



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Finance Committee

Gwen Markham, Chair

October 22, 2025 at 11:00 AM

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Gwen Markham called the meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 11:17 AM in Committee Room A 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor (7)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: (0)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Gwen Markham led the Committee in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated October 8, 2025

Michael Spisz moved **approval of the Minutes dated October 8, 2025, as presented.** Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

5. Approval of Agenda

Linnie Taylor moved **approval of the agenda, as presented.** Seconded by Christine Long.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor

No: None
Abstain: None

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Closed Session

a. Corporation Counsel - Closed Session re Bush, Stephen v Oakland County, et al

Linnie Taylor moved to **enter into closed session for the purpose of consulting with attorneys regarding trial or settlement strategy in the case of re Bush, Stephen v Oakland County, et al.** Seconded by Michael Spisz.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

The Committee went into closed session at 11:25 a.m.

The Committee resumed in open session at 11:58 a.m.

Michael Spisz moved **that Corporation Counsel be authorized to proceed in accordance with the directives discussed in closed session.** Seconded by Angela Powell.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

8. Communications

a. Management and Budget - Pontiac Redevelopment Project Updates

Michael Spisz moved to **receive and file the attached Communications.** Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

9. Department Recommendations

a. **Indigent Defense - Acceptance of FY2026 Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) Grant**

Christine Long moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Angela Powell.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

b. **Equalization - 2025 Apportionment of Local Tax Rates**

Linnie Taylor moved to **recommend to Board the attached suggested resolution**. Seconded by Ann Erickson Gault.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

c. **Board of Commissioners - Support for the Literature Circle Society's Book Club Program**

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

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

d. **Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of the Annual Holly Dickens Festival**

Angela Powell moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Michael Spisz.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor

No: None
Abstain: None

10. Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee Recommendations

a. Facilities Planning & Engineering - Campus-Wide Evacuation Signs Replacement

Yolanda Smith Charles moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

b. Economic Development - Business Development - Amended Oakland County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (OCBRA) Bylaws and Fee Schedule

Yolanda Smith Charles moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Angela Powell.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

c. Economic Development - Business Development - Orchard Shoppes Brownfield Plan located at 4210 Orchard Lake Rd. in the City of Orchard Lake Village

Yolanda Smith Charles moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Christine Long.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

11. Public Health and Safety Committee Recommendations

a. Sheriff's Office - Grant Acceptance from the Michigan State Police Department for the FY 2026 Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team Byrne Grant

Linnie Taylor moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Christine Long.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

12. Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee Recommendations

- a. **Human Resources - Fiscal Years 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029 Collective Bargaining Agreement for Employees Represented by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Command Officer's Association (OCSOCA), representing Command Employees of the Sheriff's Office**

- b. **Human Resources - Fiscal Years 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029 Collective Bargaining Agreement for Employees Represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) representing Non-Supervisory Employees of Circuit Court**

Ann Erickson Gault moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action for Human Resources Items 12a and 12b**. Seconded by Yolanda Smith Charles.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

13. Public Comment

None.

14. Other Business/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.