



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 21, 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 21, 2026.

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 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

Richard Stoller-Schulk, Washtenaw County, spoke in support of the resolution against ICE on County property and wearing masks.

Mary-Ann Perone, Ann Arbor, thanked the Board for putting the "ICE-free zone" resolution on the agenda and encouraged them to pass it.

Laura Sanders, Dexter Township, spoke in support of the "ICE-free zone" resolution on the agenda.

A resident spoke in support of passing the ICE resolution on the agenda and asked the Board to go further.

Elise Napier, Ann Arbor, spoke in support of the resolution that opposes the ballot proposal imposing documentary proof of citizenship for voting.

Dawn Keech, Ypsilanti, spoke about concerns regarding a police situation that occurred on Cross Street earlier in the month.

Samantha Danack, Webster Township, spoke about the destruction of their home that was involved in the police situation on Cross Street.

Brian Danack, Webster Township, spoke about the destruction of their home that was involved in the police situation on Cross Street.

Jessica Brazinski, Ann Arbor, spoke in support of denying ICE access to any municipal building in Washtenaw County.

A resident spoke in support of banning ICE from all municipal buildings and events in Washtenaw County.

Dee Davey, Salem Township, spoke against the resolution that opposes the ballot proposal imposing documentary proof of citizenship for voting.

Chris Boyd, Ann Arbor, spoke about concerns around ICE's actions and their impact on the community.

Bridget Herman, Saline, thanked the Commissioners for the resolution that opposes the ballot proposal imposing documentary proof of citizenship for voting on behalf of United Way.

Katie Palmer, Ypsilanti, encouraged the Commissioners to keep Washtenaw County an ICE-free zone.

Sheila Pokowski, Webster Township, spoke about the January 20, 2026 Road Commission meeting and encouraged everyone to watch as well as concerns around tree removal.

Erin Siemens, Scio Township, spoke in support of the resolutions making the county an "ICE-free zone" and opposing the ballot proposal imposing documentary proof of citizenship for voting.

Steve Fron, Salem Township, spoke against the resolution opposing the ballot proposal imposing documentary proof of citizenship for voting.

Lauren Steel, spoke in support of the resolution opposing the ballot proposal imposing documentary proof of citizenship for voting.

Marjorie Ziefert, spoke about concerns regarding ICE and their support of making Washtenaw an ICE-free zone.

Jeff Garvey, Salem Township, spoke against the resolution opposing the ballot proposal imposing documentary proof of citizenship for voting.

Dirk Mayhew spoke in support of the resolution opposing the ballot proposal imposing documentary proof of citizenship for voting and about their concerns with ICE.

Ben Gardner, Wayne County, spoke on behalf of "All Voting is Local" in support of the resolution opposing the ballot proposal imposing documentary proof of citizenship for voting.

Jennifer Schlit, Ypsilanti, spoke in support of the resolution opposing the ballot proposal imposing documentary proof of citizenship for voting, the resolution regarding ICE, and asked

for accountability from law enforcement.

Zina, Washtenaw County, spoke in support of the resolution opposing the ballot proposal imposing documentary proof of citizenship for voting.

Rita Turner-Sheeren, Ann Arbor, spoke in support of the resolutions opposing the ballot proposal imposing documentary proof of citizenship for voting and expressing concern regarding conditions at the Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility.

Jeremy Haley, Ypsilanti Township, spoke about concerns regarding pricing practices, data centers, and different treatment based on education levels.

An Ann Arbor resident spoke in support of the resolution keeping ICE out of County buildings and property.

Christopher Fisher, Ann Arbor, spoke in support of the resolution keeping ICE out of County buildings.

Evelyn, Dexter, spoke in support of the resolution banning ICE from county buildings and property.

Kevin Butler, City of Chelsea, spoke about concerns regarding labor relations with the County.

Katherine Mirrow, Ann Arbor, spoke in support of the resolution opposing the ballot proposal imposing documentary proof of citizenship for voting.

Chuck Keifer, Ann Arbor, spoke about concerns regarding ICE and in support of the resolution forbidding ICE and DHS access to County facilities and programs.

Justin Perkins, Chelsea, spoke about concerns with the Werkner Road project.

Sarah Maran-James, Dexter Township, supports Washtenaw being an ICE-free zone and spoke regarding other concerns.

Dave Seegert, Salem Township, spoke about the Arbor Hills landfill.

Barry, Manchester, spoke regarding concerns about ICE.

Trische' Duckworth spoke in support of the resolution expressing concerns regarding conditions at the Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility.

Diana Gonzales, City of Ypsilanti, spoke in support of the demilitarization of law enforcement in the County, the resolution expressing concerns regarding conditions at the Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility, the resolution regarding ICE, and the resolution opposing the ballot proposal imposing documentary proof of citizenship for voting.

Emily Rule, Ann Arbor, spoke in support of the ICE-free zone resolution.

Olivia spoke in favor of Washtenaw being an ICE-free zone.

KJ expressed appreciation to the Commissioners for their support in dropping charges against Ruben and shared concerns regarding law enforcement.

Rose expressed support for ICE.

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IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Comm. Scott expressed support for the immigrant community, the resolution regarding ICE, and stated that the matter is local.

Comm. LaBarre thanked advocates for their work on the ICE resolution and shared why he supports that resolution and the resolution opposing voter suppression.

