



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Board of Commissioners

David T. Woodward, Chair
January 22, 2026 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair David T. Woodward called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 6:07 PM in the Commissioners' Auditorium 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Cavell, Ann Erickson Gault, Michael Gingell, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Christine Long, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Kristen Nelson, Angela Powell, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor, David Woodward (18)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Philip Weipert (1)

3. Invocation - Robert Smiley

4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

5. Approval of Minutes

a. Clerk/Register of Deeds - dated December 11, 2025

Board Action #2026-6147 _

Angela Powell moved **approval of the Minutes dated December 11, 2025, as presented.** Seconded by Christine Long.

Motion Passed.

A voice vote was conducted and with unanimous support, the Minutes dated December 11, 2025, were approved, as presented.

6. Approval of Agenda

Yolanda Smith Charles moved **approval of the Agenda, as presented**. Seconded by Michael Gingell.

Charles Cavell moved to **amend the Agenda to place Consent Agenda item 13c on the Regular Agenda**. The Chair approved the request without objection.

Returning to the vote on Main Motion: **Motion Passed**.

A voice vote was conducted and the Agenda, as amended, was approved unanimously.

7. Nomination and Election of Vice Chair

Chair David Woodward opened the nominations for Vice Chair.

Penny Luebs moved to **nominate Marcia Gershenson for Vice Chair**. Seconded by Angela Powell.

Discussion followed.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (15-3-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Michael Gingell, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Christine Long, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Angela Powell, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, David Woodward
No: Charles Cavell, Kristen Nelson, Michael Spisz

Abstain: None

Vice Chair Marcia Gershenson addressed the Board to thank her fellow Commissioners.

8. Public Hearing - The Meadows of Oxford Brownfield Plan in the Village of Oxford - 6:00 p.m.

At 6:13 PM, Chair David Woodward made the following statement: "A Public Hearing is now called on The Meadows of Oxford Brownfield Plan located in the Village of Oxford. Is there anyone who wishes to speak?" No one requested to speak, and the Chair declared the Public Hearing closed.

9. Presentations

a. Board of Commissioners - Proclamation - Oakland Schools Board of Education

Board Action #2026-6184 _

Commissioners Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor and Kristen Nelson addressed the Board to present a proclamation honoring the Oakland Schools Board of Education to recognize the dedicated public servants who ensure that Oakland Schools maintain standards of excellence in education and continue to nurture the minds and spirits of students. The Commissioners proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month in Oakland County.

Marc Katz, President, Oakland Schools Board of Education addressed the Board.

b. Board of Commissioners - Proclamation - Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Board Action #2026-6183 _

Commissioners Linnie Taylor, William Miller III, Michael Spisz, Karen Joliat and Chair David Woodward addressed the Board to present a proclamation honoring Human Trafficking Prevention Month, calling urgent attention to those abhorrent crimes that victimize our most vulnerable residents and to reaffirm their commitment to anti-trafficking initiatives.

Cindy Brown, Chief of the Trafficking Division, Oakland County Prosecutor's Office and Undersheriff Timothy Willis, Oakland County Sheriff's Office addressed the Board.

10. Communications

a. Board of Commissioners - Grant Exception Letter dated January 22, 2026

Board Action #2026-6195 _

Fred Miller, Deputy Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds, addressed the Board to read a communication from Chair David Woodward notifying the Board that he has authorized the submission of the following grant applications:

Grant Name: 2026 Southeast Michigan Perinatal Quality Improvement Coalition (SEMPQIC) Regional Perinatal Quality Collaborative (RPQC)

Department: Health and Human Services

Amount: \$50,000

Grant Application Deadline: December 30, 2025

Grant Name: 2026 Survey & Remonumentation Grant

Department: Clerk/Register of Deeds

Amount: \$158,513.00

Grant Application Deadline: December 31, 2025

Grant Name: Rediscovering Our Revolutionary Tradition

Department: Clerk/Register of Deeds

Amount: \$279,803.35

Grant Application Deadline: January 15, 2026

b. Executive's Office - Reappointment to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors

Board Action #2026-6174 _

Fred Miller, Deputy Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds, addressed the Board to read a communication from David Coulter, Oakland County Executive, authorizing the reappointment of Dom Holmes, Solon Phillips, Yolanda Smith Charles, Michael Spisz, Grant Trigger and Peter Webster to three-year terms to the Oakland County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors.

c. Board of Commissioners - Appointment to the Diplomatic Engagement Study Group

Board Action #2026-6199 _

Fred Miller, Deputy Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds, addressed the Board to read a communication from Chair David Woodward appointing Brendan Johnson, Madiha Tariq and Harry Weaver to the Oakland County Diplomatic Engagement Study Group.

