



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 19, 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 November 19, 2025.

The meeting was called to order at 8:14 P.M. 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

Trische' Duckworth, Ypsilanti Township, spoke regarding prison conditions at WHV.

Krystal Clark, Women's Huron Valley incarcerated, spoke regarding prison conditions at WHV.

Tracy, Ypsilanti, spoke regarding prison conditions at WHV.

Kelly Smith, Ann Arbor, spoke regarding prison conditions at WHV.

Laura Sanders, Dexter Twp, spoke regarding ICE involvement with the Ann Arbor police.

Ryan Gabel, Scio Twp, spoke regarding the Sheriff's budget.

Carolyn Stark, Ann Arbor, spoke regarding ICE.

Bill Bray, Manchester Twp, spoke about blight issues in his community and the lack of response from local officials.

Dave Drennen, Northville Twp, spoke about the Arbor Hills Landfill and expressed opposition

to the proposed new landfill.

Emmy Dextell, Ypsilanti, spoke regarding the Sheriff's budget and expressed opposition to jail lockdowns.

Jeremy Haley, Ypsilanti Twp, spoke regarding property taxes and millage increases.

Bob King, Ann Arbor, spoke regarding the Sheriff's budget and in appreciation of the Sheriff for ensuring humane jail conditions and opposing ICE.

Elisa Gyton, Ann Arbor, spoke regarding the County budget and the mental health crisis.

Ian Robinson, Ann Arbor, spoke regarding the county budget and other challenges facing the County.

Hannah McCarthy, Ann Arbor Twp, spoke about prison conditions at WHV.

Elina Shaheen, Wayne County Resident, spoke about prison conditions at WHV.

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IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Comm. Hodge addressed those who spoke regarding prison conditions at WHV and expressed his support of the Commissioners passing a resolution regarding the issue. In addition, he addressed property tax concerns and millage increases.

Comm. Lyte thanked all those who spoke and those who continue to inform the commissioners of issues, such as the prison conditions at WHV, around the County. She clarified that she does not support anyone living in inhumane conditions. She spoke about the concerns regarding the prison conditions, the proposed landfill expansion, and the Sheriff's budget.

Comm. Rabhi thanked all those who came to speak and participate in democracy. He spoke about the lack of action from the state regarding the WHV prison and demanded accountability, spoke in opposition of ICE, stated that he opposes the proposed landfill expansion and supports pensions for County employees. In addition, he expressed agreement with the argument against millages and would like to find other revenue sources.

Comm. Beeman echoed the previous Commissioner comments and spoke about the inhumane conditions at the WHV Prison. She addressed the comments regarding blight concerns and will reach out to Manchester Twp. She spoke about her concerns surrounding ICE. Regarding pensions, she would like to do what is best for the budget and the employees.

Comm. Somerville stated that she does not support the proposed landfill expansion. She supports bringing back pensions for employees who would like to choose it. She acknowledged the feedback received regarding the Sheriff's budget. She spoke about local agencies working with ICE. She supports the resolution regarding inhumane conditions at the WHV Prison.

Comm. Sanders acknowledged that WHV is in her district and has been asking questions regarding the conditions, she will be going on a tour. She does not support these inhumane

conditions for inmates. She addressed the landfill.

Comm. Scott stated that she has requested that the Racial Equity Officer schedule a tour at WHV. She spoke about her opposition to ICE. She reiterated that attrition was done across the board and was not directed at the Sheriff.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

Comm. Hodge stated that there is now a Liaison Report Packet in the Board report that can be viewed by the public.

Comm. Lyte reported that Alpha House in Superior Township has cut the ribbon for the temporary housing facility.

Comm. Somerville reported from the Commission on Aging.

Comm. Sanders reported from WATS, a Michigan Works meeting she attended, and the Washtenaw County Road Commission.

Comm. Maciejewski reported from the Board of Public Works and the Materials Management Planning Committee.

Comm. LaBarre reported from the COC.

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VI. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. County Administrator Dill provided a brief update on the Eastern Washtenaw Community Rec Center and introduced the new Director of Aging Services.

VII. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair Scott spoke about the need for food assistance throughout the County.

1. Jeremy Lapedis, Executive Director at Washtenaw Health Project, provided a brief presentation about developing Washtenaw Care. Commissioner comment followed.

VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Comm. Scott opened (and closed) a Public Hearing on the 2026-2029 Quadrennial Budget at 10:35 PM (with no public comment).

2. Comm. Scott opened (and closed) a A Public Hearing on the Brownfield Plan for 716 Sandborn Rd, Manchester, MI at 10:36 PM. (with no public comment).

