



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 3, 2021

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

I. ROLL CALL

A session of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners was held virtually (due to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic) using Zoom videoconferencing on March 3, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 7:57 PM by Comm. Shink, Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

Members Present: Comms. **Shannon Beeman** (Village of Manchester, Washtenaw County, MI), **Ricky Jefferson** (Ypsilanti Twp., Washtenaw County, MI), **Andy LaBarre** (City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI), **Jason Maciejewski** (Dexter Twp., Washtenaw County, MI), **Jason Morgan** (City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI), **Katie Scott** (City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI), **Sue Shink** (Northfield Twp., Washtenaw County, MI), **Caroline Sanders** (Pittsfield Twp., Washtenaw County, MI), and **Justin Hodge** (Ypsilanti Twp., Washtenaw County, MI)

Members Absent: None

Others Present County Administrator, Greg Dill; Diane Heidt, Deputy County Administrator; Michelle Billard, Corporation Counsel; Sheriff Jerry Clayton, Sheriff's Office; Kelly Belknap & Tina Gavalier, Finance; Andrew DeLeeuw & team, OIM; Alize Asberry Payne & Crystal Campbell, Racial Equity Office; Monica Boote, Human Resources; Teresa Gillotti, OCED; Judy Kramer, Risk Management; Peter Lindeman, County Administration; Edwin Peart & Reyanne Gallippo, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Trische Duckworth addressed the BOC regarding appointments to the Criminal Justice Collaborative Council (CJCC).

Gail Summerhill, James McCargar, Lavada Weathers, and Desirae Simmons expressed concerns around the equitable distribution of the COVID-19 vaccination.

Barbara Byers expressed her interest in serving on the CMH Board, and advocated for prioritizing the COVID-19 vaccination for adults with disabilities under the age of 65.

Margaret Schankler thanked the BOC for its hard work and dedication toward advancing racial equity, but also encouraged the BOC to be more proactive.

IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Comm. Beeman addressed concerns around the Chelsea vaccination location.

Comms. LaBarre and Hodge encouraged residents to watch the video from the previous

meeting (Ways and Means), where the Health Officer talked about the interplay between public health and racial equity.

Comm. Sanders thanked everyone for speaking and encouraged the BOC to continue to make sure there are multiple avenues of communication for people to get information.

Comm. Jefferson talked about the social vulnerability index and equitable distribution of the COVID-19 vaccination.

Comm. Shink thanked everyone for speaking, and addressed concerns around the COVID-19 vaccination rollout.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

None.

VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Commissioner Oath regarding Standards of Ethics

VII. APPOINTMENTS

1. **21-025** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that a resolution appointing six members to the 2021 Remonumentation and Land Survey Peer Review Group be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
2. **21-026** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that a resolution appointing members to the Commission on Aging be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
3. **21-027** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that a resolution appointing members to the Community Mental Health Board be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
4. **21-028** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that a resolution appointing a member to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the minutes of the February 17, 2021 meeting of the Board of Commissioners be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
2. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the communications be received and dealt with as recommended. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

R-0005 RECEIVED: February 26, 2021. A resolution from the Antrim County Board of Commissioners in support of local businesses. Received and filed.

R-0006 RECEIVED: February 26, 2021. A resolution from the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Received and filed.

R-0007 RECEIVED: February 26, 2021. A resolution from the Alpena County Board of Commissioners in support of local businesses. Received and filed.

R-0008 RECEIVED: February 26, 2021. A resolution from the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners declaring its county a “Constitutional Second Amendment Sanctuary County.” Received and filed.

R-0009 RECEIVED: February 26, 2021. A resolution from the Iron County Board of Commissioners in support of waiving fees for licenses/permits for small businesses serving the public. Received and filed.

R-0010 RECEIVED: February 26, 2021. A resolution from the Jackson County Board of Commissioners in support of the request to reopen Jackson County. Received and filed.

R-0011 RECEIVED: February 26, 2021. A resolution from the Menominee County Board of Commissioners supporting a collective effort by Michigan counties in opposing current and future orders unilaterally issued by Governor Whitmer and State agencies in response to COVID-19. Received and filed.

R-0012 RECEIVED: February 26, 2021. A resolution from the Missaukee County Board of Commissioners regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Received and filed.

R-0013 RECEIVED: February 26, 2021. A resolution from the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners in support of local businesses. Received and filed.

R-0014 RECEIVED: February 26, 2021. A resolution from the Livingston County Board of Commissioners calling upon the Governor and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to retract their SVI Social Factor Based Plan and replace it with a Scientific Medical Factor Based Plan that results in a Pro-Rata Uniform Distribution to Michigan’s most medically vulnerable population. Received and filed.

R-0015 RECEIVED: February 26, 2021. A resolution from the Berrien County Board of Commissioners calling upon the Governor to implement a new, regional approach to mitigation that values local input; takes cases, vaccinations, seasonality, and regional differences into consideration; and sets clear benchmarks for the easing of restrictions on businesses for the public to follow. Received and filed.

R-0016 RECEIVED: February 26, 2021. A resolution from the Otsego County Board of Commissioners regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Received and filed.

3. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the following reports be received: Report of Standing Committees: Ways & Means (2/17/21) and Working Session (2/18/21). Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register’s Office.)
4. Report of Special Committees (None)
5. Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that the following reports be received: Other Reports. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register’s Office.)
- A. A report on contracts in the amount of \$25,000 and under from February 10, 2021 through February 24, 2021

6. Report of the Treasurer

IX. RESOLUTIONS

1. Ways & Means - February 17, 2021

- A. **21-029** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that a resolution approving the 2021 Michigan State Housing Development Authority Emergency Rental Assistance Grant to the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- B. **21-030** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that a resolution authorizing borrowing for 2021 General Obligation Limited Tax Notes for 2020 Delinquent Taxes be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- C. **21-031** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that a resolution approving the creation of a Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion position at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- D. **21-032** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that a resolution authorizing the creation of a grant status LEADD Program Coordinator Position at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- E. **21-033** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that a resolution ratifying the signature of the County Administrator on the 2021 Vital Strategies Grant to fund the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion and Deflection program at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's and Prosecutor's Offices be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- F. **21-034** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that a resolution authorizing the creation of a grant status LEADD Prosecutor Position at the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- G. **21-035** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that a resolution establishing a special revenue fund for the perpetual maintenance of Washtenaw County Park and Trails be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
- H. **21-036** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that a resolution approving the signature of the County Administrator on the On-Site Energy Manager program agreement with DTE Energy. be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

2. Board of Commissioners - March 3, 2021

- A. **21-037** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that a resolution affirming the "2021 and Beyond Project Priorities" document be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

3. Approval of Claims

- A. **21-038** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that a resolution authorizing payment of claims with the last previously adopted claims and continuing through the date of February 19, 2021 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

X. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Greg acknowledged that the vaccine distribution rollout didn't initially go as planned, but that he and his team are working hard to address issues and create a better framework.

XI. REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

None.

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

Comm. LaBarre asked that if the BOC moves to in-person meetings in April, to consider moving the first meeting in April to another date, as that week is spring break for all school districts within Washtenaw County.

XIII. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

Comm. Justin Hodge, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.

Sue Shink, Chair

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register
By: Edwin Peart, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: 3/17/21