



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 8, 2025

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 8, 2025.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Lawrence Kestenbaum, Washtenaw County Clerk.

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, 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

Jeremy Haley, Ypsilanti Twp., spoke about affordable housing in Washtenaw County and his perceived disparity in the people who can afford homes and who can only afford to live in apartments. He asked for the commissioners to consider the prices of homes.

Kat Layton, Ypsilanti, spoke about two amendments passed in Ypsilanti for the BOC to open a shelter in Ypsilanti and the BOC to fund an unarmed crisis response team. She spoke about the need

Mary Campbell, Employee of Washtenaw County, AFSCME President congratulated the new commissioners on the new year and their new terms.

IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Comm. Lyte commented on the unarmed task force and invited the sheriff to have a discussion about the issue. She also spoke about the shelter in Ypsilanti and stated that there were other options in the county for sheltering.

Comm. LaBarre echoed some of the points of Comm. Lyte and stated that he welcomes the discussion. He stated that there would be a continuum of care meeting on Tuesday Jan. 14 and that this would be a priority for the meeting. He also stated that he would like to see what HUD policy would look like under the new administration before any decisions are made.

Comm. Scott expressed her agreement with the costs of homes in the county. She expressed her eagerness to work on this issue over the next four years. Stated that she would defer to comm

Comm. Hodge stated that he would reach out to Jeremy to speak about the issues that he raised.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Comm. Hodge nominated Comm. Scott to be Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

Comm. Lyte nominated Comm. Sanders to be Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

Comm. Scott was elected chair of the Board of Commissioners via roll call vote.
Roll Call Vote: Scott: 7 Sanders: 2 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

Comm. Scott nominated Comm. Hodge as Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

Comm. Sanders nominated Comm. Lyte as Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

Roll Call Vote: Hodge:7 Lyte: 2 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

2. **25-003** The Commissioners stated that the rules and regulations would be visited at a later date.

3. Comm. Rabhi nominated Comm. LaBarre to act as Chair of Standing Committee.

7 in favor, 2 opposed (Lyte, Sanders)

Voice vote - motion carried.

Comm. Somerville nominated Comm. Beeman to act as Vice Chair of Standing Committee.

7 In favor, 2 opposed (Lyte, Sanders)

Voice vote - motion carried.

VII. APPOINTMENTS

1. Comm. Scott pulled this item from the agenda.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Somerville moved to approve the consent agenda.
Voice vote - motion carried.

1. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Somerville, moved that the minutes of the December 4, 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. Somerville, 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. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Somerville, 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.)
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IX. RESOLUTIONS

X. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

XI. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Comm. Scott thanked the Board for electing her as chair of the Board and stated that she would continue to work for the county and she reflected on the task ahead of her. She spoke about the pressing challenges in Washtenaw County and her plan for addressing these challenges.

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

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XIII. PENDING

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM

Katie Scott, Chair of
the Board of
Commissioners

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register

By: Ashlyn Poole, Deputy Clerk
Board Approved: January 22, 2025