



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 21, 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 May 21, 2025.

The meeting was called to order at 08:27 PM by Comm. Scott, 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: Comms.

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

1. Kelly Wilson, Ypsilanti Twp., spoke in support of the resolution regarding small and minority-owned farms. She spoke about the negative impact of cutting SNAP benefits.

Alice Ralph, Ann Arbor, spoke about the WC Historic Preservation District being awarded from the Michigan Historic Preservation Network.

Dana Rapley, Pittsfield Twp. Spoke about the Woodlawn Cemetery Restoration project. She invited people to join them for a historic restoration day. She recognized Kat Slocum for her work as Historic Preservation Director.

Jeremy Hayley, Ypsilanti Twp., spoke about the housing market crisis and his thoughts on Master Plans in sites and townships and their restrictions on square footage.

IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Comm. Hodge thanked Wilson for her comments and stated that there were many written public comments related to Senior Nutrition and the USDA resolution.

Comm. Beeman thanked Kelly Wilson and spoke about the importance of farmers. She also

expressed her excitement about Historic Preservation and housing concerns.

Comm. Rabhi thanked the speakers and spoke more about small farmers. He expressed his belief that crops should come from smaller farmers. He thanked Alice for presenting the awards and spoke about the great work of the Historic District Commission and his desire for funding for a full-time staff member. He agreed with the comments of Haley. He also spoke about his desire for a Housing Commission in Washtenaw County. He commented on the connected vehicle/toll lane resolution.

Comm. Scott spoke more about the USDA resolution and the importance of farming. She spoke about the Historic District and the upcoming bicentennial. She spoke about the housing crisis Haley spoke about and her desire to create a real estate fund.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

Comm. Maciejewski reported on the upcoming Washtenaw County Clean Up Days. He also reported at the MMPC and spoke about their work on the recycling. He spoke about the potential expansion of the landfill in Comm. Lyte's district.

Comm. LaBarre reported on the NHSP summit and the SPARK luncheon.

Comm. Hodge reported on visiting Lansing and one of the foster grandparents in Wash Co. being named foster grandparent of the year. He spoke about Food Policy Council and the need for Senior Nutrition Funding.

Comm. Rabhi reported on the Parks Commission and the recommendation for Meghan Bonfiglio as Director of Parks and Recreation. He spoke about updates at Mary Lou Murray and purchasing and expanding properties in Comm. Lyte's district. He spoke about updates because of an accident.

Comm. Hodge asked Comm. Rabhi about a timeline on the updates which Rabhi provided.

Comm. Lyte spoke about the Eastside Rec Center. She reported on the Youth Commission and two of the the commissioners received an award. She expressed her pride in the Youth Commission.

Comm. Sanders commented on the NHSP Summit. She spoke about the possibility of Non-profits merging. She also reported on the Raod Commission conducting Contract negotiations. She provided a report on MI Works and how federal cuts affect the agency.

Comm. Beeman spoke more about MI Works and the broad reach of the cuts. She asked for more support to the Board.

Comm. Sanders spoke about taking the MSSl to different commissioners in MI Works.

Comm. Scott and Comm. Beeman spoke more about the federal cuts.

VI. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Terry Delongchamp, IT Operations Manager, provided an update on the Phone Modernization Project.

Comm. Rabhi asked about cybersecurity vulnerabilities, which Delongchamp answered.

He also asked about cost savings. He asked about the use of personal phones. Delongchamp provided more of an explanation.

Comm. Hodge asked about employee stipends and county cell phones. Delongchamp stated that conversations would continue.

Comm. Sanders asked about employee reimbursements and conduct on personal phones. Delongchamp gave a more detailed explanation of the phone customization. She also asked for information regarding other municipalities who utilize Ring Central. Delongchamp spoke about the review process to choose Ring Central. Delongchamp also spoke more about cost savings.

Comm. LaBarre spoke about using Ring Central and its benefits.

Administrator Dill spoke more about the remote working environment. He thanked Delongchamp and his team.

VII. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

None.

VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. None.

