

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION

CHARTER COUNTY OF WAYNE

STATE OF MICHIGAN

NO. 1

FIRST ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - 2021

Meeting on Zoom.us

Thursday, January 7, 2021

10:00 a.m.

The Commissioners-elect to the Wayne County Commission assembled via Zoom.us on the 7th day of January, 2021 at 10:02 a.m., and the meeting was called to order by the Acting Clerk of the Commission, Pamela Lane.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Acting Clerk of the Commission Pamela Lane led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Acting Clerk of the Commission Pamela Lane introduced Reverend Dr. Craig Ester, Pastor, New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church, who gave the following invocation:

“Eternal God, we come now in the name of Jesus, and we give you thanks, first of all for life, for strength and for health. We thank you, Lord God, for these servants, Lord God, who are willing to serve Wayne County, and we ask your blessing upon them, Lord God, as they start out a new year. May they be energized. May you give them wisdom, and with the wisdom, Lord God, please give them understanding, and let them work together, Lord God, in unity, so that they will be reminded of the Scripture that says, Psalm 133:1, ‘How good and pleasant it is for brethren and sister to dwell together in unity.’ Bless them, keep them, love them and guide them throughout this year, and we will forever give your name the praise, the glory and the honor. For it is in the name of Jesus that we pray and say thank you. Amen.”

CERTIFICATION OF COMMISSIONERS-ELECT AND ROLL CALL

Acting Clerk of the Commission Pamela Lane advised that the Wayne County Board of Canvassers duly certified the following list of Commissioners-elect:

First District	TIM KILLEEN
Second District	
Third District	MARTHA G. SCOTT
Fourth District	ILONA VARGA
Fifth District	IRMA CLARK-COLEMAN
Sixth District	MONIQUE BAKER MCCORMICK
Seventh District	ALISHA R. BELL
Eighth District	DAVID KNEZEK
Ninth District	TERRY MARECKI
Tenth District	MELISSA DAUB
Eleventh District	ABDUL “AL” HAIDOUS
Twelfth District	GLENN S. ANDERSON
Thirteenth District	SAM BAYDOUN
Fourteenth District	RAYMOND E. BASHAM
Fifteenth District	JOSEPH PALAMARA

CONSTITUTIONAL OATH OF OFFICE

The Constitutional Oath of Office was administered to the Commissioners-elect by the Honorable Timothy M. Kenny, Chief Judge, Third Judicial Circuit Court of Michigan.

ELECTION OF WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION OFFICERS

The Acting Clerk of the Commission announced that the first order of business was the election of the Chair of the Commission, for which she requested nominations.

Commissioner Palamara, supported by Commissioner Clark-Coleman, nominated Commissioner Alisha R. Bell as Chair of the Wayne County Commission.

There being no other nominations, the Acting Clerk of the Commission proceeded to announce that Commissioner Alisha R. Bell, having received the unanimous vote of the members serving, was duly elected Chair of the Wayne County Commission, and the resolution was thereby adopted by a voice vote.

[Resolution No. 2021-001]

Commissioner Baydoun, supported by Commissioner Anderson, nominated Commissioner Joseph Palamara as Vice-Chair of the Wayne County Commission.

There being no other nominations, the Acting Clerk of the Commission proceeded to announce that Commissioner Joseph Palamara, having received the unanimous vote of the members serving, was duly elected Vice-Chair of the Wayne County Commission, and the resolution was thereby adopted by a voice vote.

[Resolution No. 2021-002]

The Acting Clerk of the Commission announced that the next order of business was the election of the Vice-Chair Pro Tempore of the Commission, for which she requested nominations.

Commissioner Varga, supported by Commissioner Marecki, nominated Commissioner Sam Baydoun as Vice-Chair Pro Tempore of the Wayne County Commission.

Commissioner Killeen nominated Commissioner Baker McCormick as Vice-Chair Pro Tempore. Commissioner Baker McCormick respectfully declined

The Acting Clerk of the Commission proceeded to announce that Commissioner Sam Baydoun, having received the majority of the votes of the members serving, was duly elected Vice-Chair Pro Tempore of the Wayne County Commission, and the resolution was thereby adopted by a voice vote.

