



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 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 April 3, 2024.

The meeting was called to order at 07:28 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 Andrew DeLeeuw, Deputy County Administrator; Alize Asberry Payne, Racial Equity Officer; Michelle Billard & Michael Auten, Corporation Counsel; Tina Gavalier & Catherine Jones-Alther, Finance; Crystal Campbell, Public Information Officer; Toni Kayumi, OCED Director; Guillermo Hernandez, Director of Human Resources; Brady Peck, Director of Operations; Terrence Williams, Administration; Jeff Rose, ITS; Ashley Hall, BOC Communications and Operations Manager; Bryce Allmacher, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Luna stated that they are thankful that the process for renewing the Mental Health and Public Safety Millage has been slowed and that they support either a new millage supporting mental health services exclusively or an ordinance which would ensure a greater portion of MHPS funds are dedicated to mental health services.

Monica Ross Williams spoke about travel expenses incurred to the County by several Commissioners. Ross Williams referred to comments they made to the Board on March 20, 2024.

Cindy Bo-Davis advocated for the creation of a separate millage dedicated exclusively to mental health services.

Jeffery Harold advocated for the creation of a separate millage dedicated exclusively to mental health services. Harold stated that many voters were under the misimpression that more of the Mental Health and Public Safety Millage funding would be dedicated to mental health services.

Ann Taylor-McCants spoke about the need to support Housing Access for Washtenaw County.

Grace Bartley asked the Board to support all the agencies responsible for managing the County's homelessness intake and support system.

Alyshia Dyer stated that the Sheriff's Office should not be involved in the appointment or oversight of any potential MHPS Millage Advisory Committee. Dyer stated that there is ample support in the community for a separate mental health millage.

IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

V. LIAISON REPORTS

Comm. Scott said that the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee has convened.

Comm. Hodge stated that the Board will be holding a public hearing relating to the Health Department's Pollution Prevention Program.

VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **24-065** Comm. Somerville, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that a resolution setting a public hearing for May 1, 2024 on the Draft 2024 Annual Action Plan be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

VII. APPOINTMENTS

1. **24-066** Comm. Rabhi, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that a resolution appointing members to the Remonumentation Peer Review Group be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.
2. **24-067** Comm. Rabhi, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that a resolution appointing members to the Washtenaw County Environmental Council be approved.

Andrea Pierce and Lauren Sargent introduced themselves as the newest members of the Washtenaw County Environmental Council.

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

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that the minutes of the March 20, 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. 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 in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

R-0010 RECEIVED: March 15, 2024. Ingham County Board of Commissioners:

Resolution Supporting Statewide Water Affordability Legislation.

R-0011 RECEIVED: March 15, 2024. Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners: Resolution in Support of a Statewide Ballot Initiative to Restore Local Control of Siting Decisions for Renewable Energy and Energy Storage Projects.

R-0012 RECEIVED: March 18, 2024. Lenawee County Board of Commissioners: Notification of intent to submit a Materials Management Plan.

R-0013 RECEIVED: March 18, 2024. Tuscola County Board of Commissioners: Resolution in Support of a Statewide Ballot Initiative to Restore Local Control of Siting Decisions for Renewable Energy and Energy Storage Projects.

R-0014 RECEIVED: March 23, 2024. Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners: Resolution in support of the adoption of Senate Bill 662 of 2024.

3. Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that the following reports be received: Report of Standing Committees - Working Session (March 20, 2024). Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
4. Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, 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. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that the following reports be received: A report on contracts in the amount of \$25,000 and under from March 13, 2024, through March 26, 2024. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
6. Report of the Treasurer

IX. RESOLUTIONS

1. First Reading
 - A. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that a resolution accepting the Weatherization Assistance Program Pre-weatherization grant from the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
 - B. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that a resolution authorizing the grant application to support Brownfield Activities for the 300 N. Zeeb Rd Brownfield Development project in Scio Township, MI, from the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
2. Final Reading
 - A. **24-068** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Beeman, moved that a resolution placing the restoration and renewal of the Roads and Non-Motorized Millage on the August 6, 2024, Primary Ballot be approved.

Comm. Rabhi reiterated his belief that the Board must implement strong reporting requirements alongside these millages.

