



# WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 2, 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 July 2, 2025.

The meeting was called to order at 05:33 PM by Comm. LaBarre, Chair of the Working Session.

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| Members Present: | Comms. Shannon Beeman, Justin Hodge, Andy LaBarre, Crystal Lyte, Jason Maciejewski, Yousef Rabhi, Caroline Sanders, Katie Scott, Annie Somerville                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Members Absent:  | Comms.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| 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

Marna Harney, Augusta Twp, asked about plans to build a

### III. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

### IV. REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LIAISON

### V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Youth representatives from the Washtenaw County Youth Commission gave their annual update.

Comm. Lyte thanked the Youth Commissioners for their dedication to the commission. Comm. Beeman echoed these sentiments.

Comm. Rabhi echoed the sentiments of his colleagues and spoke about his early time on the Board of Commissioners and encouraged them to explore their ambitions to run for office. Comm. Somerville thanked the Youth Commission for their presentation and asked them about the next steps which the commissioners spoke about.

Comm. LaBarre thanked the commissioners and encouraged them and wished them good luck.

- B. Amanda Carlilse, Washtenaw Housing Alliance. Aaron Cooper, Avalon Housing, and Jennifer Hall, Ann Arbor Housing Commission provided a Continuum of Care Housing update.

Comm. Somerville expressed her excitement about upcoming projects. She asked about the impact of terminating housing vouchers and how the decision about whom to terminate will be made. Hall provided more information.

Comm. Scott asked about how federal cuts would impact Avalon housing. Cooper spoke more about this. She asked if the millage would be able to mitigate the effect of the cuts. The group provided more information.

Comm Sanders asked about street outreach. She also asked Carlilse to explain what a Continuum of Care and their added value. Carlilse explained what Continuum of Care services occur.

Comm. Sanders asked who holds Continuum of Care accountable and asked about parking at Dunbar Towers. Hall provided information about the plans they have for parking.

Comm. Sanders spoke more about the parking lot and expressed interest in touring Dunbar Towers. She stated that she would like dollar amounts when viewing information. She asked about the waitlist for each property. Cooper elaborated on these questions.

Comm. Sanders asked how waitlist openings were advertised. Hall spoke more about this.

Comm. Rabhi thanked them for their work and asked about Dunbar Tower and who owns it and the incentive structure for private developers owning the property. Hall spoke more about Dunbar Tower and the ownership structure. Comm. Rabhi stated that they would sit down and talk more about the issue.

Comm. Rabhi asked about marijuana revenue going to the housing commission and the revenue that Avalon receives from the city of Ann Arbor. He spoke about the affordable housing project over the years.

Comm. Lyte asked about Brownfield funding and what the requirements for affordable housing were. She also asked about communications with the Superior Twp. Supervisor and stated that she would facilitate a conversation with the supervisor. Hall spoke to his issue and stated that she had not had a conversation with the supervisor.

Comm. LaBarre asked about HUD and the federal government cutting vouchers and accepting outside funds. Hall answered this question. He also asked about funds from the YSG Endowment. Carlilse spoke to this issue.

Comm. Somerville asked if they could look into people over the age 60 who would need vouchers in the future and how the older persons' millage could assist with their needs in the future.

Comm. Rabhi spoke more about Brownfield and affordable housing.

- C. Catherine Jones-Alther, Deputy Finance Officer, provided a Q1 Budget Update for 2025.

Comm. Hodge asked about ARPA interest earnings. Jones-Alther spoke more about this. Comm. Hodge asked to speak with Comm. Hodge asked about the impact on the budget of the Office of Aging. Jones-Alther expanded on this.

Comm. Scott asked about attrition and asked Jones-Alther to speak more about attrition. County Administrator Dill suggested that there be a more targeted discussion about attrition at the next Board meeting. Jones-Alther provided more information on how finance calculated the attrition numbers.

Comm. Beeman asked about the slides, which Jones-Alther clarified.

Comm. Sanders asked to see the slides separated for expenditures. She asked about the funds allocated for board-directed spending, and she requested a report for these numbers on a quarterly basis.

Comm. Scott stated her concerns about board-directed spending increasing over the years.

Comm. Sanders stated that they could speak about the spending at a future date. She asked about the PDQ process which Jones-Alther elaborated on.

Comm. LaBarre asked for a year-to-date number for the sponsored cost.

Comm. Somerville spoke about the sponsorship opportunities over the county and stated that she would ask for funds in her district because of the high needs in her district.

Comm. Scott and Comm. LaBarre stressed their belief that it was good for the county to do things in the community.

## VI. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

## VII. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

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

The meeting adjourned at 07:56 PM.

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| Andy LaBarre, Chair of<br>the Working Session |
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Lawrence  
Kestenbaum,  
Clerk/Register

By: Ashlyn Poole, Deputy Clerk  
Board Approved: August 6, 2025