



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 4, 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 February 4, 2026.

The meeting was called to order at 7:21 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; 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

Mary Sharp, Northfield Township, addressed the Board of Commissioners regarding SWAT reform.

State Representatives Jason Morgan and Matt Koleszar along with State Senators Dayna Polehanki, Sue Shink, and Rosemary Bayer addressed the Commissioners regarding the requested Arbor Hills Landfill expansion.

Mark Abbo, Northville Township Supervisor, expressed concerns regarding the requested Arbor Hills Landfill expansion.

Karen Kolar, Northville Township, expressed concerns regarding the proposed Arbor Hills Landfill Expansion.

Nan Spike, Sylvan Township, spoke about concerns regarding the Road Commission's Werkner Road project and the impact it will have on trees.

Leslie, Webster Township, spoke about concerns regarding the Road Commission's Werkner Road project and the impact it will have on wildlife and trees.

Sheila, Webster Township, spoke about concerns regarding the Road Commission's Werkner Road project and the impact it will have on trees.

Kathy Squires, spoke about concerns regarding the Road Commission's Werkner Road project and the impact it will have on trees.

Michelle Stamboulellis, Dexter Township, spoke about concerns regarding the Road Commission's Werkner Road project and the impact it will have on trees.

Jen Baherski, Northville Township, spoke in opposition to the proposed Arbor Hills Landfill expansion.

Vidushi Maru, Northville, spoke in opposition to the proposed Arbor Hills Landfill expansion.

Ashley Flynnoff, Friends of the Rouge, expressed concerns regarding pollutants entering water from the Arbor Hills Landfill and the impact on wildlife.

Lisa McIntyre, Northville Township, spoke about the impact of odors from the Arbor Hills Landfill.

Ashok, Northville Township, spoke regarding concerns regarding the proposed Arbor Hills Landfill expansion.

Azam, Wayne County, spoke in opposition to the proposed Arbor Hills Landfill expansion.

Shefali Gupta, Northville, spoke in opposition to the proposed Arbor Hills Landfill expansion.

Norman Weber, Sylvan Township, spoke about concerns regarding the Road Commission's Werkner Road project and the impact it will have on trees.

Barbara Gregerson, Pittsfield Township, introduced herself to the Commissioners.

DaRon Weatherspoon, Ypsilanti, expressed interest in being more active in the County.

A resident from Northville spoke in opposition to the proposed Arbor Hills Landfill expansion.

Leslie, Northville, spoke in opposition to the proposed Arbor Hills Landfill expansion.

Vasu Marla, Northville Township, spoke in opposition to the proposed Arbor Hills Landfill expansion.

Larry Petroski, Salem Township, spoke in opposition to the proposed Arbor Hills Landfill expansion.

Raj Mumineni, Northville Township, spoke in opposition to the proposed Arbor Hills Landfill expansion.

Kevin Kebowski, Northville Township, spoke in opposition to the proposed Arbor Hills Landfill expansion.

Sheikha Arasana, Northville Township, spoke in opposition to the proposed Arbor Hills

Landfill expansion.

Gene Wallis, Webster Township, spoke regarding the Road Commission not listening to residents.

Richard Burrs, Salem Township, spoke in support of the proposed Arbor Hills Landfill expansion.

A resident from Northville Township spoke in opposition to the proposed Arbor Hills Landfill expansion.

Gretchen Driskell, Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner, spoke about the proposed Arbor Hills Landfill expansion and the current stage of the MMPC.

Jeremy Haley, Ypsilanti Township, spoke about proposed bills in the Michigan Legislature and concerns regarding the Road Commission.

Tammy Craig, Bedford Township/GFL employee, spoke about the Arbor Hills Landfill.

Adam Clace, Auburn Hills/Arbor Hills Landfill employee, spoke about changes made to the landfill since GFL has taken over.

Anthony, Canton Township/GFL employee, spoke about PFOS coming from an adjacent property.

David Seegert, General Manager of Arbor Hills Landfill, spoke about the Arbor Hills Landfill.

KJ Pedri spoke about funding the County's housing system and the need for accessible jobs.

Trische Duckworth spoke on behalf of Survivors Speak about an initiative to make sure all voices are heard.

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IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Comm. Scott expressed appreciation for the public comment received, but noted that many who spoke were not Washtenaw County residents. In addition, she clarified that there is not yet a Materials Management Plan regarding the proposed Arbor Hills Landfill and expressed concern about just moving the proposed landfill expansion to another location.

Comm. Maciejewski spoke as the liaison of the Materials Management Planning Committee and clarified that there has not been a meeting about the proposed landfill expansion, those discussions will begin later in the year. The Materials Management Planning Committee is developing plans to increase recycling and composting. He stated that he looks forward to the Materials Management Planning Committee process and gathering more information. He also addressed concerns expressed surrounding the Road Commission.