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

- B. **24-069** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Beeman, moved that a resolution placing the restoration and renewal of the Conservation District Millage on the August 6, 2024, Primary Ballot be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.
- C. **24-070** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Beeman, moved that a resolution placing the renewal and restoration of the Parks acquisition, development, and operating millage on the August 6, 2024, ballot be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.
- D. **24-071** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Beeman, moved that a resolution placing the restoration and renewal of the Enhanced Emergency Communication System 800 MHz Millage on the November 5, 2024, General Election Ballot be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.
- E. **24-072** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Beeman, moved that a resolution placing the restoration and renewal of the Veteran's Millage on the November 5, 2024, General Election Ballot be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

3. Single Reading

- A. **24-073** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Beeman, moved that a resolution creating four (4.0) FTE Intake Operator positions in the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved to split consideration on this item into two meetings and move it to First Reading.

Comm. LaBarre stated he is making this motion so as to allow for more input from the Continuum of Care and other stakeholders as to how to best support the County's homelessness intake system.

Comm. Rabhi asked why this item was placed under single reading originally.

Comm. Hodge said that this item was placed under single reading to rectify inequities in how HAWC operators are classified by County HR.

Comm. Somerville stated that the positions created by this resolution will not resolve issues with individuals experiencing long wait times in between their assessment with HAWC and physical accessing housing/shelter. Comm. Somerville stated her commitment to filling the gaps in the homelessness response system.

Comm. LaBarre reiterated his belief that this resolution would benefit from additional input from Continuum of Care members.

Comm. Scott said that the County needs to conduct a comprehensive review of the County's homelessness and housing services generally in order to properly identify areas to assign funding.

Comm. Rabhi asked about the usefulness of delaying the vote on this resolution.

Comm. LaBarre said that it's possible that the Board assign resources currently allocated by this resolution to more pressing areas based on CoC input.

Comm. Lyte stated that she will vote no on Commissioner LaBarre's motion so as to stabilize the County's portion of the HAWC system as quickly as possible.

Comm. Sanders said that she believes it is the County's responsibility to stabilize this portion of the HAWC system and that CoC input will not change that fact.

Comm. Somerville stated that UM Poverty Solutions is currently mapping the County's homelessness intake system.

Kayumi clarified that two of these positions will serve as backup intake operators and have additional roles assigned to them.

Roll Call Vote on Comm. LaBarre's motion to split consideration of this item across two meetings: YEAS 1 (LaBarre) NAYS 8 ABSENT 0. Motion failed.

Comm. LaBarre indicated a desire to continue to work to improve the County's homelessness intake system.

Comm. Somerville highlighted some of the structural challenges to addressing the challenges of housing and homelessness in the community.

Roll Call Vote on Comm. Scott's motion to approve this item: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

- B. **24-074** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Beeman, moved that a resolution authorizing the above midpoint hire of Sophia Curry as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney from Administration be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.
- C. **24-075** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Beeman, moved that a resolution proclaiming the week of April 14, 2024 as National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.
- D. **24-076** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Beeman, moved that a resolution proclaiming April 2024 as "Celebrate Diversity Month" in Washtenaw County be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.
- E. **24-077** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Beeman, moved that a resolution celebrating Earth Day be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.
- F. **24-078** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Beeman, moved that a resolution celebrating April 7 as World Health Day be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.
- 4. Approval of Claims
- A. **24-079** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Beeman, moved that a resolution authorizing the payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of March 25, 2024 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9

NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

X. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

XI. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

Comm. Scott noted that Washtenaw County workers picketed the County Administration building this past Saturday and stated her support for the County's underpaid workers.

Comm. Rabhi said that the County needs to improve the compensation it offers its employees.

Comm. Rabhi asked about potential collaboration between the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Comm. Lyte stated her support for workers at the Friend of the Court, particularly those who have reported mistreatment by superiors and colleagues.

Comm. LaBarre stated his interest in voting on a resolution outlining the Board's preferred outcomes in bargaining with County labor groups.

XIII. PENDING

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Justin Hodge, Chair of
the Board of
Commissioners

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register

By: Bryce Allmacher, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: April 3, 2024