



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

A session of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners was held at the Administration Building, in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on Wednesday, October 9, 2019.

Jason Morgan, Chair of the Board of Commissioners, called the meeting to order at 7:51 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comms. Beeman, Brabec, Jamnick, Jefferson, LaBarre, Maciejewski, Morgan, Scott, and Shink

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Greg Dill, County Administrator; Diane Heidt, Deputy County Administrator; Curt Hedger, Corporation Counsel; Kelly Belknap, Finance; Nathan Voght, OCED; Ed Golembiewski, Clerk's Office; Dave Shirley, OIM; Justin Vidaurri, ITS; Andrew DeLeeuw, County Administration; Edwin Peart, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen Participation

Sheryl Siddall (Managing Director, Washtenaw County Road Commission) asked the BOC to give strong consideration to township officials and current & past Road Commission employees as it reviews the Road Commission structure.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation

Comms. Scott and Beeman thanked Sheryl Siddall for her comments and looked forward to gathering more insight on the issue of restructuring.

Liaison Reports

Comm. Shink reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission approved a conservation easement and a natural area purchase. She then reported on the Border-to-Border Trail and the grand opening of Staebler Farm Park. She also reported that the Environmental Council is working on establishing the need for a Climate Action Plan.

Comm. Brabec reported on CMH funding, saying that the PIHP Directors and the regional board met to discuss ideas on how the new rates are being redone.

Comm. Maciejewski reported that the Area Agency on Aging 1-B is holding its Caregiver Award Ceremony and is looking for Washtenaw County nominees.

Special Order of Business

19-170 Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Andy LaBarre, moved that a resolution to set two public hearings to receive comment on whether the County Board of Commissioners should transfer the powers, duties, and functions of the Washtenaw County Road Commission to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, (the first for Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 6:45 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, and the second for Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 6:45 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building), and directing the County Clerk/ Register to cause to be published notices of said meetings be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

Comm. Morgan opened (and closed) a public hearing to receive comment on the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant at 8:03 pm (with no public comment).

Appointments

19-171 Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that a resolution appointing members to the Youth Commission be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

19-172 Comm. Katie Scott, seconded by Comm. Ricky Jefferson, moved that a resolution appointing John Scharf to the Roads Funding Subcommittee be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the minutes of the September 18, 2019 meeting of the Board of Commissioners be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

2. Communications

Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, 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-0057 RECEIVED: September 17, 2019. A resolution from the Baraga County Board of Commissioners in support of the Line 5 Tunnel. Received and filed.

R-0058 RECEIVED: September 17, 2019. A resolution from the Baraga County Board of Commissioners opposing the Trial Court Funding Commission Interim Report. Received and filed.

R-0059 RECEIVED: September 17, 2019. A resolution from the Baraga County Board of Commissioners opposing legislation to prevent County Commissioner candidates from disclosing their party affiliation on ballots provided to Michigan voters. Received and filed.

R-0060 RECEIVED: September 17, 2019. A resolution from the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners in support of the Line 5 Tunnel. Received and filed.

R-0060 RECEIVED: September 17, 2019. A resolution from the Mackinac County Board of Commissioners in support of the Line 5 Tunnel. Received and filed.

3. Report of Standing Committees

Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the following reports be received: Report of Standing Committees: Ways and Means (9/18/19) & Working Session (9/19/19). 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

Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the following reports be received: Report of Special Committees: Road Commission, Social Services Board, Public Works Board, Food Policy Council, Board of Health, Broadband Taskforce, and Historic District Commission. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

5. Other Reports

Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the following reports be received: Report on Contracts in the amount of \$25,000 and under from September 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

6. Report of the Treasurer

7. Approval of Claims

19-173 Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that a resolution authorizing payment of claims with the last previously adopted claims and continuing through the date of September 13, 2019 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

Resolutions

- A. Ways and Means – October 9, 2019

19-174 Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that a resolution ratifying a grant application to the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund from the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

19-175 Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that the a resolution authorizing financial resources to assist with a coordinated response to a vermin issue in the County be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

19-176 Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that a resolution authorizing financial resources to provide support to the 2020 census outreach and planning efforts be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

B. Board of Commissioners – October 9, 2019

19-177 Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that a resolution amending the bylaws of the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

19-178 Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that a resolution honoring Ozone House for 50 years of service to Washtenaw County youth and the community be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

19-179 Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that a resolution appointing members to the Washtenaw County Board of Canvassers under the provisions of MCL 168.24c be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

19-180 Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that a resolution requesting that the United States Congress reauthorize the Older Americans Act be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

19-181 Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that a resolution honoring Trihn Pifer for being named the 2019 Citizen of the Year by the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

19-182 Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that a resolution honoring Bob Pierce and Nadine Anderson for being named the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award recipients by the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

19-183 Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that a resolution directing Government Consulting Services, INC to advocate for the elimination of the sunset clause in the statutes which would allow the Washtenaw County Road Commission to become a department of the County be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

19-184 Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Katie Scott, moved that a resolution honoring cooperative businesses in Washtenaw County be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 Motion carried.

Report of the County Administrator

None.

Report of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners

Comm. Morgan reminded the BOC of the Youth Commission meeting on October 20, 2019.

Items for Current/Future Discussion

Comm. LaBarre reported on a few affordable housing issues in the Ann Arbor area.

Comm. Scott reminded the BOC that the UAW striking workers at General Motors are on their fourth week of strikes.

Comm. Beeman reported on the KY/MI/OH Conference held in Washington D.C.

Comm. Morgan talked about BOC Liaison positions.

Adjournment

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Scott, moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Jason Morgan, Chair

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

Board Approved: 10/23/19