



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee

Yolanda Smith Charles, Chair

February 11, 2026 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 09:32 AM in Committee Room A 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert (6)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: William Miller III (1)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Philip Weipert led the Committee in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated January 14, 2026 (including Closed Session)

Linnie Taylor moved **approval of the Minutes dated January 14, 2026 (including Closed Session), as presented.** Seconded by Philip Weipert.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

5. Approval of Agenda

Robert Smiley moved **approval of the agenda, as presented.** Seconded by Gwen Markham.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie

Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Communications

- a. **Management and Budget - Monthly Reports - Pontiac Redevelopment Project February 2026**
- b. **Water Resources Commissioner - Monthly Report - New Public Works Building February 2026**
- c. **Economic Development - Workforce Development - Quarterly Report - American Rescue Plan Skilled and Educated Workforce - April 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025**
- d. **Economic Development - Planning and Local Business Development - Annual Report - Main Street Oakland County Placemaking and Public Spaces Grant Program**
- e. **Economic Development - Aviation and Transportation - Amendment #1 to PTK Reconstruct Taxiway & Lighting - Twy D, F, Y & Apron Grant**
- f. **Office of Sustainability - Amendment #1 to Michigan Enhancement Grant (Michigan Economic Development Corporation)**
Brendan Johnson moved to **receive and file the attached Communications**.
Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

8. Presentations

- a. **Water Resources Commissioner - RainSmart Rebate Program**
Lynne Seymour, Chief Engineer, and Stephanie Petriello, Environmental Planner, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the RainSmart Rebates Pilot Program Summary. A discussion was held and committee members' questions were answered.

Gwen Markham moved to **receive and file the attached presentation titled RainSmart Rebates**. Seconded by Robert Smiley.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

9. Water Resources Commissioner Recommendations

- a. **Water Resources Commissioner - Sewer System Operations and Maintenance Agreement with the Charter Township of White Lake**

Philip Weipert moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Gwen Markham.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

- b. **Water Resources Commissioner - Transfer of Real Property Interests from Oakland County to Local Municipalities**

Gwen Markham moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Robert Smiley.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

10. Economic Development Department Recommendations

- a. **Economic Development - Aviation and Transportation - Airport Land Lease between Oakland County International Airport and Park Place Hangar Co., LLC**

Linnie Taylor moved to **recommend to Board the attached suggested resolution**. Seconded by Philip Weipert.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None
Abstain: None

b. Economic Development - Aviation and Transportation - Creation of Aviation Department and Reorganization of Positions

Linnie Taylor moved to **forward to Finance the proposed Board Action**.
Seconded by Gwen Markham.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

Chair Yolanda Smith Charles made a public hearing announcement regarding the Creation of Aviation Department and Reorganization of Positions, which shall be held on February 19, 2026, at 9:30 AM in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Auditorium, 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Michigan

11. County Executive Department Recommendations

a. Executive's Office - County Executive Appointment of Cheryl Bush as Oakland County's Aviation Director

Linnie Taylor moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Gwen Markham.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

12. Facilities Management Department Recommendations

a. Facilities Management – Capital Planning & Design - Creation and Reimbursement of Positions to Support Facilities Management Department

Misty Raatz, Capital Planning & Design Manager, provided an update and gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Position(s) Requests for County Improvement Program Fund. A discussion was held and committee members' questions were answered. The attached presentation titled Position(s) Requests was received by the Committee.

Linnie Taylor moved to **forward to Finance the proposed Board Action**.
Seconded by Philip Weipert.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-1-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: Robert Smiley

Abstain: None

b. Facilities Management - Purchase of Property at 70 E. Silverdome Industrial Park Pontiac, Michigan

Robert Smiley moved to **forward to Finance the attached suggested resolution**. Seconded by Philip Weipert.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

13. Public Comment

Margarette Gupta, Oakland Township Resident

14. Other Business/Adjournment

Commissioners' Comments

Speakers:

Yolanda Smith Charles

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.