The Commissioners voted as follows:

Yea -- Commissioners Anderson, Basham, Clark-Coleman, Daub, Haidous, Killeen, Knezek, Marecki, Scott, Varga, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell – 13
Nay -- None
Abstain -- Commissioner Baker McCormick -- 1
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- None

[Resolution No. 2021-003]

The Acting Clerk of the Commission administered the Constitutional Oath of Office to Commissioner Alisha R. Bell, as Chair of the Wayne County Commission, Commissioner Joseph Palamara, as the Vice-Chair of the Commission, and Commissioner Sam Baydoun, as Vice-Chair Pro Tempore of the Commission.

At this point in the proceedings, the Acting Clerk of the Commission turned the meeting over to Chair Alisha R. Bell, who gave the following remarks:

“Thank you, Commissioners, and congratulations to each of the Commissioners that are here present. We had a very interesting two years, from the time that we were sworn in the last time, which was the top of 2019. So many things have happened in our County and in our world. But I just wanted to do a couple of highlights. Back when we were initially sworn in and I took the office in 2019, one of the things I wanted to put forth was a paperless Commission and being more transparent, and we have done both of those. As you know right now, our meeting can now be seen on YouTube, which is wonderful for those residents who cannot come down to the Commission to view our meetings. We are still working on possibly streaming our meetings, which I think will be an asset to our constituents, as well. Going paperless, now we have our laptops. Who knew that these devices would be so important in 2019 as they are now, because that allowed us to communicate when the pandemic struck. I remember the date so, so, so vividly. On March 12th of last year, when I thought we were just going to be out for a couple of weeks, turned into four weeks, turned into six weeks, now we’re going on a year of operating via Zoom and of course dealing with this pandemic. I want to commend the Commissioners for all of their work and handling the pandemic. We have done a tremendous service to our constituents, from the grants for small businesses to the PPEs that have been delivered. We have really stepped up to make sure that Wayne County government still continues to operate, and operate well. I want the Commissioners who have done so much during the pandemic, as was mentioned earlier, well not mentioned earlier, but Commissioner Baker McCormick for the drop

boxes to our towns and cities throughout the County. That was so instrumental for our elections. We've done great things with resolutions. Tim Killeen with the Human Rights Ordinance, with the War on Trash in Commissioner Baker McCormick's district, with the Youth Council, we have done tremendous things. Calling for reform of the bail and the cash bail system, we've done that. Declaring racism as a public health issue, we've done that. We have really stepped up over these last two years, even in the midst of a pandemic, and I am just so proud to serve with each and every one of you. I thank you for your confidence in my leadership for another term. I know we will continue to do great things for this County and do great things on a national level because I think Wayne County is certainly a model for all counties throughout the country. So, again I just want to thank you all for your confidence, and I look forward to serving each and every one of you for the next two years."

CONSIDERATION OF STANDING RULES OF THE COMMISSION

Rule 2 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure provides, in part:

"...The Commission shall also adopt Temporary Rules of Procedure...."

Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, supported by Commissioner Varga, pursuant to the Commission's Standing Rules of Procedure, moved adoption of the Rules as the Temporary Rules of Procedure for 60 days.

Following discussion by Commissioners, **Chair Bell requested a vote on adoption of the foregoing matter, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted therefore by the following Roll Call:**

The Commissioners voted as follows:

Yea -- Commissioners Anderson, Basham, Clark-Coleman, Daub, Haidous, Knezek, Killeen, Marecki, Baker McCormick Scott, Varga, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 14
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- None

[Resolution No. 2021-005]

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pursuant to the Wayne County Commission's Rules of Procedure, Chair Bell invited comments from the public. Comments offered by Detroit Councilman Roy McCalister Jr., Stephen Grady Muhammad, Brenda Hill, former Wayne County

