



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 7, 2026

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 January 7, 2026.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Lawrence Kestenbaum, Washtenaw County Clerk.

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; 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; Lawrence Kestenbaum, County Clerk; and members of the public.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Laura Sanders, Dexter Twp, spoke about concerns regarding ICE, the treatment of immigrants, and requested a resolution declaring Washtenaw County buildings ICE free zones.

Maryann Perone, Ann Arbor, spoke about concerns regarding ICE in the County and requested a resolution declaring Washtenaw County buildings ICE free zones.

Richard Stoller-Schulk, Ann Arbor, spoke in support of the Commissioners passing a resolution banning ICE from County buildings and facilities.

A Ypsilanti resident spoke about a police incident that occurred earlier this week in Ypsilanti and mental health.

Brad Hale, Ypsilanti Township, spoke about the damage done to a rental home in Ypsilanti by the police during an incident earlier this week.

A Ypsilanti Township resident spoke about law enforcement services provided to the Township.

Chelsea Parkilla, Ypsilanti, spoke regarding concerns about the way police handled a mental health crisis earlier this week.

Dawn, Ypsilanti Township, spoke regarding concerns about the way law enforcement agencies handled a mental health crisis earlier this week.

Peri Stone-Palmquist, Ypsilanti Township, spoke about concerns law enforcement's response to a mental health crisis that occurred earlier this week.

Greg Woodring, Ypsilanti Township, spoke about concerns regarding law enforcement's response to a mental health crisis that occurred earlier this week.

Bill Bray, Manchester Township, spoke about concerns regarding blight in their community.

Daniel Smolkin, Ypsilanti, expressed concerns regarding law enforcement's response to a mental health crisis that occurred earlier this week.

Harison Zemperla, Ypsilanti, spoke about concerns regarding law enforcement's response to a mental health crisis earlier this week.

Ryan Coleman, Ann Arbor, asked how to explain what happened with law enforcement earlier this week to his kids.

Jeremy Haley, Ypsilanti Township, spoke asking that we all treat each other with more kindness.

Lindsey Kolka, City of Ypsilanti, spoke about residents being scared to call for help and the need for better crisis response resources.

A Ypsilanti resident spoke about concerns regarding law enforcement's response to a mental health crisis earlier this week.

Palmquist, Ypsilanti, spoke about concerns regarding law enforcement's response to a mental health crisis earlier this week.

Nick, City of Ypsilanti, spoke regarding concerns around the way law enforcement and authorities responded to the mental health crisis as well as the law enforcement budget and waste.

A resident spoke about the structural problems with law enforcement in the country.

Elaina, Ypsilanti Township, spoke about concerns about events that occurred regarding the mental health crisis earlier this week and the misuse of county funds for response to this incident.

C.B Fulton, Ypsilanti, spoke regarding being frightened watching law enforcement's response to a mental health crisis that occurred earlier this week.

Sarah, Ypsilanti, spoke about their experience as a Social Worker and witnessing policing going wrong.

Loren Roland, City of Chelsea, spoke in opposition to road commission plans to widen Werkner Road.

KJ Pedri, City of Ypsilanti, spoke about concerns regarding the incident involving mental health that occurred earlier this week and the need for funding for shelters.

Hannah Hilborn, Muskegon County, spoke about Medicaid defunding and the mental health issues that will be caused by resources being less accessible.

Amy Hallfield, Washtenaw County, spoke about their interaction with Ypsilanti police and violence they observed from law enforcement in the community.

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IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Comm. Somerville thanked Ypsilanti constituents that spoke in public comment regarding the law enforcement response to a mental health crisis that occurred in the community and raised questions about law enforcement communication to residents. She expressed commitment to evaluating the law enforcement budget and requested clarification and review regarding what happened during law enforcement's response and why. She encouraged constituents to reach out to her and is working on debriefing sessions for residents.

Comm. Beeman thanked those who spoke during public comment and addressed blight concerns.

Comm. Maciejewski spoke regarding the Werkner Road project and encouraged residents to attend upcoming meetings and express their concerns to the Road Commission.

Comm. Hodge echoed Comm. Somerville's sentiment regarding the law enforcement response to the mental health crisis and addressed concerns about police staffing in Ypsilanti.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

None.

VI. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

None.

VII. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

None.

VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **26-001** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, nominated Comm. Scott to be Chair of the Board of Commissioners. Comm. Scott was elected Chair of the Board of Commissioners via voice vote. Comm. Scott took the Chair.

26-002 Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Maciejewski, nominated Comm. Hodge to be Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners. Comm. Hodge was elected Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners via voice vote.

2. **26-003** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution adopting the Rules and Regulations of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

3. **26-004** Comm. Beeman, seconded by Comm. Hodge, nominated Comm. LaBarre to be Chair of the Standing Committee. Comm. Hodge was elected Chair of the Standing Committee via voice vote.

26-005 Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, nominated Comm. Beeman to be Vice Chair of the Working Session Committee. Comm. Beeman was elected Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee via voice vote.

IX. APPOINTMENTS

None.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that the minutes of the December 3, 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.)
3. None.
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.

XI. RESOLUTIONS

None.

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

1. All Commissioners signed the oath of understanding of the Standards of Ethics for the Board of Commissioners.

Chair Scott called for a recess at 8:34 P.M.

Chair Scott reconvened the meeting at 9:10 P.M

Comm. Beeman stated that Freedom Township passed a resolution regarding biodigesters and that she would like the Board to support them.

Comm. Rabhi stated that he is working on a resolution regarding ICE that was brought up in public comment.

Comm. Sanders addressed the way that the Board chooses leadership and requested more transparency.

XIII. PENDING

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Katie Scott, Chair of
the Board of
Commissioners

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register

By: Brenden McArthur, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: January 21, 2026