



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Public Health & Safety Committee

Penny Luebs, Chair

July 8, 2025 at 10:30 AM

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Penny Luebs called the meeting of the Public Health & Safety Committee to order at 11:02 AM in Committee Room A 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Cavell, Ann Erickson Gault, Michael Gingell, Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor (8)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: (0)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Penny Luebs led the Committee in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated June 3, 2025

Michael Spisz moved **approval of the Minutes dated June 3, 2025, as presented.** Seconded by Angela Powell.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (8-0-0)

Yes: Charles Cavell, Ann Erickson Gault, Michael Gingell, Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

5. Approval of Agenda

Michael Spisz moved **approval of the agenda, as presented.** Seconded by Marcia Gershenson.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (8-0-0)

Yes: Charles Cavell, Ann Erickson Gault, Michael Gingell, Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor

No: None
Abstain: None

6. Public Comment

Dennis Cowan, Oakland Community Health Network Board Member, and Dana Lasenby, Oakland Community Health Network Chief Executive Officer

7. Presentations

a. Board of Commissioners - ARPA Legal Aid Assistance Final Report Review

Ashley Lowe, Chief Executive Officer, Lake Shore Legal Aid; Charity Burke, Executive Director, Oakland Mediation Center; Samantha DiDomenico, Director, STOUT; Jessica Notarberardino-Haxhija, Supervising Attorney, Oakland Mediation Center; and Michelle Johnson, President/Chief Executive Officer, Legal Aid and Defender, provided an update and gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Legal Aid Assistance and Housing Crisis Support in Oakland County. A discussion was held and committee members' questions were answered. The attached presentation titled Oakland County's Legal Aid Assistance and Housing Crisis Support Program Key Observations was received by the Committee.

Michael Gingell moved to **receive and file the attached presentation**.
Seconded by Ann Erickson Gault.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (8-0-0)

Yes: Charles Cavell, Ann Erickson Gault, Michael Gingell, Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

b. Public Services - Update on the Sale of Dog Licenses

Barb Hankey, Director of Public Services, and Robert Gatt, Manager of Animal Control, provided an update and gave a PowerPoint presentation on dog licenses in Oakland County. A discussion was held and committee members' questions were answered. The attached presentation titled Oakland County Animal Shelter was received by the Committee.

Marcia Gershenson moved to **receive and file the attached presentation**.
Seconded by Michael Spisz.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (8-0-0)

Yes: Charles Cavell, Ann Erickson Gault, Michael Gingell, Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

8. Communications

- a. **Public Services - Animal Shelter & Pet Adoption Center - Intake and Disposition Report for May 2025**
- b. **Board of Commissioners - ARPA Program Update - News Story on the Youth Assistance Program in Oak Park**
- c. **Board of Commissioners - AgeWays FY 2026 Annual Implementation Plan**
- d. **Board of Commissioners - Resolution from OCHN Opposing the Implementation of a Competitive Procurement Process for Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans**
- e. **Sheriff's Office - Exception to Board Rules Memo - Grant Application for the FY 2025 HIDTA Discretionary Funding Forensic Lab Program**
- f. **Sheriff's Office - Exception to Board Rules Memo - Grant Application for the FY 2025 HIDTA Discretionary Funding Crisis Response Unit**
- g. **Sheriff's Office - Exception to Board Rules Memo - Grant Application for the FY 2026 Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program**
- h. **Public Services - Children's Village - Exception to Board Rules Memo - Grant Application for the 2025 - 2026 Child Nutrition Coordinated Program**
- i. **52-2 District Court (Clarkston) - Grant Application to the State Court Administrative Office for the FY 2026 Michigan Drug Court Sobriety Program**
- j. **52-1 District Court (Novi) - Grant Application to the State Court Administrative Office for the FY 2025 Technology Implementation Grant**
- k. **52-1 District Court (Novi) - Grant Acceptance from the State Court Administrative Office for the FY 2025 Technology Implementation Grant**
- l. **Public Services - Pretrial & Justice Services - Amendment #2 from the Michigan Department of Corrections to the FY 2025 Community Corrections Grant**
- m. **52-1 District Court (Novi) - Grant Application to the State Court Administrative Office for the FY 2026 Legal Self-Help Center Program**
- n. **52-4 District Court (Troy) - Grant Application to the State Court Administrative Office for the FY 2026 Self-Legal Help Center Program**

Marcia Gershenson moved to **receive and file the attached Communications**.
Seconded by Michael Spisz.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (8-0-0)

Yes: Charles Cavell, Ann Erickson Gault, Michael Gingell, Marcia Gershenson,
Penny Luebs, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

