



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 3, 2021

WAYS & MEANS

I. Roll Call

A session of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners was held virtually (due to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic) using Zoom videoconferencing on February 3, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Comm. Hodge, Chair of the Ways and Means Committee.

Members Present: Comms. **Andy LaBarre** (City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI), **Justin Hodge** (Ypsilanti Twp., Washtenaw County, MI), **Caroline Sanders** (Pittsfield Twp., Washtenaw County, MI), **Sue Shink** (Northfield Twp., Washtenaw County, MI), **Katie Scott** (City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI), **Jason Morgan** (Washington, D.C.), **Jason Maciejewski** (Dexter Twp., Washtenaw County, MI), **Shannon Beeman** (Village of Manchester, Washtenaw County, MI), and **Ricky Jefferson** (Ypsilanti Twp., Washtenaw County, MI)

Members Absent: None

Others Present County Administrator, Greg Dill; Diane Heidt, Deputy County Administrator; Michelle Billard, Corporation Counsel; Jerry Clayton, County Sheriff; Brenda Stumbo, Ypsilanti Twp. Supervisor; Mary Kerr & team, Washtenaw County Convention and Visitor's Bureau; Kelly Belknap & Tina Gavalier, Finance; Andrew DeLeeuw & team, OIM; Monica Boote, Human Resources; Judy Kramer, Risk Management; Alize Asberry Payne & Crystal Campbell, Racial Equity Office; Edwin Peart & Reyanne Gallippo, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

II. Citizen Participation

The following people spoke about service industry conditions, specifically referring to indoor dining re-opening when unsafe, the lack of vaccinations, and restaurants and bars defying mandates: Kimberly Anderson, Gabrielle Bussell, Lisa Schramm, Chris Strawder, and Daric Thorne.

III. Commissioner Follow-Up To Citizen Participation

The BOC thanked those who spoke, and expressed concerns/opinions around restaurants reopening (for dine-in eating), the Public Health Department's scope of authority (for shutting down indoor dining), financial relief for County residents, and the economic and public health impacts of prematurely reopening.

IV. New Business

A. Administration

1. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the Washtenaw County Convention and Visitor's Bureau FY 2021 Budget be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

V. Report of the County Administrator

Greg updated the BOC on the County's vaccine distribution efforts, and talked about building more trust in the community through consistent messaging on all platforms, with a more comprehensive update for the BOC within a week.

VI. Report of the Chair of the Board

Comm. Shink talked about vaccination efforts in Washtenaw County, and reported on the first meeting of the Criminal Justice Collaborative Council (CJCC).

VII. Report of the Chair of Ways & Means

Comm. Hodge thanked both the administrative and support teams, and announced that the BOC would take a short break between meetings.

VIII. Items for Current/Future Discussion

Comms. Jefferson, Scott, and Maciejewski asked questions about the danger of new strain of vaccine, vaccination availability, and having wheelchairs for elderly residents at the Convocation Center (and people to assist in the vaccination process), to which Greg Dill confirmed that there would be proper signage at the Convocation Center.

Comm. Sanders talked about making sure people know who their County Commissioner is while also providing help to residents not within a certain commissioner district.

Comms. LaBarre and Morgan expressed support for a resolution calling for passage of the American Rescue Plan.

IX. Pending

X. Adjournment

Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Justin Hodge, Chair

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register
By: Edwin Peart, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: 2/17/21