WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 7, 2025

WORKING SESSION

I. ROLL CALL

A Working Session of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners was held at the Administration Building, in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on May 7, 2025.

The meeting was called to order at 05:32 PM by Comm. LaBarre, Chair of the Working Session.

Members Present:	Comms. Shannon Beeman, Justin Hodge, Andy LaBarre, Crystal Lyte, Jason Maciejewski, Yousef Rabhi, Caroline Sanders (5:38), Katie Scott, Annie Somerville (5:34P)
Members Absent:	Comms.
Others Present	Greg Dill, County Administrator; Andrew DeLeeuw, Deputy County Administrator; Michelle Billard, Corporation Counsel; Tina Gavalier & Catherine Jones-Alther, Finance; Brady Peck, Director of Operations; Terrence Williams, Administration; Guillermo Hernandez, Director of Human Resources; Jeff Rose, ITS; Ashley Hall, BOC Communications and Operations Manager; Ashlyn Poole, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Latitia Lamelle Sharp, Ypsilanti Twp., Washtenaw County Treasurer, stated that she emailed the commissioners and requested a response.

III. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

None.

IV. REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LIAISON

Ashley Hall informed the commissioners that an offer had been made to hire a Board of Commissioners Constituent Outreach Coordinator.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Catherine Jones-Alther provided a 2024 Preliminary Year End Report.

Comm. Scott asked about attrition costs. Jones-Alther provided clarification.

Comm. Rabhi asked about Animal Control Services and Expenditures. He stated his belief that the Board should change its policies regarding providing services to municipalities.

County Administrator Dill stated that they do not have a current policy but stated that he would update the expectations of the service providers.

Comm. Sanders asked about fees collected by municipalities. She suggested that the municipalities send the money directly to the county. Administrator Dill stated that he would convey Board expectations to local service providers.

Comm. Sanders asked about a shortfall from the Sheriff's office. Jones-Alther explained where the shortfall comes from. Comm. Sanders asked what municipalities were not receiving the full level of staff. She also stated that she would provide Comm. Sanders with more information.

Comm. Somerville, asked for more information on the salary market study which Jones-Alther provided.

Comm. Rabhi asked for more information about OCED and the senior nutrition program. Jones-Alther and Kayumi provided more information.

Comm. Somerville asked about notification of the cuts to the senior nutrition funding. Toni Kayumi, OCED Director, provided more information about the funding.

Comm. Maciejewski provided more information on where the cuts originated. He asked about the extra expenditure. Kayumi stated that they used the fund balance so they would not have a waitlist for food and could continue to provide services. Comm. Maciejewski asked about the amount of money the county provides in addition to Ageways. Kayumi stated that she did not have the number at the moment.

Comm. Rabhi stated that he would like to discuss the 5% fee provided to vendors at a later date.

Comm. Sanders asked about the amounts for budget shortfalls for non-general fund items. Jones-Alther stated that she would provide this information to the board.

Comm. Scott spoke about Medicaid funding and the number of people that it would impact in the county.

Comm. Sanders asked what the county had done to evaluate the potential impact if programs are cut. She stated that she would like a realistic number.

Administrator Dill stated that Administration was working to get that information.

Comm. Scott echoed Administrator Dill's statements.

Comm. Sanders asked about contractor invoices and payments. Jones-Alther explained more about the partnership grants for the services being responsible for the payment.

B. Chris Lemon, Ann Arbor Community Foundation, and Sue Ann Savas, Associate Professor, University of MI, provided older adults millage recommendations.

Comm. Somerville thanked Lemon and Savas for the presentation and stated that it was in line with the commissioner's earlier proposals. She spoke about some of the work that she was doing to bring service providers together.

Comm. Hodge thanked Lemon and Savas for their presentation and asked about an equity-sourced approach to distributing funds to Senior Centers. Lemon and Savas provided more information about their plans for allocating funds. He asked for funding suggestions for cohorts. Savas spoke more about the idea.

Comm. Hodge asked about their vision for a partnership, which both provided.

Comm. Maciejewski provided feedback on his thoughts on the nutrition services portion of the presentation. He also spoke about transportation and stated his issue with capacity and funding regarding social aspects.

Comm. Maciejewski asked Savas and Lemon to speak about what they envision with access to healthcare. They provided more detail.

Comm. Scott spoke more about coordinated informed funding.

Comm. Rabhi spoke about his issues with the proposal with the county not being listed as a service provider.

VI. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

VII. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

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Andy LaBarre, Chair of the Working Session
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Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register

By: Ashlyn Poole, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: May 21, 2025