IX. APPOINTMENTS

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that the minutes of the May 7, 2025 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. **R-0025** RECEIVED: April 21, 2025: Sylvan Township – Approval of 2025 Update to the 2017 Sylvan Township Master Plan
R-0026 RECEIVED: May 13, 2025: Office of Community & Economic Development – Barrier Busters April 2025 BOC Winter Housing Response Fund Report

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, 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. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that the following reports be received: Report of Standing Committees. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
4. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, 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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- A. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that the following reports be received: Reports Prepared by the Finance Department. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that the following reports be received: Schedule of Fund Balances/Net Positions as of Year End 2024. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that the following reports be received: Schedule of Long Term Liabilities - Last Five Years. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

- B. Dan Merrit presented the Washtenaw County Audit Results.

Comm. Rabhi spoke about the recommendation regarding sub-recipient monitoring. Merrit provided more information. Administration stated that they would provide an update.

The County Accounting department introduced themselves.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved that the following reports be received: presentation of the Washtenaw County Audit results from Nathan Baldermann, CPA, Principal, from Rehmann. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

- C. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi,, moved that the following reports be received: A report on contracts in the amount of \$25,000 and under from April 29, 2025, through May 13, 2025. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

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XI. RESOLUTIONS

1.

- A. Comm. Hodge thanked the Water Resource commissioner and the team. Comm. Somerville, Rabhi, and Scott echoed Comm. Hodge's sentiments.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm.Hodge, moved that a resolution to accept a grant award with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy for the Beyer Dam and approve a county match from Water Resources be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.

B.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm.Hodge, moved that a resolution to reclassify the Legal Assistant Positions in the Public Defenders and Prosecutor's Office from Human Resources be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.

2.

- A. **25-100** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm.Hodge,moved that a resolution setting the 2025 Washtenaw County Millage Rate at 7.3157 from Finance be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

3.

- A. **25-101** Comm. Rabhi noted a typo in the bylaws.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution to amend the Criminal Justice Collaborative Council bylaws be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

- B. **25-102** Comm. LaBarre expressed his appreciation for Bonfiglio and her work.

Comm Scott read a letter from the former Director of Parks and Recreation, Coy Vaughn, supporting Bonfiglio's hiring.

Comm. Somerville congratulated Bonfiglio and spoke about her work with Parks on the Eastside Recreation Center.

Comm. Echoed the sentiments of Comm. Somerville.

Comm. Sanders spoke about Bonfiglio's work at the Eastside Rec Center and expressed her eagerness to work with her.

Comm. Rabhi spoke about Bonfiglio's experience in different county departments.

Bonfiglio thanked the commissioners for their comments and stated that she looked forward to the work.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution authorizing the hiring of Meghan Bonfiglio as Director of Parks and Recreation be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

- C. **25-103** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution in support of USDA staff and commitment to small and minority-owned farms be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

- D. **25-104** Comm. Scott spoke about Tabatha and welcomed her onboard.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution accepting and affirming Tabatha Reynolds as the BOC Constituent Outreach Coordinator be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

- E. **25-105** Comm. Hodge presented a resolution to members of AARP authorizing the county to apply to join the WHO/AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

Ramón Harris, AARP Associate State Director for Community Outreach, thanked the Board and spoke more about AARP and the urgent needs for Older Adults.

Comm. Maciejewski noted that the resolution was not symbolic but that there are steps that the county must take to become part of the community.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution authorizing Washtenaw County to apply to join the World Health Organization/AARP Network of

age-friendly communities be approved.

- F. **25-106** Comm. Rabhi, seconded by Comm. Hodge moved to amend the resolution. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution expressing concern about the I-94 connected and automated vehicle (CAV) corridor project and opposing the implementation of toll lanes on highways through Washtenaw County be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

- G. **25-107** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a proclamation recognizing May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; May 5th -11th as Taiwanese American Heritage Week; and celebrating the 23rd Anniversary of the Michigan Taiwanese American Organization be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

4.

- A. **25-108** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution authorizing the payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of May 12, 2025 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Somerville moved to amend the meeting minutes from the April 16, 2025, Board of Commissioners meeting as requested by the county treasurer. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

Comm. Scott stated that in the future, if county officials provide public comment, the minutes will just list them as citizens or residents instead of using their title.

XIII. PENDING

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

Comm. None, seconded by Comm. None, moved to adjourn. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 5 NAYS 4 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 PM.

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

By: Ashlyn Poole, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: June 4, 2025