



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 17, 2021

WAYS & MEANS

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 17, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Comm. Hodge, 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** (Junction City, Portage County, WI), **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; Kelly Belknap & team, Finance; Andrew DeLeeuw & team, OIM; Monica Boote, Human Resources; Teresa Gillotti, OCED; Harry Sheehan, Water Resources; Alize Asberry Payne & Crystal Campbell, Racial Equity Office; Jimena Loveluck, Health Department; Peter Lindeman, County Administration; Edwin Peart, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

II. Citizen Participation

Trische Duckworth apologized to Comm. Shink for her inappropriate words at the March 3, 2021 BOC meeting.

III. Commissioner Follow-Up To Citizen Participation

Comms. Shink and Hodge thanked Trische Duckworth for her apology and said they look forward to future conversations with her.

IV. New Business

A. Water Resources

1. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Caroline Sanders, moved that a resolution ratifying the signature of Evan Pratt, Water Resources Commissioner on the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy - Watershed Council Support Grant application be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

B. Sheriff

1. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Caroline Sanders, moved that a resolution ratifying the County Administrator's Signature on the Marine Safety Grant to the State of Michigan be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

C. Risk Management

1. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Caroline Sanders, moved that the Tentative COAM Contract from 1/1/21 - 12/31/24 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

D. Board of Commissioners

1. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Caroline Sanders, moved that the \$15 per hour minimum wage for all regular, full time Washtenaw County Employees be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.
2. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Caroline Sanders, moved that a resolution Integrating the 2020 Opportunity Index into County Policy, Investment, Programming, and Ongoing Strategy be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

V. Report of the County Administrator

Greg updated the BOC on the COVID-19 vaccine distribution, addressing increases in supply, additional resources, and the work of the Health Department and Racial Equity Office.

VI. Report of the Chair of the Board

Comm. Shink reminded everyone of the Gelman Community Information Session (that has been organized by U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell) on March 18, 2021 at 5pm.

VII. Report of the Chair of Ways & Means

Comm. Hodge thanked the Health Department for its hard work and dedication, and said that he's been in conversations with community groups regarding affordable housing and homelessness.

VIII. Items for Current/Future Discussion

The BOC had a discussion around earmarked funding at the federal level, necessitating a list of projects and programs to U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell's office that would be considered for federal funding support. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Jefferson, moved to authorize Administrator Dill to formally sign a letter of submission for a federal appropriations request with support from BOC leadership having been informed by communication with the BOC as a whole in an appropriate manner. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Jefferson, withdrew the motion.

Comm. Shink reported the the County is expected to receive \$71.29 million from the Restore America Act, and said they they're waiting on further guidance on how to effectively utilize the dollars given the timelines to utilize them. Greg said that he and his team are working on a framework to properly utilize funds.

IX. Pending

X. Adjournment

Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Shannon Beeman, moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Justin Hodge, Chair

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

Board Approved: 4/7/21