



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 17, 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 17, 2021.

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

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present County Administrator, Greg Dill; Diane Heidt, Deputy County Administrator; Michelle Billard, Corporation Counsel; Prosecutor Eli Savit, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Treasurer Catherine McClary & Sue Bos, Treasurer's Office; Sheriff Jerry Clayton & Derrick Jackson, Sheriff's Office; Kelly Belknap & team, Finance; Andrew DeLeeuw & team, OIM; Alize Asberry Payne & Crystal Campbell, Racial Equity Office; Jimena Loveluck, Health Department; Coy Vaughn & Meghan Bonfiglio, Parks and Recreation; Monica Boote, Human Resources; Teresa Gillotti, OCED; Judy Kramer, Risk Management; Peter Lindeman, County Administration; Edwin Peart & Reyanne Gallippo, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

II. Citizen Participation

Chris Savage, Brian Greminger, and Josephine Rood read a resolution (passed by the Washtenaw County Democratic Party) regarding an enhanced COVID-19 response and resolving inequities amid the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly referencing black residents in Washtenaw County.

Debbie Swanson expressed her concerns around confusion surrounding the COVID-19 vaccine in Washtenaw County.

Reverend Jeffery Harrold expressed his concerns with inequalities in resources available to the community.

Jo Ann McCollum talked about Washtenaw County's most vulnerable populations, specifically referring to West Willow and 48197/98 zip codes.

James McCargar, a retired teacher shared a short story with the BOC.

Don Trevilini expressed concerns around communication with the BOC, specifically referencing an unanswered inquiry.

III. Commissioner Follow-Up To Citizen Participation

Comms. Jefferson, Morgan, Scott, and Maciejewski thanked everyone for speaking, and talked about getting the community involved in the decision-making process and being able to accurately answer constituents' questions about COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

IV. New Business

A. Office of Community & Economic Development

1. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the Michigan State Housing Development Authority Emergency Rental Assistance Grant be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

B. Treasurer

1. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the Borrowing Resolution for 2021 General Obligation Limited Tax Notes for 2020 delinquent taxes be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

C. Sheriff

1. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the creation of a Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion position be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
2. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the LEADD Program Coordinator position creation be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
3. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the 2021 Vital Strategies Grant Acceptance be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

D. Prosecuting Attorney

1. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the creation of a LEADD Prosecutor position be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

E. Parks and Recreation

1. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that a resolution establishing a special revenue fund for the perpetual maintenance of Washtenaw County Parks and Trails be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

F. Facilities Management

1. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the DTE On-Site Energy Manager Participation Agreement be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

- V. Report of the County Administrator
Greg Dill (County Administrator), Jimena Loveluck (Health Officer), and Alize Asberry Payne (Racial Equity Officer) updated the BOC on the County's vaccine distribution framework, and indicated that they would send a written communication to the BOC soon. Greg also thanked the BOC for its support around the County's weather closure, and ended by updated the BOC on the County's sheltering model.
- VI. Report of the Chair of the Board
Comm. Shink thanked the BOC and staff for supporting her efforts in addressing concerns around COVID-19 vaccines.
- VII. Report of the Chair of Ways & Means
Comm. Hodge addressed some of the concerns raised around community engagement with the Health Department (and the Board of Health). He also reported on the Health Department's mass distribution of masks last weekend. He ended with reporting on the Community Action Board's past meeting.
- VIII. Items for Current/Future Discussion
Comm. Jefferson addressed concerns around community engagement with the Health Department (and the Board of Health), referencing specific organizations.
- IX. Pending
- X. Adjournment
Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Shannon Beeman, moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 PM.

Justin Hodge, Chair

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

Board Approved: March 3, 2021