OAKLAND COUNTY MICHIGAN

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1200 N. Telegraph Road, Bldg. 12 East, Pontiac, MI 48341

Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee

Yolanda Smith Charles, Chair

March 12, 2025 at 9:30 AM

MINUTES

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
   Chair Yolanda Smith Charles called the meeting of the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee to order at 09:35 AM in Committee Room A 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.
2. **Roll Call**
   MEMBERS PRESENT: Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Brendan Johnson, Linnie Taylor, Robert Smiley (7)

   MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: (0)
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
   Vice Chair Brendan Johnson led the Committee in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Approval of Minutes**

   a. **Board of Commissioners - dated February 26, 2025**
   Gwen Markham moved **approval of the Minutes dated February 26, 2025, as presented**. Seconded by William Miller III.

   Motion Passed.

   Vote Summary (7-0-0)
   Yes: Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Brendan Johnson, Linnie Taylor, Robert Smiley
   No: None
   Abstain: None
5. **Approval of Agenda**
   Brendan Johnson moved **approval of the agenda, as presented**. Seconded by Philip Weipert.

   Motion Passed.

   Vote Summary (7-0-0)
   Yes: Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Brendan

Johnson, Linnie Taylor, Robert Smiley
No: None
Abstain: None

6. **Public Comment**

None.

7. **Communications**

a. **Economic Development - Monthly Report - Oakland Thrive**

Linnie Taylor moved to **receive and file the attached Communication**. Seconded by Brendan Johnson.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Brendan Johnson, Linnie Taylor, Robert Smiley
No: None
Abstain: None

b. **Executive's Office - Appointment Letter - Deputy Director of Economic Development**

William Miller III moved to **receive and file the attached Communication**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Brendan Johnson, Linnie Taylor, Robert Smiley
No: None
Abstain: None

8. **Presentations**

a. **Water Resources Commissioner - Presentation of the Water Resources Commissioner's Annual Report**

Linnie Taylor moved to **receive and file the Water Resources Commissioner's Annual Report**. Seconded by Robert Smiley.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Brendan Johnson, Linnie Taylor, Robert Smiley
No: None
Abstain: None

9. **Water Resources Commissioner Recommendations**

a. **Water Resources Commissioner - Stormwater Pumping Station Operation and Maintenance Agreement with City of Sylvan Lake**

William Miller III moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Brendan Johnson, Linnie Taylor, Robert Smiley
No: None
Abstain: None

10. Economic Development Department Recommendations

a. **Economic Development - Planning and Local Business Development - Urban Main Targets of Opportunity Grant Program and Subrecipient Agreement**

Linnie Taylor moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by William Miller III.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Brendan Johnson, Linnie Taylor, Robert Smiley
No: None
Abstain: None

Philip Weipert moved that **Economic Development provide a report regarding the Urban Main Targets of Opportunity Grant Program in January 2026**. Seconded by William Miller III.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Brendan Johnson, Linnie Taylor, Robert Smiley
No: None
Abstain: None

b. **Economic Development - Veterans Services - Amendment #1 to the FY 2025 County Veterans Service Fund Grant with Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency**

Linnie Taylor moved to **forward to Finance the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by William Miller III.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles,

Brendan Johnson, Linnie Taylor, Robert Smiley
No: None
Abstain: None

11. Facilities Management Department Recommendations

a. **Facilities Management - Amendment #2 of the Hangar Space Lease with Midfield Management, LLC for Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit**

Linnie Taylor moved to **recommend to Board the attached suggested resolution.** Seconded by Robert Smiley.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Brendan Johnson, Linnie Taylor, Robert Smiley
No: None
Abstain: None

12. Closed Session

a. **Parks & Recreation - Request for Authorization to Negotiate the Purchase of Property**

Linnie Taylor moved to **enter into closed session for the purpose of considering the purchase or lease of property.** Seconded by William Miller III.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Brendan Johnson, Linnie Taylor, Robert Smiley
No: None
Abstain: None

The Committee went into closed session at 11:07 a.m.
The Committee resumed in open session at 11:20 a.m.

Linnie Taylor moved that **Parks & Recreation and Facilities Management be authorized to proceed in accordance with the directives discussed in closed session**. Seconded by Brendan Johnson.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Brendan Johnson, Linnie Taylor, Robert Smiley
No: None
Abstain: None

13. Public Comment

None.

14. Other Business/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 AM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.