Comm. Hodge acknowledged the turnout and support from the community for the resolutions opposing ICE and voter suppression. He also addressed the advocates that helped craft the resolution regarding the conditions at the Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility and expressed support for the family who had their home destroyed in the law enforcement incident.

Comm. Rabhi thanked the community members for coming, the advocates who helped create the ICE-free zone resolution, and clarified that the resolution does include all County property. He expressed concerns regarding the way people are being treated across the country and called for the community to be brave, stand strong, and come together to protect each other. He addressed concerns regarding data centers, the landfill expansion, and the conditions in the Women's Huron Valley prison. He expressed support for the resolution in opposition to voter suppression and called for support for the family who had their home destroyed in the law enforcement incident.

Comm. Sanders stated that she has attempted to tour the Huron Valley women's facility but wasn't able to go and that MDOC is currently denying their request to tour the facility. She stated that she supports the East Side Rec Center and emphasized the difference it will make in the community. She expressed support for the ICE-free zone resolution and concerns about the inhumane treatment by ICE. She addressed her experience with the landfill. She addressed the home on Cross Street that was damaged by law enforcement and expressed concern for the owners, Ruben, and the community who were all impacted.

Comm. Beeman thanked all those who spoke during public comment. She spoke about her concerns regarding ICE, the inhumane treatment of migrant workers, and the denial of due process and justice. She addressed concerns of voter suppression and support of the resolution opposing the ballot proposal requiring proof of citizenship for voting. She encouraged the community to keep up the pressure to improve the conditions at the Women's Huron Valley facility.

Comm. Lyte spoke in opposition to voter suppression and the ballot proposal requiring proof of citizenship for voting. She expressed opposition to ICE and support of the resolution banning ICE from County property. She encouraged the community to stay strong and step up. She shared her experience with the landfill and encouraged Washtenaw County residents to share how they feel about the expansion. She addressed being denied access to the Women's Huron Valley facility and stated that she will keep advocating for the incarcerated individuals. She expressed concern for the homeowners who had their home destroyed by law enforcement and called for the charges related to the incident to be dropped.

Comm. Maciejewski spoke about the extensive planning behind the landfill expansion that includes increasing recycling and reducing what goes into the landfill. He expressed appreciation for the comments given and written comments received prior to the meeting. He expressed support for resolutions previously brought up during the Commissioner follow-up. He also addressed the Werkner Road project and questioned why the Road Commission wants to widen the road and is not listening to the residents.

Comm. Somerville condemned the use of Martin Luther King to support voter suppression. She addressed the conditions at the Women's Huron Valley facility and the community for coming together behind the resolution. She expressed her opposition to ICE and addressed the fear in the community. She expressed support for the East Side Rec Center. She also addressed the law enforcement response to the mental health crisis and asked for answers surrounding the incident.

Comm. Scott stated how important voting is and her opposition to voter suppression. She expressed concern about the law enforcement incident that occurred on Cross Street and asked for transparency and accountability from law enforcement regarding recent incidents.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

Comm. Hodge reported from the Airport Zoning Board.

VI. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Comm. Scott called for recess at 11:00 PM

Comm. Scott reconvened the meeting at 11:09 PM

1. Administrator Dill provided an update on a burst pipe at the Mary Lou Center.
2. Administrator Dill introduced Shannon Effler, the new Director of Aging Services. Shannon briefly addressed the Commissioners.

Administrator Dill stated that non-essential County operations are suspended on Friday, January 23, 2026 due to extreme weather conditions.

VII. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1. Ashley Hall, Director of Board Operations, provided a presentation on the Washtenaw County Bicentennial. Commissioner questions and comments followed.

VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

None.

IX. APPOINTMENTS

1. **26-006** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution rescinding an appointment to the Board of Public Works be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
2. **26-007** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution appointing Commissioners to various Boards, Committees, Commissions, and Agencies for various terms 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 January 7, 2026 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.
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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 November 25, 2025 through December 31, 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 months of November and December 2025. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
6. None.

XI. RESOLUTIONS

1. None.
2. None.
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- A. **26-008** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution ratifying the signature of the County Administrator on the Michigan Attorney General Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) grant application from the Prosecuting Attorney be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- B. **26-009** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution authorizing the 2026 Remonumentation Grant from the Water Resources Commissioner be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- C. **26-010** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution approving the Bylaws of the Public Safety Millage Advisory Committee be approved. Roll Call Vote: 8 YEAS 1(Rabhi) NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- D. **26-011** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution amending the 2026 Board of Commissioners Annual Calendar of Meetings be approved. Roll Call Vote: 8 YEAS 1(Somerville) NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

- E. **26-012** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution in support of Michigan House Bills 5152 and 5153 be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- F. **26-013** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution opposing ballot proposals that would impose documentary proof of citizenship requirements and create barriers to voting in Michigan be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- G. **26-014** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution expressing concern regarding conditions at the Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- H. **26-015** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution opposing the use of county buildings and face coverings by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Officers, Customs and Border Protection Officers, or their contractors during civil immigration enforcement activities in Washtenaw County be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

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- A. **26-016** 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 January 12, 2026 be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

- 1. Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Beeman, moved to enter closed session to review and discuss labor negotiation strategy. Roll Call Vote: 7 YEAS 2(Lyte, Somerville) NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried at 11:40 PM.

The Commisioners returned from Closed Session at 12:01 AM.

XIII. PENDING

None.

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 AM.

Katie Scott, Chair of
the Board of
Commissioners

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register

By: Brenden McArthur, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: February 4, 2026