WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 4, 2025

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

A session of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners was held at the Manchester City Offices, in Manchester, MI, on June 4, 2025.

The meeting was called to order at 08:31 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; 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. Pat Valliencourt, Manchester, spoke about the senior millage and local senior centers helping as much as possible. She asked the Board to move forward with the original distribution of funds.

   Kimberly Jones, thanked the commissioners for their concerns about CVIT and SAVE. She spoke about her belief that she had not been kept in the loop in conversations and spoke about her concerns with the Sheriff's office. She expressed her belief that SAVE has not been treated professionally or fairly in the process.

   Jeff Stacey, Ann Arbor, provided positive feedback to the Board.

   Mary Campbell, Washtenaw County, spoke about the 2733 contract and stated that she still does not have the contract published. She requested a meeting with administration regarding publishing contracts.

   Monica Prince, Ypsilanti Twp., thanked the Board for the work done on the Senior Center funding resolution. She asked the Board to vote yes on the resolutions.

   Carol Westfall, Freedom Twp., spoke about her concerns with the MMPC Committee and spoke about her concerns about western Washtenaw representation. Spoke about unique risks in Freedom Township.

Laura Sanders, Dexter Twp., spoke about the Washtenaw County ID program and DHS subpoenaing the records. Asked for a record retention policy.

Romero Martinez, Dexter Twp., continued the statements about the Washtenaw County ID program.

Kita Cohen, Ann Arbor, spoke about the County ID program. She spoke about the historical parallels with the current moment and spoke about the importance of the human right to be recognized by the government.

Ariana Gonzalez, Ypsilanti Township, spoke about LAITR (Life After Incarceration: Transition and ReEntry) and their work with the reentry team. She spoke about her recent negative experience with the Sheriff's office administration. She asked the Sheriff's office to be transparent.

Alex Kokesh, Ypsilanti, spoke about LAITR and their work being stopped in the jail. He spoke about the importance of their work and asked for transparency from the sheriff's office.

Elyse Boyle, Ypsilanti, spoke more about LAITR and spoke about the benefits of their services and spoke about concerns for the organization and the people that they serve. She read supportive statements from clients of LAITR's services.

Leeroy Harris, Washtenaw County, expressed his support for LAITR and spoke about the work that they had done for him personally.

Cindy Bodewes expressed her support for the Sheriff and spoke about previous statements made regarding defunding the police. She expressed her disappointment with the commissioners' line of questioning in their discussion with the Sheriff.

Scott Elliot, Ypsilanti, expressed his outrage with the action of ICE's behavior in the community.

Marie Gretz, Milan thanked the Board for their work on the senior millage. She thanked the Board for their work on Senior transportation.

Barbara Nees May, Ypsilanti Twp., recognized the Board for their work on the first resolution for the senior millage. She stated her hope for the resolution to be approved.

Yvonne Cudney, Ypsilanti, spoke about the homelessness of older adults. She spoke about the importance of the funding being released as quickly as possible.

Renee Casey, Washtenaw County Sheriff's office, spoke about the LAITR contract. Expressed her support for continuing the work that LAITR does.

Resident, Chelsea, thanked the Board for their stance regarding ICE and the subpoena request.

Jeremy Haley, Ypsilanti Twp., thanked the Board for their resolution regarding the I-94 lane. He spoke about the importance of supporting local businesses.

Nate, Superior Twp., spoke about the Sheriff's office. He spoke about homelessness and asked the commissioners to do more. Talked about his grandfather and the properties that he owned in Washtenaw County and his issues with it.

Ian Robinson, Ann Arbor, commended the board for their stance in refusing to release County ID data. He expressed his belief that the Board was hostile to the Sheriff. He also spoke about the older persons' millage.

Bob King, Ann Arbor, spoke about the working session and the discussion with the Sheriff. He spoke about federal cuts and the importance of county employees doing the work regarding the millage.

IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Comm. Hodge thanked LAITR and people from his district for coming out. He stated his desire to address the concerns. He thanked the other speakers and expressed his commitment to protecting the ID program.

Comm. LaBarre echoed the sentiments of Comm. Hodge. He thanked Kita Cohen for speaking and thanked the people who spoke about the ICE issue.

Comm. Maciejewski commented on the Materials Management Planning Committee and the process.

Comm. Rabhi commented on the MMPC and stated that he voted against all the members who represented corporations. He also thanked people who spoke about the ID program. He stated his belief that the policy regarding the ID is something that needed to be discussed. He also expressed his agreement with the county being the service provider.

Comm. Beeman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting in Manchester. She thanked everyone for their statements.

Comm. Somerville spoke about the Senior Millage and clarified language in the proposal regarding existing services. She spoke more about the County ID program. She spoke about the feedback that she got regarding working session.