Commissioner K.B. Stallworth, Meeko A. Williams, Christian Phillips, Mary Nelson, Vijay Virupannavar, Byron Osbern, Tanise Hill, Marty Elwart, Jeff Patrika, Eric Brown, Adrian Bonds, Jack, Grace Trudell, Tony Parker, Christopher Bryan McClain, Scott Holiday, Chris Gary, Jirmere Moses, Michael Aaron, Russell Rader, Jim Boyd, Andre Crook, J.G. Love, Alex Brzuszek, Anthony Cowan, J Daugherty, Rick Garrett, Lorna Davison, Oakland County Commissioner William Miller, M Curran, Jim Peltier, Paul McAdams, Tom Diederichs, Jonathan Grey, Sherri Johnson, Chris Jackson, Theda Gibbs, Brian Richard, Joe Blanding and Johna Johnson.

**RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY COMMISSIONER ALISHA R. BELL,
ACTING AS CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON RULES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2021**

Vice-Chair Palamara, supported by Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, pursuant to the Commission's Standing Rules of Procedure, moved adoption.

Following discussion by Commissioners with Felicia Johnson, **Chair Bell requested a vote on adoption of the foregoing matter, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted therefore by the following Roll Call:**

The Commissioners voted as follows:

Yea -- Commissioners Basham, Clark-Coleman, Daub, Haidous, Marecki, Varga, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 9
Nay -- None
Abstain -- Commissioners Anderson, Killeen, Knezek, Baker McCormick, Scott -- 5
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- None

At this point in the proceeding, the Commission moved to the addenda.

**REPORT FROM THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RULES RECOMMENDING
THE FOLLOWING:**

The Special Committee on Rules recommends the appointment of Jonathan Kinloch to fill the District 2 vacancy.

Commissioner Killeen, supported by Commissioner Baker McCormick, moved to reject the report from the Special Committee on Rules.

Following discussion by Commissioners with Felicia Johnson and Jonathan Kinloch, **Chair Bell requested a vote to reject the foregoing matter and resolution, which failed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted therefore by the following Roll Call:**

The Commissioners voted as follows:

Yea -- Commissioners Anderson, Killeen, Baker McCormick, Scott -- 4
Nay -- Commissioners Basham, Clark-Coleman, Daub, Haidous, Knezek, Marecki,
Varga, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 10
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- None

Following discussion by Commissioners, **Commissioner Clark-Coleman, supported by Commissioner Basham, moved approval of the foregoing report from the Special Committee on Rules, and adoption of the resolution.**

Following discussion by Commissioners with Felicia Johnson, **Chair Bell requested a vote on adoption of the foregoing matter and resolution, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted therefore by the following Roll Call:**

The Commissioners voted as follows:

Yea -- Commissioners Basham, Clark-Coleman, Daub, Haidous, Knezek, Varga, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 9
Nay -- Commissioners Anderson, Killeen, Baker McCormick, Scott -- 4
Abstain -- Commissioner Marecki -- 1
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- None

[Resolution No. 2021-004]

At this point in the proceedings, the Commission returned to the agenda.

READING, CORRECTING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Vice-Chair Palamara, supported by Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, moved approval of the proposed Journal of the Sixth Day Annual Meeting held on December 17, 2020.

The Commissioners voted as follows:

Yea -- Commissioners Anderson, Basham, Clark-Coleman, Daub, Haidous, Killeen, Knezek, Marecki, Baker McCormick, Scott, Varga, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 14
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- None

Resolutions in Memoriam

1. By Commissioner Clark-Coleman in memory of **Gwendolyn Miller**
2. By Commissioner Clark-Coleman in memory of **Floria Jean Johnson**

Chair Bell remembered all who died the day before in the Washington, D.C./U.S. Capitol incident, and those who have died of COVID-19.

Chair Bell requested a moment of silence in honor of the foregoing individuals.

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

Pursuant to the Wayne County Commission's Rules of Procedure, there were no members requesting Remarks to be added to the journal.

Commissioner Clark-Coleman, supported by Vice-Chair Palamara, moved adjournment. The motion prevailed, the time being 1:28 p.m., Chair Bell declared the Commission adjourned until Thursday, January 21, 2021.

Pamela Lane
Acting Clerk of the Commission

PL:oh