Yolanda Smith Charles moved to receive and file the attached Communications and Presentations and confirm the appointments. Seconded by Karen Joliat.

A voice vote was conducted and with unanimous support, the Communications and Presentations were received and filed, and the appointments confirmed.

11. Public Comment

The following people addressed the Board during Public Comment #1: Suzanne Meloeny and Trish Oliver.

Reports of Standing Committees

Consent Agenda

All items on the Consent Agenda **Passed**.

Christine Long moved to **recommend approval of the attached suggested resolutions on the Consent Agenda**. Seconded by Penny Luebs.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (17-1-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Michael Gingell, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Christine Long, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Kristen Nelson, Angela Powell, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor, David Woodward

No: Charles Cavell

Abstain: None

12. Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee - Yolanda Smith Charles

- a. **Board of Commissioners - Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriation with the Township of Springfield for Tri-Party Road Improvement Program – Project No. 58411**

Board Action #2025-6100 _

Approve Project No. 58411 submitted by the Township of Springfield and authorize the transfer of Tri-Party Road Improvement Program funds in the amount of \$35,056 from Non-Departmental Transfers appropriation (9090101); further, amend the FY 2026 budget as detailed in the attached Schedule A – Budget Amendment; further, request that the Oakland County Clerk forward copies of this resolution to the Road Commission for Oakland County, Oakland County Fiscal Services, and the Community.

- b. **Water Resources Commissioner - Transfer of Huron Rouge Sewage Disposal System Assets to the Huron Rouge Sanitary Drain Drainage District**

Board Action #2025-6110 _ 26-1

MR# 26001

Adopt the attached Transfer of Huron Rouge Sewage Disposal System Assets to the Huron Rouge Sanitary Drain Drainage District.

- c. **Economic Development - Business Development - The Meadows of Oxford Brownfield Plan located in the Village of Oxford**

Board Action #2025-6113 _

Adopt The Meadows of Oxford Brownfield Redevelopment Plan to be carried out within the Village of Oxford, relating to the 147 S. Washington St. property.

- d. **Economic Development - Aviation and Transportation - Memorandum of Agreement with the FAA for the Operation of FAA Navigation, Communication and Weather Aid Facilities at the Oakland County International Airport in Waterford Township**

Board Action #2025-6103 _

Approve and accept the terms and conditions of the attached Memorandum of Agreement with the FAA for a term of October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2046; further, authorize the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Chair or their designee to execute the attached Memorandum of Agreement and all other related documents between the County and the FAA.

- e. **Economic Development - Aviation and Transportation - Grant Contract with Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for Improvements at the Oakland/Troy Airport**

Board Action #2025-6112 _

Approve and accept Grant Contract No. 2026-0242 from Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) in the amount of \$1,255,225.00, which includes a State match of \$62,763.00, for the grant period of December 19, 2025 through August 25, 2029; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners or their designee to execute the grant agreement; further, acceptance of this grant does not obligate the County to any future commitment and continuation of this program is contingent upon continued future levels of grant funding.

- f. **Economic Development - Aviation and Transportation - Rescind Resolution #2025-6037 _ 25-40, 2025 Land Lease Addendum with Mr. Hangar, LLC**

Board Action #2026-6150 _

Rescind Resolution #2025-6037 _ 25-40, adopted December 11, 2025, titled 2025 Land Lease Addendum with Mr. Hangar, LLC.

- g. **Office of Sustainability - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Award with the United States Department of Energy**

Board Action #2025-6063 _

Approve the award of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant in the amount of \$434,190, for the period December 1, 2024 to November 30, 2026; further, that acceptance of this grant funding does not obligate the County to any future commitment, and continuation of this program is contingent upon future levels of grant funding; further, that the FY 2026 budget is amended as detailed in the attached Schedule A - Budget Amendment.

- h. **Facilities Management - Amendment #1 to Sublease with Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) for Additional First Floor Space in Building 32E**

Board Action #2025-6125 _ 26-2

MR# 26002

Adopt the attached Amendment #1 to Sublease with Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) for Additional First Floor Space in Building 32E.