IX. APPOINTMENTS

1. **25-217** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution appointing a member to the Materials Management Planning Committee be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that the minutes of the November 5, 2025 meeting 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. Hodge, 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-0072 RECEIVED: November 4, 2025: Augusta Township: Notice of Augusta Township Receipt of form 6052 Application for Solar Energy Facility Exemption Certificate
R-0073 RECEIVED: November 5, 2025: City of Ypsilanti: Resolution to Affirm the City of Ypsilanti's Commitment to Peace, Join Mayors for Peace, and Oppose the Los Alamos – University of Michigan Data Center
R-0074 RECEIVED: November 7, 2025: Washtenaw County Community Mental Health: Annual Report for the 2024 Fiscal Year
R-0075 RECEIVED: November 12, 2025: Washtenaw County Commission on Aging: Recommendation for Development of RFPs for Older Persons' Millage Funding
R-0076 RECEIVED: November 13, 2025: Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: 2023 & 2024 Brownfield Redevelopment Report
3. None.
4. None.
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- A. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that the following reports be received: A report on contracts in the amount of \$25,000 and under from October 28, 2025 through November 12, 2025. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
- B. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that the following reports be received: A report from the Washtenaw County Road Commission on the summary of service requests for the month of October, 2025. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
6. None.

Comm. Hodge, supported by Comm. Beeman moved that the Commissioners enter closed session to review pending litigation Wasseem, Talal V. Washtenaw County, et al, collective bargaining negotiation strategy, and opinions from Counsel. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried at 10:38 P.M.

The Commissioners returned from closed session at 1 A.M.

XI. RESOLUTIONS

- 1.
- A. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution to adopt the 716 Sanborn Rd Brownfield Plan, in the City of Manchester, MI, from the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved. Commissioner comment ensued. Voice vote - motion carried.

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- A. **25-218** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution approving the 2026 budget of the Washtenaw County Convention and Visitors Bureau, doing business as Destination Ann Arbor, from Administration be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- B. **25-219** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution authorizing the signature of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners on a ten-year management agreement with the Washtenaw County Convention and Visitors Bureau, doing business as Destination Ann Arbor from Administration be approved. Commissioner comment regarding this item ensued. Roll Call Vote: 8 YEAS 1(Rabhi) NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- C. **25-220** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution amending the Older Adults Millage Framework, adding Milan Seniors for Healthy Living to the list of qualified senior centers in Washtenaw County, and allocating \$128,000 to Milan Seniors for Healthy Living be approved. Commissioner comment regarding this item ensued. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- D. **25-221** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution approving the 2025 3rd Quarter General Fund and Non-General Fund Non-Structural Budget Adjustments from Finance be approved. Commissioner comment ensued.

Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. Lyte moved to amend the item to allocate \$1.7 million to the sheriff's office allocated as the Finance Department finds best. Commissioner comment ensued. Roll Call Vote: 6 YEAS 3(Hodge, LaBarre, Rabhi) NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

Approve the item as amended. Roll Call Vote: 8 YEAS 1(Hodge) NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

- E. **25-222** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution to adopt the 2026-2029 Quadrennial Budget be approved. Commissioner comment ensued.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved to amend the item to fund the Youth Assessment Center budget requests as a three-year pilot for 2026 through 2028, funded by the use of fund balance in the amounts are \$39,883 for 2026, \$49,185 for 2027, and \$58,590 for 2028. Commissioner comment ensued. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

Comm. Scott, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved to amend the budget to put the funding for the jail food/medical increase budget request into a Central Reserve for 2027 through 2029 pending a full program operations review of the WCSO to identify ways to achieve a 2% reduction and fully itemize the potential operational impact. Any operational adjustments would be built into the 2027-2030 reaffirmation to reallocate any found savings in the budget. Commissioner comment ensued. Roll Call Vote: 8 YEAS 1(Rabhi) NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

Approve the item as amended. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

- F. **25-223** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution to approve contract 57321 with Wayne State University to provide an evaluation of case management services for the MAT program be approved. Roll Call Vote: 7 YEAS 2(Lyte, Scott) NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

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- A. **25-224** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution approving and accepting the 2025-2026 Clean Sweep Grant award from Public Works be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- B. **25-225** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution adopting the 2026 Board of Commissioners calendar be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- C. **25-226** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution authorizing the above midpoint hire of Shannon Effler as Director of Aging Services from Administration be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- D. **25-227** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution approving the 2025 Apportionment Report from Equalization be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- E. **25-228** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution re-establishing the police services steering committee as a special committee of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners and appointing members be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- F. **25-229** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution calling on Congress to require the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development to award eligible Continuum of Care program renewals for 12 months and supporting the National Alliance to End Homelessness be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- G. **25-230** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution allocating additional Older Persons Millage funds in the amount of \$274,271 to Senior Nutrition Programming to increase those authorized via resolution 25-214; authorizing the County Administrator to amend the budget; and authorizing contracts with service providers be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

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- A. **25-231** 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 November 10, 2025 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS NAYS ABSENT. Motion carried.

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

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XIII. PENDING

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Beeman, moved to adjourn. Voice vote - motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 A.M.

Katie Scott, Chair of
the Board of
Commissioners

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register

By: Brenden McArthur, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: December 3, 2025