



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 16, 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 October 16, 2024.

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by Comm. Sanders, Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

Members Present: Comms. Shannon Beeman, Andy LaBarre, Crystal Lyte, Jason Maciejewski, Yousef Rabhi, Caroline Sanders, Katie Scott

Members Absent: Comms. Justin Hodge, Annie Somerville

Others Present Andrew DeLeeuw, Deputy County Administrator; Michelle Billard, Corporation Counsel; Tina Gavalier & Catherine Jones-Alther, Finance; Guillermo Hernandez, Director of Human Resources; Brady Peck, Director of Operations; Terrence Williams, Administration; Jeff Rose, ITS; Ashley Hall, BOC Communications and Operations Manager; Ashlyn Poole, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Christine Mikesell, Freedom Twp. Commented on her perception that there is a lack of representation of Southwest Washtenaw County in the Materials Management Planning Committee. Requested a citizen representative from the area who can speak directly to unique concerns in the area.

Renee Klubeck, Scio Twp. Spoke about the lack of broadband services in her neighborhood and her previous conversations about this issue. Asked for District 1 Commissioner's support in obtaining service from Comcast.

IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Comm. Maciejewski stated that he would like to learn more about the Broadband issue. He also commented on the Materials Management Planning Committee and his representation of Western Washtenaw as a resident on the committee as well as an elected official. He cited his close work with Comm. Beeman. Comm. Maciejewski expressed his sympathy for the situation but stated that they are struggling to get applicants for open positions because of the strict mandate from the state.

Comm. Beeman echoed Comm. Maciejewski and the public's sentiments and thanked the speaker for bringing it forward.

Comm. Rabhi commented on the MMPC and thanked the public for speaking about the issues. He stated that he tried to vote against some of the corporate appointees of the committee.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

Comm. Maciejewski reported on the Board of Public Works and highlighted the School Recycling Report and stated that it should be online in the future.

VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Resolution #24-201** Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution to set a Public Hearing on the Brownfield plan for 310-312 E. Huron in the City of Ann Arbor for November 6, 2024, be approved.

Roll Call Vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 0 ABSENT 2. Motion carried.

VII. APPOINTMENTS

None.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that CONSENT AGENDA be approved.

1. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that the minutes of the October 2nd, 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.)
3. None.
4. None.
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- A. Comm. Scott thanked Director Basch for her presentation. She asked about poll workers and the age that they have to be. Lawrence Kestenbaum spoke about poll workers and how the office recruits them.

Comm. Maciejewski asked about Early Voting and Absentee Ballot and the security of ballots. Director Basch spoke about the security measures that take place at each level.

Comm. Maciejewski asked about the Board of Canvassers and their roles and responsibilities. Director Basch explained the process to him.

Comm. Sanders asked about weather and emergency measures. Director Basch detailed the emergency procedure that the county has in place. Clerk Kestenbaum also added some insight.

Comm. Sanders asked the clerks to speak to verifying that their vote was registered. Kestenbaum gave instructions on how someone could verify their vote. Basch spoke about the availability of text notification.

Comm. Rabhi spoke about signature mismatch and what the new laws entailed. He also asked about how clerks would get in touch with a voter with problems with their absentee ballots.

Director Basch detailed the new laws in place regarding curing signatures.

- B. 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 September 24, 2024 through October 8, 2024. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
- C. 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 September, 2024. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

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IX. RESOLUTIONS

- 1. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that First Reading be approved.
- A. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 0 ABSENT 2. Motion carried.

Comm. Beeman asked about the budget.

Water Resources Commissioner, Evan Pratt, specified that costs were hard to estimate because they cannot spend money until it has been authorized.

Approved, moved to 11/6 meeting for Final Reading

- B. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 0 ABSENT 2. Motion carried.
Approved, moved to 11/6 meeting for Final Reading
- C. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 0 ABSENT 2. Motion carried.
Approved, moved to 11/6 meeting for Final Reading
- 2. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that Final Reading be approved.
- A. **Resolution #24-196** Comm. Rabhi abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.
Roll Call Vote: YEAS 6 NAYS 0 ABSENT 3. Motion carried.

- B. **Resolution #24-197** Comm. LaBarre thanked the staff and the public health board for their work on this item.

Roll Call Vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 0 ABSENT 2. Motion carried.

- 3. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that Single Reading be approved.
Roll Call Vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 0 ABSENT 2. Motion carried.
- A. **Resolution #24-198** Roll Call Vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 0 ABSENT 2. Motion carried.

B. **Resolution #24-199** Roll Call Vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 0 ABSENT 2. Motion carried.

4. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved that Approval of Claims be approved .

A. **Resolution #24-200** Roll Call Vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 0 ABSENT 2. Motion carried.

X. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

None.

XI. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

None.

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

Comm. Rabhi stated that he filed his paperwork for a marriage license at the county clerk's office and thanked Yolanda.

Comm. Beeman spoke about the rural and available land and House Bill 5120 going into effect. She requested an info session on the issue.

Comm. Rabhi stated that Washtenaw does a lot for land preservation. He also stated that the county could be doing more.

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XIII. PENDING

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Caroline Sanders,
Vice Chair of the
Board of
Commissioners

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register

By: Ashlyn Poole, Deputy Clerk
Board Approved: November 6, 2024