- a. **Purchasing - Exception to Purchasing Policy - Extensions Beyond Five-Year Term with Global Solutions Group, Byers Engineering, and Emphasys**

Board Action #2026-6136 _

Approve the contract exceptions submitted pursuant to Section 2400.6 of the Oakland County Purchasing Policy and authorize the extension of existing contracts beyond a five (5) year term, including a two (2) year contract with Global Solutions Group for the Information Technology Department in the amount of \$121,650, an eighteen (18) month contract with Byers Engineering for the Information Technology Department in the amount of \$14,000, and a five (5) year contract with Emphasys for the Oakland County Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$116,670.

- b. **Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of the Trinity Missionary Baptist Church and Dare to Dream Pontiac 2026 Black History Celebration Gala**

Board Action #2025-6087 _

Approve a one-time allotment of \$2,500 from the FY 2026 Board of Commissioners' General Fund Sponsorship line-item budget to sponsor the Trinity Missionary Baptist Church 2026 Black History Celebration Gala. Further, authorize the Board Chair to execute any required agreements on behalf of Oakland County. Additionally, require that the recipient of the funds publicly promote the County's support and submit an impact report to the Board of Commissioners by the end of the calendar year, detailing the outcomes of the event, including the number of residents served and supported by the initiative.

14. Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee - Brendan Johnson

- a. **Clerk/Register of Deeds - Grant Acceptance from the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) for the FY 2026 SCAO Legal Self-Help Centers Grant**

Board Action #2025-6006 _

Approve the grant agreement for the FY 2026 Michigan State Court Administrative Office grant award in the amount of \$41,240 from the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) for a term of November 14, 2025, through September 30, 2026; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to execute the grant agreement and may approve amendments and extensions within fifteen percent (15%) of the original award, consistent with the original agreement as approved; further, amend the FY 2026 budget pursuant to the attached Budget Amendment - Schedule A.

- b. **Human Resources - Implementing the Salary Administration Plan 1st Quarterly Report for FY 2026**

Board Action #2025-6118 _

Authorize the implementation of the Salary Administration Plan 1st Quarterly Report for FY 2026, effective January 24, 2026; further, change classifications according to the attached Schedule B; further, change the salary grade of classifications according to the attached Schedule C; further, reclassify positions according to the attached Schedule D; further, amend the FY 2026-2028 Budget as detailed in the attached Schedule A - Budget Amendment.

- c. **Parks & Recreation - Interlocal Agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and the Parks and Recreation Commission for Maintenance Services – Clinton River Oaks County Park**

Board Action #2026-6138 _

Approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission and the City of Rochester Hills, effective February 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026, for maintenance services at Clinton River Oaks County Park; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to execute the agreement following final review and approval by Corporation Counsel.

15. Public Health and Safety Committee - Penny Luebs

- a. **Health & Human Services - Health Division - Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Environmental, Great Lakes, and Energy for the 2026-2027 Rapid Methods and Microbial Source Tracking for Beaches Program**

Board Action #2025-6085 _

Approve the grant application to the Michigan Department of Environmental, Great Lakes, and Energy for the 2026-2027 Rapid Methods and Microbial Source Tracking for Beaches Program in the amount of \$158,000; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to execute the grant application.

- b. **Health & Human Services - Neighborhood and Housing Development - Amendment #2 to the Program Year 2019 Annual Action Plan Special Grant Allocation Acceptance for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And Economic Security Act Community Development Block Grant**

Board Action #2025-6111 _

Approve amendment #2 to the Program Year 2019 Annual Action Plan Special Grant Allocation Acceptance for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And Economic Security Act Community Development Block Grant to reflect the Special Revenue personnel changes in the attached Schedule B.

- c. Health & Human Services - Neighborhood and Housing Development - Housing Trust Fund - Amendment #1 to the 111 Oneida “Missing Middle” Workforce Housing Development Project in the City of Pontiac**

Board Action #2026-6137 _

Approve the Housing Trust Fund Board recommendation of Amendment #1 to the 111 Oneida “Missing Middle” Workforce Housing Development Project in the City of Pontiac in the amount not to exceed \$250,000 for a total investment amount not to exceed \$3,250,000; further, funding from the State Land Bank Authority are subject to the availability of State Land Bank Authority funds and the confirmation by County staff that all budget shortfalls have been filled by other sources of funding in order to complete the Development and receive a certificate of occupancy from the City of Pontiac.