9. Circuit Court Recommendations

- a. **Circuit Court - Amendment #1 to the FY 2025 Child Care Fund**
- b. **Circuit Court - Submission of the FY 2026 Child Care Fund Budget to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services**
- c. **Circuit Court - Grant Application to the State Court Administrative Office for the FY 2026 Child and Parent Legal Representation Program**
Charles Cavell moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action for Circuit Court Items 9a, 9b, and 9c**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (8-0-0)

Yes: Charles Cavell, Ann Erickson Gault, Michael Gingell, Marcia Gershenson,
Penny Luebs, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

10. Health & Human Services Recommendations

- a. **Health & Human Services - Health Division - Grant Exception Request - Application to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for the FY 2026 Local Health Department Comprehensive Agreement**
- b. **Health & Human Services - Grant Exception Request - Application to the Michigan Health Endowment Fund for the Community Health Impact Grant Program**
- c. **Health & Human Services - Health Division - Amendment #1 from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy Water Resources Division to the 2024-2025 Rapid Methods and Microbial Source Tracking for Beach Program**

- d. **Health & Human Services - Health Division - Amendment #1 from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy Water Resources Division to the Inland Lake Beach Monitoring Program**
- e. **Health & Human Services - Amendment #1 to the Double Up Food Bucks Program in Oakland County**
- f. **Health & Human Services - Amendment #1 from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to the 2025 Pontiac Integrated Urgent Care Grant**
- g. **Health & Human Services - Health Division - Amendment #3 from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to the FY 2025 Emerging Threats Local Health Department Agreement**
- h. **Health & Human Services - Neighborhood and Housing Development - Grant Acceptance from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority for the FY 2025 Housing Education Program**
Ann Erickson Gault moved to **recommend to Board Chair the proposed Board Action for Health and Human Service Items 10a and 10b, recommend to Board the proposed Board Action for Items 10c, 10d, 10e, and 10h, and forward to Finance the proposed Board Action for 10f and 10g.** Seconded by Angela Powell.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (8-0-0)

Yes: Charles Cavell, Ann Erickson Gault, Michael Gingell, Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

11. Sheriff's Office Recommendations

- a. **Sheriff's Office - Amendment #1 to the 2025-2027 Law Enforcement Services Agreement with the Charter Township of Brandon**
- b. **Sheriff's Office - Amendment #2 to the 2025-2027 Law Enforcement Services Agreement with the City of Rochester Hills**
- c. **Sheriff's Office - Grant Acceptance from the State of Michigan Department of State Police for the FY 2025 Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Program**
- d. **Sheriff's Office - Grant Acceptance from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the 2025 Marine Safety Grant Program**

- e. **Sheriff's Office - Oakland County Human Trafficking Task Force Interlocal Agreement with the City of Auburn Hills**
- f. **Sheriff's Office - Staffing Modifications within the Oakland County Sheriff's Office**

Michael Gingell moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action for Sheriff's Office Items 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, and 11f.** Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (8-0-0)

Yes: Charles Cavell, Ann Erickson Gault, Michael Gingell, Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

12. Human Trafficking Task Force Recommendations

- a. **Board of Commissioners - Support the Operational Needs of the Sheriff's Office and Prosecutor's Office in their Joint Anti-Human Trafficking Initiatives**

Linnie Taylor moved to **forward to Finance the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by Michael Spisz.

Board of Commissioners - Taylor Amendment

Linnie Taylor moved **the attached Taylor Amendment**, as presented. Seconded by Michael Spisz.

Board of Commissioners - Gingell Amendment

Michael Gingell moved to **amend and replace the Taylor Amendment as follows:**

Authorize the total allocation of \$400,000 from the Strategic Investment Plan (GL383554) to support additional operational needs of the Sheriff's Office and the Prosecutor's Office by creating one (1) GF/GP funded FTE Assistant Prosecutor position and one (1) GF/GP funded FTE Sergeant position and (1) vehicle; further, the Board of Commissioners - Human Trafficking Task Force shall conduct a review of these positions and their funding status beginning with the FY 2028 budget planning cycle, and will report to the Finance Committee on progress toward sustainable funding; further amend the budget as detailed in the attached Budget Amendment - Schedule A. Seconded by Charles Cavell.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (8-0-0)

Yes: Charles Cavell, Ann Erickson Gault, Michael Gingell, Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

Return to Taylor Amendment, as amended.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (8-0-0)

Yes: Charles Cavell, Ann Erickson Gault, Michael Gingell, Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

Return to Main Motion, as amended.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (8-0-0)

Yes: Charles Cavell, Ann Erickson Gault, Michael Gingell, Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

13. Public Comment

Michael Andrews, Chief of Staff, Board of Commissioners

Aria Dwoskin, Intern, Oakland County

14. Other Business/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 01:09 PM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.