



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 18, 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 18, 2026.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 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: None

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; Brenden McArthur, Clerk's Office; Latitia Lamelle Sharp, County Treasurer; and members of the public.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dwayne Delvin, spoke in opposition of the new ICE detention center in Romulus.

Kathy Wyatt, Pittsfield Township, spoke about the Board Retreat and thanked the Commissioners for working on issues related to poverty.

Jeremy Haley, Pittsfield Township, shared his feelings regarding racism.

Sheila Palkowski, Webster Township, spoke about concerns regarding the Road Commission.

William Van Houten, Saline, commented on the weather.

Renee Quinn, Dexter, spoke about the Road Commission and concerns surrounding trees.

Christina Lirones spoke about concerns regarding the Road Commission and the Werkner Road project and tree removal.

KJ Pedri, City of Ypsilanti, spoke about the need for a shelter on the east side of the county.

IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Comm. Sanders addressed comments made about the Road Commission.

Comm. Hodge thanked all those who made public comments and addressed the ICE detention center, comments made regarding race, and comments made regarding the Road Commission.

Comm. LaBarre addressed the ICE detention center.

Comm. Somerville addressed comments made regarding race and spoke about the history of racism.

Comm. Lyte acknowledged Black History Month and addressed comments made about the Road Commission.

Comm. Beeman thanked everyone who made public comments and echoed what other Commissioners had said, thanked the Commissioners for partaking in the Board Retreat, and addressed white supremacy in the country.

Comm. Maciejewski addressed comments made about the ICE detention center, recognized the impact and passing of Jesse Jackson, and addressed comments made regarding the Road Commission.

Comm. Rabhi thanked everyone for the public comments and echoed the comments already made by other Commissioners. He spoke about the importance of recognizing the history of racism in our country and what is happening with ICE present day.

Comm. Scott thanked all those who made public comment, spoke about the Road Commission, addressed the ICE detention center, and addressed racism and its history in our country.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

Comm. Maciejewski resported from the County Board of Public Works.

Comm. LaBarre reported from the Space Plan Committee.

VI. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. County Administrator Dill stated that the Administration team will embark on their annual Planning Retreat on March 25th.

2. County Administrator Dill spoke about the progress being made with the Eastern Washtenaw Community Rec Center.

Administrator Dill announced the retirement of County CFO Tina Gavalier and acknowledged the contributions she has made throughout her tenure with the County. Tina also addressed the Commissioners.

VII. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

None.

VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Comm. Scott opened (and closed) a public hearing to receive comment on a proposed Building Inspection Civil Infraction Ordinance at 8:26 PM (with no public comment).
2. Comm. Scott opened a public hearing to receive comment on the proposed Transformational Brownfield Plan for 350 S. Fifth in the City of Ann Arbor at 8:26 PM.

Jennifer Hall of the Ann Arbor Housing Commission provided information on this plan.

Jerney Haley inquired about the TIF's and spoke about the possibility of property taxes changing.

Sarah Larenz, Executive Director of Ann Arbor Community Land Trust and spoke in support of the plan and acknowledged the effort from the Housing Commission.

Comm. Scott closed the public hearing at 8:30 PM

3. Comm. Scott opened a public hearing to receive comment on the proposed Townie Homes Brownfield Plan in the City of Ann Arbor at 8:30 PM.

Sarah Larenz, Executive Director of the Ann Arbor Community Land Trust, provided information on the proposed plan.

Melissa Gall, South Lyon, spoke about the need for affordable housing in Ann Arbor.

Parker, teacher at Pioneer High School, spoke in support of the plan and the need for affordable housing in Ann Arbor.

Easton, Wayne County, spoke in support of the plan and the need for affordable housing in Ann Arbor.

Lyndon Kelly, Ann Arbor, spoke in support of the plan and the need for affordable housing in Ann Arbor.

Thomas spoke in support of the plan and the need for affordable housing in Ann Arbor.

Peter Allen, Ann Arbor, spoke in support of the plan.

Comm. Scott closed the public hearing at 8:40 PM.

4. **26-023** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution to set a public hearing on the proposed Transformational Brownfield Plan at 350 S. Fifth Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

IX. APPOINTMENTS

None.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that the minutes of the February 4 and February 6, 2026, meetings of the Board of Commissioners be approved as presented. 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-0015 RECEIVED: February 2, 2026: The City of Ann Arbor Planning Division: Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan

R-0016 RECEIVED: February 3, 2026: The Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners: Resolution 2026-03 Supporting House Bills 5152 and 5153

R-0017 RECEIVED: February 5, 2026: Washtenaw County Barrier Busters: BOC Winter Housing Response Fund Quarter One Report

R-0018 RECEIVED: February 5, 2026: Washtenaw County Barrier Busters: Senior Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP): June 1st – December 31st, 2025

R-0019 RECEIVED: February 10, 2026: St. Joseph County: Resolution Opposing Any Legislation Preempting Local Control for the Construction of Data Centers/Battery Storage Facilities

R-0020 RECEIVED: February 13, 2026: Sylvan Township: Resolution to Address Citizen Concern for Werkner Road Project

3. None.

4. None.

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- A. 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 January 2026. 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 on contracts in the amount of \$25,000 and under from December 31, 2025 through February 10, 2026. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

6. None.

XI. RESOLUTIONS

Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved to enter closed session to review and discuss Fox V Washtenaw et al. Roll Call Vote: 8 YEAS 1(Lyte) NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried at 8:41 PM.

The Commissioners returned from closed session at 9:04 PM.

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- A. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution adopting the Townie Homes Brownfield Plan, Ann Arbor, MI 48103/4, from the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved.

Commissioner comment ensued.

Voice vote - motion carried.

- B. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution adopting the Transformational Brownfield Plan for 350 S. Fifth Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, from the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved.

Commissioner comment ensued.

Voice vote - motion carried.

- C. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution authorizing the Strategic Traffic Enforcement grant from the Sheriff's Office be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- D. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution authorizing the Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Program Grant from the Sheriff's Office be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- E. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution creating 1.0FTE Program Manager position for the Youth Assessment and Resource Center (YARC) from the Racial Equity Office be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- F. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution approving the agreement with POAM, Washtenaw County and Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office for the Wage Re-Opener for 2026-2028 be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- G. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution approving the Tentative Agreement with TPOAM Clerical and Supervisors for it's 2026-2027 Compensation be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.

2.

- A. **26-024** 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. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- B. **26-025** 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 announced he would not vote on this item due to a potential conflict of interest. Roll Call Vote: 8 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1(Rabhi)ABSTAIN. Motion carried.

3.

- A. **26-026** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution celebrating Black History Month and declaring February 2026 as Black History Month in Washtenaw County be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- B. **26-027** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution to rescind resolution 25-249 transferring Human Resources Administration for the Sheriff's Office to the County Human Resources Department be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- C. **26-028** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution to reassign certain Sheriff's Office Human Resources functions that are subject to Board of Commissioners authority as outlined in the County Boards of Commissioners Act to the

Central Human Resources Department be approved.

Commissioner comment ensued.

Roll Call Vote: 8 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1(Rabhi) DID NOT VOTE. Motion carried.

4.

- A. **26-029** 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 February 9, 2026, be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

Commissioner LaBarre brought up moving an upcoming meeting.

Comm. Sanders acknowledged that there is a new EMU President, Dr. Brendan Kelly.

Comm. Scott stated that the Police Services Steering Committee had started to meet.

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XIII. PENDING

None.

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 PM.

Katie Scott, Chair of
the Board of
Commissioners

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register

By: Brenden McArthur, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: March 4, 2026