



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 15, 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 April 15, 2026.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Comm. Scott, Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

Members Present: Comms. Shannon Beeman, Justin Hodge, Andy LaBarre, Crystal Lyte(7:41 PM), Jason Maciejewski, Yousef Rabhi, Caroline Sanders, Katie Scott, Annie Somerville

Members Absent: Comms.

Others Present 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

1. Sheila Polkowski, Ann Arbor, spoke about trees being cut down and herbicide use.
Kathy Squires spoke about trees being removed.
Lauren Sargent, Ann Arbor, expressed support of the County standing up to ICE and protecting trees.
Kathy Wyatt, Pittsfield Twp, spoke about the East Side Rec Center.
Leslie Gloplon, Dexter, spoke about the need to protect nature.
Norman Weber, Chelsea, expressed frustration with the Road Commission.
JoAnn Weber, Sylvan Township, expressed frustration with the Road Commission and the Werkner Road project.
Lee Trucer requested transparency from the County Sheriff.
Jen Bolhurski, Northville Township, spoke about the Arbor Hills landfill expansion.
Chuck Keifer, Ann Arbor, expressed support for protecting immigrants from ICE.
Morelli Rosas, spoke in support of anti-ICE policies enacted by the county.
Micheal Rosas Martinez, Ypsilanti, spoke in opposition to ICE and addressed how they are treating immigrants.
Laura Sanders, Dexter Township, thanked the Commissioners for passing the ICE free zone resolution.
Rich Scholten, Ann Arbor, thanked the Commissioners for their support of immigrant

rights.

Jane Doe, Ypsilanti, thanked the Commissioners for their support of immigrant rights. Jeremy Haley, Ypsilanti Township, spoke in opposition of transformational brownfields. Kevin Butler, County resident and employee, spoke about concerns around the Work from Home policy on the agenda.

Rhonda McGill requested updates on the status of the Eastern Washtenaw Rec Center. Ricky Jefferson spoke about the Eastern Washtenaw Rec Center and requested a briefing.

Tom Wiener spoke about the Arbor South project.

A resident from Lodi Township spoke about a project that would get rid of trees.

IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Commissioners LaBarre, Hodge, Rabhi, Beeman, Lyte, Sanders, Maciejewski, and Scott provided follow-up to public participation.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner LaBarre reported from the CoC.

Commissioner Maciejewski reported from the Board of Public Works and the Materials Management Planning Committee.

VI. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Dill introduced the new IT Director, Richard Wilson.

A presentation giving an update on the Eastern Washtenaw Community Recreation Center was provided by Meghan Bonfiglio, Parks and Rec Director. Tina Gavalier, County CFO, spoke on proposed bonding for the project. Commissioner questions and comments followed the presentation.

Catherine Jones-Alther, Finance/Budget Operations Director provided a presentation on the 2025 Preliminary Year-End Update. Commissioner questions and comments followed the presentation.

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VII. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair Scott thanked staff for their work on the State of the County and responding to severe weather. She also spoke about the possibility of forming a Women's Committee.

VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **26-056** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Rabhi, moved that a resolution to set a public hearing for the 2026-27 Urban County Annual Action Plan be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

2. **26-057** Comm. Rabhi, seconded by Comm. Sanders, moved that a resolution of Intent for Eastern Washtenaw County Recreation and Community Center Borrowing up to \$18M be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

3. Comm. Scott opened a public hearing on the Arbor South Brownfield Redevelopment Plan at 10:28 PM.

Dave Davardi, Ann Arbor, spoke against the proposed Brownfield TIF.

Ken Garber, Ann Arbor, spoke against the tax capture.
Brian Kung, Ypsilanti, spoke in support of developing the property.
Jeremy Haley, Ypsilanti, spoke against the plan.
Tom Weiner spoke about testing that could be done at the site.
Comm. Scott closed the public hearing at 10:43 PM.

Chair Scott called for recess at 10:43 PM.
Chair Scott reconvened the meeting at 11:01 PM

IX. APPOINTMENTS

1. **26-058** Comm. Maciejewski, seconded by Comm. Beeman, moved that a Resolution Appointing a Member to the Washtenaw County Commission on Aging be approved. Roll Call Vote: 8 YEAS 0 NAYS 1(Hodge) ABSENT. Motion carried.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Sanders, moved that the minutes of the March 18, 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. Sanders, 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-0028 RECEIVED: March 12, 2026: Washtenaw County DHHS: February 11, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes
R-0029 RECEIVED: March 18, 2026: 5 Healthy Towns Foundation: Affordable Healthcare Access
R-0030 RECEIVED: March 20, 2026: Washtenaw County Barrier Busters: Impact Report 2025
R-0031 RECEIVED: March 23, 2026: Manchester Township Board: Resolution Supporting Careful and Comprehensive Review of Environmental and Community Impacts Related to Gravel Mining Proposals Near Watkins Lake State Park & County Preserve
R-0032 RECEIVED: March 30, 2026: Montmorency County Board of Commissioners: Resolution Supporting House Bills 5152 and 5153
R-0033 RECEIVED: March 31, 2026: Northfield Township: 2026 Master Plan Notice of Adoption
3. None.
4. None.
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- A. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Sanders, moved that the following reports be received: A report on contracts in the amount of \$25,000 and under from March 10, 2026, through April 7, 2026. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
- B. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Sanders, 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 March, 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. Beeman, moved that a resolution adopting the Arbor South Redevelopment Brownfield Plan in Ann Arbor, MI, from the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved. A presentation regarding this item was given, commissioner comment followed.

Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Beeman moved to call the question. Roll Call Vote: 8 YEAS 1(Rabhi) NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: 7 YEAS 2(Rabhi, Sanders) NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

- B. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Beeman, moved that a resolution authorizing the Board of Public Works to renew the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority (WWRA) operating and maintenance assessment from Public Works be approved. Voice vote - motion carried.

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- A. Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution adopting a Work from Home Policy from Human Resources be approved. Commissioner comment about this item occurred.

Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Sanders, moved to adjourn this item to the May 6, 2026 meeting. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

- B. **26-059** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, 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. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- C. **26-060** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, 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. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

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- A. **26-061** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution approving the 2026 Washtenaw County Equalization Report from Equalization be approved. A brief presentation regarding this item was given. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- B. **26-062** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution reaffirming the Eastern Washtenaw Community Recreation Center as a top priority be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- C. **26-063** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a Resolution Recognizing and Celebrating the 55th Anniversary of Washtenaw Literacy be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- D. **26-064** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution declaring international compost awareness week be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

- E. **26-065** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution acknowledging and honoring Earth Day be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- F. **26-066** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution proclaiming May 5, 2026, as Missing and Murdered Indigenous People's Day be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- G. **26-067** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution expressing support for *The Road Home* Documentary be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- H. **26-068** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution celebrating the Michigan Men's Basketball team for winning the NCAA National Championship be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- I. **26-069** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution recognizing April 28, 2026 as Workers Memorial Day in Washtenaw County be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

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- A. **26-070** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution authorizing the payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of April 6, 2026 be approved. Roll Call Vote: 9 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT. Motion carried.

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

Comm. Lyte, Hodge, and Beeman spoke about items for current/future discussion.

XIII. PENDING

None.

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 AM.

Katie Scott, Chair of
the Board of
Commissioners

Lawrence
Kestenbaum,
Clerk/Register

By: Brenden McArthur, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: May 6, 2026