Comm. Lyte thanked everyone for coming out. She spoke about the MMPC appointments and the comments regarding homelessness.
She spoke about LAITR and thanked them for coming to speak. They thanked Jeff for coming out and echoed the sentiments of Comm. Somerville regarding the discussion with the Sheriff. She expressed her desire to be transparent.

Comm. Scott spoke about the importance of getting out to the rural areas and expressed her desire to get out of Ann Arbor for meetings more often. She spoke about the homelessness situation and expressed her desire to speak more about the senior millage. She spoke about interactions with the previous sheriff and expressed her concerns with the current Sheriff's administration.

Comm. Rabhi spoke about his discussion with the former sheriff and the commentary he received.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

Comm. Hodge reported on the Board of Health and the resolution that they passed to recognize one of the staff people for their work.

Comm. Somerville reported on the Community Corrections meeting and CMH. She spoke about the resolution opposing the new MI procurement plan.

Comm. LaBarre spoke about CMH and stated that it would be discussed more in working session.

VI. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

None.

VII. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

None.

VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

IX. APPOINTMENTS

1. **25-109** Comm. Maciejewski, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution appointing a member to serve on the Washtenaw County Materials Management Planning Committee be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

2. **25-110** Comm. Maciejewski, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution appointing a member to the Washtenaw County Board of Public Works be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Beeman, moved that the minutes of the May 21, 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-0027 RECEIVED:** May 15, 2025: State of Michigan: Preliminary State Equalization Report for the 2025 Tax Year
   R-0028 RECEIVED: May 19, 2025: Genesee County: Resolution #2025-1757, A Resolution to Recognize the Month of May as Jewish Heritage Month in Genesee County
   R-0029 RECEIVED: May 13, 2025: Lyndon Township Board of Trustees: Recognizing the Chelsea Senior Center as the senior center of record as requested by the Commissioners

   Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Beeman, 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.Beeman, 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.)

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A. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Beeman, moved that the following reports be received: A report on contracts in the amount of $25,000 and under from May 14, 2025, through May 27, 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. Somerville, seconded by Comm. Maciejewski moved to amend the resolution and correct the language in Section IV, Subsection 3 to correct the language to include "door-to-door and". Voice vote - motion carried.

Comm. Somerville seconded by Comm. Maciejewski moved to amend Section IX: Oversight and Audit of Contractors of the resolution to include "The Board of Commissioners may request an update before the board at a regular Board of Commissioners meeting by the recipient organization." Voice vote - motion carried.

Comm. Hodge moved to amend the language in Section III to add "that are not providing oversight from another department, office, or unit within the county."

Comm. Hodge clarified why he proposed the amendment. Comm. Scott, Somerville, Beeman, and Maciejewski explained their issues by adding the amended language.

Comm. LaBarre asked Comm. Hodge for clarifications on his thoughts which he provided.

Administrator Dill provided more information on the intentions of the language and how the administration interpreted the language.

Comm. Hodge withdrew the amendment.

Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved to amend the language in Section II: Definitions to replace the phrase "Municipally approved" to say "County Approved".

Comm. Beeman expressed her reluctance to add the language, stating that it would appear improper on the county's behalf.

Comm. Hodge expanded his thoughts on the need for this language further.

Comm. Maciejewski provided his thought process on crafting the language and expressed his desire for the language to remain unchanged.

Comm. LaBarre and Comm. Rabhi provided more commentary on their reasons for supporting the amendment.

Comm. Rabhi expressed his desire for every community to designate their Senior

Centers.

Comm. Somerville provided clarification regarding senior center funding.

Comm. Beeman highlighted the issue that the proposed language may cause regarding the City of Milan.

Comm. Sanders expressed her disappointment in the delays with the passing of the resolution. She spoke about concerns that she has been hearing from residents.

Comm. Hodge expressed his feelings on the county choosing which senior centers receive funding.

Comm. Somerville talked about the Director of Aging creating an inter-county agreement with Monroe County.

Comm. Sanders, seconded by Comm. Lyte moved to call the question. Roll Call Vote: Y4 N5 A0. Motion failed.

Comm. Somerville and LaBarre discussed their thoughts further.

Roll Call Vote: YEAS 3 NAYS 6 ABSENT 0. Motion failed.

Comm. Hodge asked about Section 3 and asked for clarification on the language in the section. He expressed his disagreement with moving staff from OCED.
Comm. Hodge seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved to amend Section III, paragraph 4 of the resolution to remove the senior nutrition program from the section.

Comm. Rabhi asked the county administrator about operationalizing the policy in the resolution. Dill stated that he would need to think more about the issue.

OCED stated that they would need more time to evaluate the impact that the movement would have on OCED. Administrator Dill echoed these sentiments.

Comm. Scott asked for more of an explanation at the next meeting.

