



# WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 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 March 18, 2026.

The meeting was called to order at 07:03 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; Reyanne Rowland, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

### III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Ellen Rabinowitz, Ann Arbor, spoke in support of a healthcare millage ballot proposal.  
Cortland Travis Parsey, spoke about mental health care.  
Dave Davarti, spoke in support of the mental health care millage.  
Bob King, Ann Arbor, spoke about the universal right to healthcare.  
Billy Cole, President of Supreme Felons Inc., thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support.  
Brian Foley, City of Ypsilanti, spoke as Vice-President of Supreme Felons Inc and expressed their need for additional funding.  
Emily Dustell, City of Ypsilanti, spoke in support of the healthcare millage and Supreme Felons Inc.  
Alex Thomas, Ypsilanti Twp, spoke about the Willow Run bombers site.  
Jeremy Haley, Ypsilanti Twp, spoke about U of M closing on a textile site and expressed opposition to data centers.  
KJ, spoke in opposition of data centers and in support of a healthcare millage.

### IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Comm. Hodge spoke in response to Public Participation and presented a resolution related to Social Work Month.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

Liaison reports were given.

VI. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. A report from the County Administrator was given.

VII. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A report on behalf of the Chair was given by Ashley Hall.

VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **26-042** Comm. Maciejewski, seconded by Comm. LaBarre that a resolution to set a Public Hearing on the Arbor South Redevelopment Brownfield Plan for April 15 be approved. Roll Call Vote: 8 YEAS 0 NAYS 1(Beeman) ABSENT. Motion carried.

IX. APPOINTMENTS

1. **26-043** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Hodge, moved that a Resolution Appointing a Member to the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority be approved. Roll Call Vote: 8 YEAS 0 NAYS 1(Beeman) ABSENT. Motion carried.
2. **26-044** Comm. Labarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a Resolution Appointing Members to the Washtenaw County Community Mental Health Board be approved. Roll Call Vote: 8 YEAS 0 NAYS 1(Beeman) ABSENT. Motion carried.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Comm. Labarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that the minutes of the March 4, 2026, meeting 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-0023** RECEIVED: February 27, 2026: Ann Arbor District Library Board of Trustees: Resolution to Exempt All Library Taxes From Future Capture by Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority  
**R-0024** RECEIVED: March 2, 2026: Wexford County Board of Commissioners: Resolution in Support of Appealing MCL 46.415 (2)  
**R-0025** RECEIVED: March 3, 2026: Ann Arbor Charter Township Planning Commission: Adoption of Master Plan  
**R-0026** RECEIVED: March 9, 2026: Sylvan/Lima Joint Municipal Area Planning Commission: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Master Plan  
**R-0027** RECEIVED: March 10, 2026: Ypsilanti Township Planning & Zoning Department: Notice of Public Hearing
3. None.
4. None.

5.

- 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 February 24, 2026 through March 10, 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 from the Washtenaw County Road Commission on the summary of service requests for the month of February, 2026. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
- C. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that the following reports be received: A report on the Older Persons Millage collections. 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 pending litigation Dyer V. Board of Commissioners and receive a legal opinion from Corporation Counsel. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. The Commissioners returned from closed session at 9:33pm.

1.

- A. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution adopting a Work from Home Policy from Human Resources be approved. Commissioner comment regarding this item ensued. Voice vote - motion carried.
- B. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution approving the creation of a Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance for violations of the Michigan Construction Code from Building Inspection be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.
- C. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution to approve all formula grants received by the Office of Community and Economic Development with a fiscal year starting during the 2025 Calendar year, from the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.

2.

- A. **26-045** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution to approve compensation adjustments for non-union employees from County Administration be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

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- A. **26-046** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution honoring the life, work, and enduring legacy of Melvin Parsons be approved. Commissioner comment regarding this item ensued. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- B. **26-047** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution recognizing March as National Women's History Month be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

- C. **26-048** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution celebrating March 31, 2026, as Transgender Day of Visibility in Washtenaw County and supporting the display of the Transgender Pride Flag be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- D. **26-049** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution honoring March 2026 as Social Work Month in Washtenaw County be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- E. **26-050** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution recognizing March 2026 as National Kidney Month and March 12, 2026 as World Kidney Day be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- F. **26-051** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution to exempt Washtenaw County taxes from capture within the proposed expansion area of the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority tax increment financing district be approved. Commissioner comment regarding this item ensued.

Motion by Comm. Rabhi, seconded by Comm. Hodge, to amend the resolution's first "now therefore be it resolved" clause to add "pursuant to MCL 125.4201 et. sequential." Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Rabhi, seconded by Comm. Hodge to amend the resolution's second "further resolved" clause to include "that was the subject of the Ann Arbor City Council's February 2, 2026 hearing." Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: 7 YEAS 2(Maciejewski, Scott) NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried as amended.

4.

- A. **26-052** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution authorizing the payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of March 9, 2026 be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

## XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

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## XIII. PENDING

- 1. **26-053** Chair Scott picked up the motion previously made by Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, to approve a resolution authorizing the Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Program Grant from the Sheriff's Office during the March 4, 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- 2. Chair Scott picked up the motion previously made by Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, to approve a resolution recommending the University of Michigan locate its proposed high performance computing center at Willow Run during the March 4, 2026, Board of Commissioners meeting. Comm. Hodge moved to withdraw the motion, to which Comm. LaBarre agreed.

**26-054** Comm. Hodge, Seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution formally supporting local municipalities for enacting data center moratoriums and commending the Washtenaw County Resiliency Office for leading collaboration with local units of government be approved. Commissioner comment regarding this item ensued. Comm. Maciejewski made a friendly amendment to include Dexter Township as a municipality that has passed a moratorium, Comm. Sanders made a friendly amendment to include Pittsfield Township as a municipality that has passed a moratorium, and Comm. Beeman made a friendly amendment to include the City of Saline as a municipality that has passed a moratorium. Comm. Hodge agreed to these amendments. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

**26-055** Comm. Rabhi, Seconded by Comm. Lyte, moved that a resolution supporting state legislative action for fiscal accountability be approved. Comms. Hodge, Scott, and Beeman announced they would not be voting on this item due to a possible conflict of interest. Roll Call Vote: 6 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:33pm.

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Katie Scott, Chair of  
the Board of  
Commissioners

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Lawrence  
Kestenbaum,  
Clerk/Register

By: Brenden McArthur, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: April 15, 2026