support for the State legislation which is the subject of this resolution.

Comm. Somerville stated her support for the State legislation which is the subject of this resolution.

Comm. Maciejewski stated his support for the State legislation which is the subject of this resolution. Comm. Maciejewski stated that the City of Chelsea recently won an award for the best-tasting tap water.

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

4. Approval of Claims

- A. **24-029** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution authorizing the payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of January 29, 2024 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

X. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Jeff Rose, Director of Information and Technology Services, provided an update on the Website Upgrade Project. Rose stated that the project in its earliest phases and that the County's current website platform is eligible for an upgrade. Rose said there is a technical and a functional need for a website upgrade. The upgrade will encompass content, navigation and searchability, aesthetics, and general website structure. The

target date for completion is December 2024; Commissioners, County leaders, and assigned staff will all be invited to participate and provide input.

Comm. Rabhi stated while the quantity of information on the County website is useful, it should be made more digestible and easier to navigate.

Comm. Beeman asked about the timeline.

Rose stated that timeline is revised after having originally received an even more aggressive timeline from the vendor, Rose stated that one of the first tasks of the project will be to develop a more detailed schedule.

Comm. Maciejewski asked about the potential of making media more accessible and user-friendly on the upgraded version of the website.

Rose stated that this will be one of the priorities of the upgrade project.

Rose suggested looking at Johnson County, Kansas's website for an example of a user-friendly website.

XI. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

Comm. Rabhi condemned the Wall Street Journal for its recently published article which included racist and anti-Arab rhetoric.

XIII. PENDING

1. Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Beeman, moved to enter closed session to discuss negotiation updates from Corp. Counsel. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 PM.

Justin Hodge, Chair of
the Board of
Commissioners

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register

By: Bryce Allmacher, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: February 21, 2024