Comm. Somerville stated that she solicited feedback from her fellow commissioners. Comm. Rabhi stated that he was not able to provide his feedback at the previous Board of Commissioners meeting.

Comm. Maciejewski spoke about some of the questions that OCED asked and spoke about modeling the proposal after Wayne County.

Comm. Scott spoke about the recommendation from OCED in February 2024. Comm. Rabhi asked if their recommendation remained the same.

Administrator Dill stated that administration would follow the framework that the Board set.

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

Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved to amend the language in Section 8 and add a sentence that states, "In the event that external funding, such as state and federal funds, are no longer available for existing older adult programs from the county, funds from this millage shall be used to maintain those programs to ensure no disruption in service growth."

Comm. Scott asked Comm. Maciejewski about the legal risks that the proposed language could add to the county. Maciejewski spoke about the issue.
Comm. Somerville expressed that she did not support the amendment and expressed her concerns about changing the language and the issues that may arise.

Comm. Rabhi asked for some clarity on the intent of the language. Comm. Maciejewski explained further. Comm. Rabhi asked about the language that speaks to the term "supplanting".

Comm. Scott asked for an explanation of what that section meant.

Comm. Rabhi asked to hear from OCED. He stated that he wanted to make the language clear that if funding is eliminated by the state or federal government, the county can fund services.
Comm. Somerville explained that the section being discussed referred to organizations external to the county.
Comm. Rabhi asked for a sentence that clarified that RFPs do not have to be done by county departments. He expressed his concerns regarding the language in section VII.
Comm. Maciejewski clarified that it was not his intention to prevent funding county programs.

Comm. Hodge clarified his thoughts on changing the language to enable the county to use millage dollars for county departments.
Roll Call Vote: YEAS 3 NAYS 6 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

County Administrator Dill clarified that if funding for programming was cut, the departments would follow the normal process to request funds. The chair affirmed that this was correct.
Comm. Somerville, seconded by Comm. Lyte moved to call the question. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 5 NAYS 4 ABSENT 0. Motion failed.

Comm. Rabhi, seconded by Comm. Hodge moved to amend Section III: Administrative Framework, the second to last paragraph and add a section that says the office of aging shall submit all reports to the BOC as required by resolution #24-102.

Comm. Somerville asked if every millage would be amended to add the resolution number. Comm. Hodge stated his belief that the should be amended.
Roll Call Vote: YEAS 5 NAYS 4 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

Comm. Rabhi, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved to amend Section IV, second paragraph. He asked to strike the passage that says "Or request for proposal process."

Comm. Somerville clarified that the language was crafted based on feedback from the community. Comm. Rabhi asked for clarity on the issue which Comm. Maciejewski provided. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 2 NAYS 7 ABSENT 0. Motion failed.

Comm. Rabhi expressed his discomfort with appropriating money to a fund that is not clearly defined.

Comm. Rabhi, seconded by Comm. Hodge moved to amend Section VI regarding the review committee. The language was amended to list the positions, strike where it says "a minimum of three members" and adds, "and two members of the general public." Comm. Somerville explained that at least three people on the Board have to be over the age of 60. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

Comm. Rabhi, seconded by Comm. Hodge moved to amend the language in section VI, paragraph 3 to reference the county's non-discrimination policy. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

Comm. Rabhi, seconded by Comm. Hodge moved to amend the final paragraph of Section VII and add a sentence that states, "this section does not apply to county-run services."

Comm. Lyte asked for clarification from Comm. Maciejewski on the crafting of the language which he provided. Comm. Somerville stated that she would be voting no.

Comm. Somerville, seconded by Comm. Lyte, moved to call the question. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 6 NAYS 3 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

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

Comm. Rabhi, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved to amend Section X: Millage Recipient Transparency and add,

"Organizations that receive funding from older persons service millage will be required to display signage with the Washtenaw County logo that states that the organization receives funding from the taxpayers of Washtenaw County through the Older Persons Millage.

The Director of the Office of Aging will work with the recipient organization to install and maintain signage. Notice should be posted on each organization's website recognizing the county's funding. Awards and announcements shall be posted on social media within14 days of receiving the award. The county shall also be recognized in physical or electronic communication where donors are registered.

All recipients of services shall be informed at the point of service that the services that they are receiving have been paid for by Washtenaw County Older Persons Millage that will be communicated and submitted as a component of the RFP and shall be reported annually to the Office of Aging Services.

Comm. Lyte and Comm. Beeman expressed their disagreement with the amendment as the county may not be the sole funding source for their services. Comm. Beeman stated that this policy may push some people away from requesting funds.

Comm. Lyte stated that the work that the Board does will speak for itself.

Comm. LaBarre expressed his support.

Comm. Scott and Comm. Maciejewski expressed their thoughts on the amendment.

Comm. Hodge asked the other commissioners if there were any changes that they could add to the amendment that would make them more comfortable voting for it.