Comm. Lyte thanked all those who spoke during public comment. She requested that residents stay involved in the Materials Management Planning Committee's process and expressed a desire to hold a town hall with Salem Township residents regarding the proposed landfill expansion. She shared her experience of living near a landfill.

Comm. Hodge thanked all those who spoke during public comment. He acknowledged challenges surrounding the Road Commission and stated that he will withhold comments regarding the landfill until there is more information.

Comm. Rabhi stated that he supports saving the trees and opposes the landfill expansion.

Comm. Beeman thanked all those who spoke during public comment. She acknowledged the concerns about losing trees. She acknowledged the Materials Management Plan and noted how early in the process of the proposed landfill expansion they are.

Comm. Somerville thanked all those who spoke during public comment. She acknowledged the importance of everyone having a voice and that differing opinions are okay. She expressed her desire to quickly address the housing crisis. She requested transparency from law enforcement.

Comm. Sanders acknowledged her experience as a liaison for the Road Commission and stated that she has been trying to get more information regarding concerns with the trees and shared what she has been told. She addressed concerns surrounding the Arbor Hills Landfill. She spoke about possible options to address the housing crisis.

Comm. LaBarre thanked all those who spoke during public comment. He acknowledged concerns surrounding the Road Commission.

Comm. Scott expressed support for protecting trees.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

Comm. Somerville stated that there is a vacancy on the Commission on Aging.

Comm. Maciejewski reported from the Board of Public Works.

VI. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Megan Bonfiglio, Washtenaw County Parks and Rec Director, gave an update on the Eastern Washtenaw Community Recreation Center. Commissioner questions followed.
2. Elizabeth Gibbons, Resiliency Director, provided an update regarding data centers. Commissioner questions followed.

VII. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

None.

VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **26-017** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution to set a public hearing on changes to the Building Inspection Civil Infraction Ordinance be approved. Roll Call Vote: 8 YEAS 0 NAYS 1(Somerville) ABSENT. Motion carried.
2. **26-018** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution to set a public hearing on the Transformational Brownfield Plan for 350 S. Fifth in the City of Ann Arbor be approved. Roll Call Vote: 8 YEAS 0 NAYS 1(Somerville) ABSENT. Motion carried.

3. **26-019** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution to set a public hearing for the Townie Homes Brownfield Plan in the City of Ann Arbor be approved. Roll Call Vote: 8 YEAS 0 NAYS 1(Somerville) ABSENT. Motion carried.

IX. APPOINTMENTS

1. **26-020** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution appointing members to the Older Persons Millage Review Committee (OPMRC) be approved.

Commissioner comment ensued.

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 21 and 28, 2026 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. 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-0009 RECEIVED: January 15, 2026: Washtenaw County DHHS: December 10, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

R-0010 RECEIVED: January 15, 2026: Washtenaw County Food Policy Council: Resolution in Support of Coordinating the Donation of Surplus Food from County Events to Pathways for Human Consumption

R-0011 RECEIVED: January 20, 2026: City of Manchester: Notice of Public Hearing Comment Period and Public Hearing City of Manchester Master Plan

R-0012 RECEIVED: January 21, 2026: City of Ann Arbor: Notice of Public Hearing - Proposed Amendment to the Boundaries of the Ann Arbor Downtown District and to the Development Plan Tax Increment Financing Plan

R-0013 RECEIVED: January 27, 2026: City of Ann Arbor: Notice of Public Hearing – Resolution to Find the Ann Street Curb Cut at 201 North Main Street to be a Traffic Hazard and Approve Its Closure as Part of the Ann Arbor Street Improvements Project (201 North Main Street)

R-0014 RECEIVED: January 29, 2026: Washtenaw County Environmental Council: Resolution Recommending That the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners Vote Against Approval of the Proposed Expansion or Creation of a New Landfill Associated with the Arbor Hills Landfill in Salem Township, Michigan

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 December 31,

2025 through January 27, 2026. 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 approving the tentative agreement with AFSCME 2733 and Washtenaw County for 2026 compensation be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- B. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution approving the tentative agreement with the Michigan Nurses Association and Washtenaw County for 2026 and 2027 compensation be approved.

Comm. Rabhi stated that he would not be voting due to a possible conflict of interest.

Voice vote - motion carried.

2. None.

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- A. **26-021** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution to approve the bylaws of the Washtenaw County Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

4.

- A. **26-022** 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 26, 2026 be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

Comm. Beeman spoke a pending resolution from Freedom Township regarding biodigesters.

Comm. Hodge thanked staff and volunteers that participated in the PIT count.

Comm. Somerville thanked staff that went above and beyond for the most vulnerable in the community.

Comm. Lyte acknowledged that it is Black History Month.

XIII. PENDING

None.

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 PM.

Katie Scott, Chair of
the Board of
Commissioners

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register

By: Brenden McArthur, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: February 18, 2026