



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 6, 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 August 6, 2025.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM by Comm. LaBarre, Chair of the Working Session.

Members Present:	Comms. Shannon Beeman, Justin Hodge, Andy LaBarre, Crystal Lyte (6:02P), Jason Maciejewski, Yousef Rabhi, Caroline Sanders(6:02P), 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; 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

Virginia Morgan, Dexter Twp., spoke about Camp Burt Shirley and encouraged the Board of Commissioners to act to restore the camp.

Shonagh Taruza, Pittsfield Twp., thanked the Board for their support of the Eastside Family Center and their work to get it open.

III. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

IV. REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LIAISON

Ashley Hall spoke about Commissioner summer townhalls and thanked the Racial Equity Office team for their work in the community.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Jeremy Lapedis, Executive Director of Washtenaw Health Project, Jimena Loveluck, Public Health Officer, Trish Cortes, Executive Director, Community Mental Health, Nicole Phelps, CMH Finance Manager and Toni Kayumi, Director, Office of Community and Economic Development, Ellis Johnson, Finance Operations Division Administrator, presented the medicare and general funding impacts of the recent H.R. 1: One Big

Beautiful Bill Act.

Comm. Hodge thanked everyone who presented and asked about the potential for the county to maintain healthcare coverage for the residents who lose coverage. Lapedis spoke more about this potential. He also spoke about modeling a program after the Voluntary Income Tax Assistance.

Comm. LaBarre asked about knowledge and staff capacity. Lapedis spoke more about this.

Comm. Scott thanked the speakers and spoke about the work that they were conducting. She asked them to speak more about the ways that the Board could mitigate some of the impacts of the bill. Loveluck spoke more about this. She stated that she was interested in the Board thinking about how they can mitigate some of the harm and create resilience in the community.

Comm. Sanders asked for more information on outsourcing mental health support. She asked how fair treatment of residents is assured and asked about the oversight that occurs. Cortes spoke more about this.

Comm. Rabhi thanked the presenters and commented on healthcare and his belief that it is a human right and that a single-payer system is needed. He spoke more about the health care system in the country. He spoke about the concept of public hospitals and the monopolization of the health care system. He spoke about potential cuts in county funding.

Comm. Beeman spoke about the medical care that is absent in rural cities in America. She also spoke about opportunity zones and the need for advocacy.

Comm. Maciejewski spoke about barriers in access to healthcare and the negative impacts that the bill will have.

Comm. Somerville spoke about preventing people from falling into homelessness. She spoke about potentially providing general fund money to help residents. She spoke about supporting the Washtenaw Health Plan.

Comm. LaBarre spoke about preserving staff positions and the importance of experienced people providing services. He asked the presenters to monitor and report on the public reactions to the bill. He also asked the Board to think about how to survive the administration.

VI. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

VII. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

Comm. None, seconded by Comm. None, moved to adjourn. Voice vote - motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 07:02 PM.



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

By: Ashlyn Poole, Deputy Clerk
Board Approved: September 3, 2025