Comm. Rabhi spoke about his belief that it is important to know what their tax dollars are funding.

Comm. Somerville stated that the current language enables the Director of Aging to work with agencies to recognize county contributions.

Comm. Sanders provided her reasoning for opposing the amendment.

Comm. Hodge asked the commissioners for ideas on the amendment.

Comm. Beeman urged the board not to be too prescriptive. Comm. Rabhi explained that he was prepared to propose the amendments at the previous Board meeting, But was denied. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 3 NAYS 6 ABSENT 0. Motion failed.

Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved to amend Section IV, subsection 2 of the resolution to strike $200,000 from the section.

Comm.Sanders expressed her disagreement with the amendment and stated that she would be comfortable with saying "a minimum of $200,000"

Comm. LaBarre, Comm. Beeman, and Comm. Somerville expressed why they would not support them.

Comm. Rabhi and Comm. Hodge expressed their support.

Comm. Maciejewski expressed his belief that it was important to set a minimal amount.

Roll Call Vote: YEAS 3 NAYS 6 ABSENT 0. Motion failed.

Comm. Rabhi, seconded by Comm. Hodge moved to amend Section Iv, subsection 2 to add " All county residents age 60 or older and does not turn anyone away from services that are provided by this millage"

Comm. Sanders expressed her support for the amendment and proposed some clarifications in the amended language.

Comm. Beeman stated that there could be some issues with specifying county residents as there could be seniors visiting from surrounding counties.

Comm. Maciejewski provided his thoughts on membership fees.

Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 1 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

Comm. Rabhi stated that he had a few questions about the resolution before he could vote yes.

Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 1 ABSENT 0. Motion carried as amended.

B. Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved to amend $1.8 million to 2 million to include Lincoln Golden Ages.

Comm. Hodge detailed why he supported giving them $200,000.

Comm. LaBarre stated his belief that this was the right time to include the Senior Centers. He expressed his support for the amendment.

Comm. Lyte asked why the centers had not requested funds in the past.

Comm. Hodge explained his methods for reaching out to the senior centers.

Comm. LaBarre explained why he did not agree with granting funds to Turner Senior Center.

Comm. Somerville, Comm. Maciejewski, and Comm. LaBarre provided their thoughts on the two centers being a part of larger organizations.

Comm. Scott explained that she would vote no because of the difficulty in contacting Lincoln Golden Ages.

Roll Call Vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 1 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.

Comm. Rabhi, seconded by Comm. Hodge moved to give Ypsilanti City and Ypsilanti Twp. $400,000.

Comm. Somerville shared her thoughts and the construction of the resolution and stated that she would be voting no.

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

Comm. Rabhi stated that he did not feel the resolution was ready and stated that he would be voting no.

Comm. Somerville thanked everyone for the work on the resolution.

Voice vote - motion carried.

2.

A. **25-111** 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. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.

B. **25-112** 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. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.

3.

A. **25-113** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution to ratify the application and acceptance of a grant award from the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan for safe storage initiatives from the Prosecutor be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.

B. **25-114** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution ratifying the grant application to the Michigan Bureau of Elections from the County Clerk be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.

C. **25-115** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution ratifying the application submission to the Michigan State Court Administrative Office for the FY26 Michigan Drug Court Grant Program for the Family Treatment Court from the Trial Court be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.

D. **25-116** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution ratifying the electronic application to the Michigan State Court Administrative Office for the FY26 Michigan Drug Court Grant Program from the Trial Court be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.

E. **25-117** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution ratifying the application and acceptance of the CLG grant from the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.

F. **25-118** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution approving the 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan and authorizing the County Administrator to sign the Washtenaw Urban County 2025 Action Plan for HUD, from the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.

G. **25-119** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution proclaiming June 19th as the Washtenaw County observance of Juneteenth be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.

H. **25-120** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution declaring June as Pride Month in Washtenaw County be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.

I. **25-121** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution declaring the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Washtenaw County be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.

J. **25-123** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge moved that a resolution opposing the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' plan to implement a competitive procurement process for prepaid inpatient health plans be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.

4.

A. **25-122** 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 26, 2025 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

Comm. LaBarre stated that he would be working on draft language to a one time allocation of millage dollars.

Comm. Hodge thanked the city of Manchester and the Mayor for hosting the meeting and thanked the staff for making the meeting happen.

Comm. Rabhi thanked the Chair for the way that she handled the meeting.

Comm. Beeman thanked Manchester for welcoming the Board.

Comm. Scott echoed these sentiments and thanked staff for their work in making the meeting happen.

XIII. PENDING

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

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

The meeting adjourned at 01:50 AM.

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Katie Scott, Chair of the Board of Commissioners

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Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register

By: Ashlyn Poole, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: July 2, 2025