



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 1, 2025

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

A session of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners was held at the Administration Building, in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on October 1, 2025.

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 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; Tina Gavalier & Catherine Jones-Alther, Finance; Guillermo Hernandez, Director of Human Resources; Brady Peck, Director of Operations; Terrence Williams, Administration; Jeff Rose, ITS; Ashley Hall, Director of Board Operations; Tabatha Reynolds, Board of Commissioners Constituent Outreach Coordinator; Brenden McArthur, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bill Bray, Manchester Township, spoke about blight concerns in his neighborhood. He also expressed concerns about kids in his neighborhood.

Christine Mikesell, Freedom Township, spoke in opposition to an anaerobic biodigester proposed for her community.

Christie Cooper, City of Ypsilanti, spoke on behalf of the Ypsilanti Library's Board of Trustees regarding their resolution requesting that Washtenaw County allocate funds for establishment and operation of a homeless shelter in the city.

Jeremy Haley, Ypsilanti Township, spoke regarding data centers and the electricity they require.

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IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Comm. Somerville addressed the Trustee from the Ypsilanti library. She stated the Shelter Association is looking for a location to establish an additional shelter in the Ypsilanti area. Outreach has also been increased. She would love to help however possible.

Comm. Rabhi spoke regarding his opposition to public dollars subsidizing private development. He would rather see that money go towards things that benefit the public, like shelters.

Comm. Hodge thanked Jeremy for his ongoing advocacy regarding data centers.

Comm. Beeman thanked everyone for speaking. She clarified the concerns regarding the aerobic biodigester in Freedom Township.

Comm. Scott thanked Bill for looking out for neighborhood children. She addressed the ongoing violence in the world.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

Comm. LaBarre reported that he attended a CMH Committee meeting where they discussed concerns around what DHS is doing. the COC had a co-chair step down, Comm. LaBarre is now a co-chair.

Comm. Hodge reported that the Board of Health had several presentations at their last meeting that included their strategic plan, a public health workforce interest and needs survey, and the federal government and vaccines. He clarified that anyone can get the COVID vaccine, and it will be covered by insurance. The Board of Health also passed a WIC breastfeeding resolution and a resolution reaffirming its commitment to health equity.

VI. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Beth Gibbons, Resiliency Officer Director, provided a brief presentation on data centers. Commissioner comment followed.
2. Meghan Bonfiglio, Director of Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, provided a brief presentation with updates on the Eastern Washtenaw Community Recreation Center. Commissioner comment followed.

VII. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

None.

VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

None.

IX. APPOINTMENTS

1. A resolution appointing two members to the Washtenaw County Board of Canvassers. This item was pulled by Chair Scott to be considered at the October 15, 2025 meeting.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that the minutes of the September 17, 2025 and September 24, 2025 meetings of the Board of Commissioners be

approved. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

2. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, 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.)

R-0048 RECEIVED: September 17, 2025: Chippewa County: Resolution Supporting Michigan Senate Bills 293 and 294.

R-0049 RECEIVED: September 17, 2025: Senior Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP): Quarter 1 Report.

R-0050 RECEIVED: September 22, 2025: Ypsilanti District Library: Resolution Reinforcing the City of Ypsilanti's Resolution Requesting Washtenaw County Allocate Funds Toward the Establishment and Operation of a Permanent Shelter in Ypsilanti for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness.

R-0051 RECEIVED: September 24, 2025: Ann Arbor Charter Township Planning Commission: Notice of a Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Update of the Master Plan.

3. None.
4. None
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- A. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that the following reports be received: A report on contracts in the amount of \$25,000 and under from September 9, 2025, through September 23, 2025. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
6. None.

XI. RESOLUTIONS

1.
 - A. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution adopting the exemption option for PA 152 of 2011 with negotiated premium sharing be approved. Comm. Rabhi abstained from the vote. Voice vote - motion carried.
2.
 - A. **25-200** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution modifying the soil erosion and sediment control fee schedule and create 1.0 FTE Soil Erosion Control Officer position from the Water Resources Commissioner be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
 - B. **25-201** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution authorizing the signature of the County Administrator on the lease with the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study from Facilities be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

3.

- A. **25-202** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution declaring November 2025 family court awareness month be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- B. **25-203** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution opposing the elimination of the Household Food Security Survey by the U.S. Department of Agriculture be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

4.

- A. **25-204** 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 September 22, 2025 be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

Comm. Rabhi spoke about the message regarding the government shutdown that is displayed on the federal HUD website. Comm. LaBarre noted that it is a violation of the Hatch act.

Comm. Scott acknowledged that the budget considerations over the next few weeks will be difficult, but thanked the staff for their work.

XIII. PENDING

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Katie Scott, Chair of
the Board of
Commissioners

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register

By: Brenden McArthur, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: October 15, 2025