WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 3, 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 September 3, 2025.

The meeting was called to order at 05:34 PM by Comm. LaBarre, Chair of the Working Session.

Members Present:	Comms. Shannon Beeman, Justin Hodge, Andy LaBarre, Crystal Lyte (5:37), Jason Maciejewski, Yousef Rabhi, Caroline Sanders (5:36), 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

III. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

IV. REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LIAISON

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Catherine Jones-Alther, Deputy Finance Director, provided a Q2 Budget update.

Comm. Scott asked about the Sheriff Contract Leasing model. Jones-Alther provided clarification on the changes in the structure.

Comm. Somerville asked Jones-Alther to elaborate on the Sheriff's office budget and FMLA and hours. Jones-Alther stated that they were still waiting for more information on this issue.

Comm. Scott asked about millage surplus funds. Jones-Alther explained further.

Comm. Rabhi asked about attrition and what has been budget. Jones-Alther provided clarity.

Comm. Somerville asked for clarity on contract policing and the amount the county is contributing. Jones-Alther provided that clarification.

Comm. Somerville asked about the impact that elections have on the budget shortfall in Clerk/Register of Deeds. Jones-Alther explained further.

Comm. Sanders asked about the animal control shortfall. Jones-Alther explained that the shortfall was what hadn't been collected in Q2.

Administrator Dill explained administration's ongoing conversations with the municipalities and stated his plan to close any shortfalls by the end of the year.

Comm. Rabhi asked about municipalities' agreements to pay. Dill reiterated that those conversations were ongoing.

Comm. Rabhi asked for clarification on existing agreements and anticipated revenue which Jones-Alther provided.

Comm. Sanders asked to clarify the reason for the shortfall in the Sheriff's office and billing the locals. Jones-Alther explained the new billing process. Sanders asked for a breakdown of those figures. Jones-Alther stated that she will provide those figures.

Administrator Dill stated that Administration would ensure that the board receives the numbers that they are requesting.

Comm. Sanders relayed her staffing and safety concerns.

Comm. Rabhi asked for further clarification on the issue of contract policing. Jones-Alther provided more information. He asked about attrition.

Comm. Scott asked about contract policing and how locals are paying regarding overtime. Jones-Alther provided more information. Comm. Scott expressed her concerns with this billing issue.

Administrator Dill stated that this issue is a part of the conversations that have been occurring with local jurisdictions.

Comm. Somerville asked about contract policing and the contract policy.

Comm. Sanders asked about overtime and what is built into the contract.

Comm. Rabhi asked about overtime billing and if it was included in the contract. Jones-Alther stated that she could get more information on the issue.

Comm. Hodge provided context on his conversations that he has had with some local municipalities.

Comm. Sanders commented on Comm. Hodge's statement. She asked about refunding municipalities.

Comm. Dill reemphasized that Administration was in communication with municipalities about this issue.

Comm. Somerville asked if Jones-Alther had any ideas on why there was a budget shortfall in the senior nutrition program. She provided her thoughts on why that is.

Comm. Scott spoke about the Health Department and how the funding may be impacted.

B. Catherine Jones-Alther, Deputy Finance Director provided the Resource Management Priority Report.
Jones-Alther recognized Ben Hourani and Alex Waterhouse for their work on the the report.

Comm. LaBarre asked what percentage of funds were Federal passthrough. Jones-Alther stated that she did not have that inforamtion.

Comm. Somerville asked about the new voting laws that have been enacted. Jones-Alther explained where those expenses would fall in the budget.

Comm. Scott asked for clarification on some figures which Jones-Alther provided. She also asked about support services which Jones-Alther clarified.

Comm. Scott asked the commissioners to make note of the figures on the General Fund Support By Mandate Level slide.

Comm. Rabhi asked about the state mandate and the funding provided by the state. Jones-Alther spoke more about this.

Comm. LaBarre asked about the format of the report.

Comm. Hodge thanked the team for their work.

Comm. Scott expressed her excitement to go through all of the information provided.

Comm. Beeman thanked Jones-Alther for her effort and noted aspects of the report.

Administrator Dill thanked the organization, the executive leadership team, and finance for all of their work.

VI. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

VII. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

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

The meeting adjourned at 07:08 PM.

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

By: Ashlyn Poole, Deputy Clerk
Board Approved: September 17, 2025