- d. Public Services - Pretrial & Justice Services - Grant Acceptance from the Michigan Department of Corrections for the FY 2026 Community Corrections Program**

Board Action #2025-6116 _

Approve the grant funding from the Michigan Department of Corrections for the FY 2026 Community Corrections Program in the amount of \$2,144,875 for the period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026; further, delete one (1) special revenue funded PTNE 1,000 hours per year Pretrial & Justice Specialist II position (#P00012230), further; delete one (1) GF/GP FTE Youth Specialist I position (#1070701-11505) and one (1) GF/GP FTE Youth Specialist II position (#1070701-05395) from Children’s Village, with a portion of the associated general funds transferred to Pretrial and Justice Services to fund the appropriation change of P00007834; further, change the funding appropriation of one (1) SR FTE User Support Specialist II position P00007834 to 100% General Fund/General Purpose; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to execute the attached agreement; further, amend the FY 2026 budget as detailed in the attached Schedule A.

- e. Sheriff’s Office - Interlocal Agreement with the City of Auburn Hills to join the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT)**

Board Action #2025-6123 _

Approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Auburn Hills to join the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT); further, approve the agreement execution by the Oakland County Sheriff; further, authorize the Chair of the Board to execute any amendments.

- f. Sheriff's Office - Contract with VitalCore for Medical Services at the Oakland County Jail**

Board Action #2025-6115 _

Approve the contract with VitalCore for Medical Services at the Oakland County Jail beginning March 1, 2026, for three years with the option of two one-year extensions; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to execute the agreement after final review from Corporation Counsel and Purchasing; further, amend the FY 2026-FY 2028 budget as detailed in the attached Schedule A.

Regular Agenda

17. Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee - Brendan Johnson

- a. Board of Commissioners - Oakland Community Health Network Appointment**

Board Action #2026-6141 _

Brendan Johnson moved to reappoint the following: Douglas Jones, General Public; Sarah Guadalupe, General Public; and Jennifer Korenchuk, Working in Mental Health, to the Oakland Community Health Network for a three-year term beginning April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2029. Seconded by Ann Erickson Gault.

Discussion followed.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (17-1-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Michael Gingell, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Christine Long, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Kristen Nelson, Angela Powell, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor, David Woodward

No: Charles Cavell

Abstain: None

16. Finance Committee - Gwen Markham

- a. **Executive's Office - Courts & Law Enforcement Management Information System Authority (CLEMIS) Transfer Agreement**

Board Action #2026-6161 _

Gwen Markham moved to **approve the attached Transfer Agreement between Oakland County and the Courts & Law Enforcement Management Information System Authority (CLEMIS Authority), and directs the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to execute the agreement on behalf of Oakland County.** Seconded by Michael Spisz.

Discussion followed.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (16-2-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Michael Gingell, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Christine Long, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Angela Powell, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor, David Woodward

No: Charles Cavell, Kristen Nelson

Abstain: None

18. Special Order of Business

- a. **Board of Commissioners - Motion to Discharge - Supporting the County Executive Office recommendation to create a County Ombudsman**

Board Action #2025-6013 _

Charles Cavell moved to **discharge from committee the resolution titled - Supporting the County Executive Office recommendation to create a County Ombudsman.** Seconded by Kristen Nelson.

Discussion followed.

Motion Failed.

Vote Summary (2-16-0)

Yes: Charles Cavell, Kristen Nelson

No: Ann Erickson Gault, Michael Gingell, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Christine Long, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Angela Powell, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor, David Woodward

Abstain: None

19. New & Miscellaneous Business

- a. **Board of Commissioners - Resolution to Establish Restrictions on Outside Employment and Private Consulting for County Employees Whose Total Annual Compensation Exceeds \$200,000**

Board Action #2026-6192 _

The Chair referred the Resolution to the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee. There were no objections.

- b. **Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of Peer-to-Peer Mentorship Program 42 Strong Foundation**

Board Action #2026-6198 _

The Chair referred the Resolution to the Finance Committee. There were no objections.

- c. **Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of Hazel Park Promise Zone Initiative**

Board Action #2026-6200 _

The Chair referred the Resolution to the Finance Committee. There were no objections.

20. Announcements

Kristen Nelson addressed the Board to announce that she has printed copies of the voluntary disclosure report available for any Commissioner who would like to complete one. She also stated that she has disclosed her own financial report.

Charles Cavell addressed the Board to give notice that at the next meeting he will motion to discharge resolution MR# 2025-6084 - Adoption of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Financial Disclosure Policy — Including Candidate Filing Requirements per Act 282 of 2023, from further consideration by the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee. The Chair ruled the motion was out of order.

Brendan Johnson addressed the Board to extend his best wishes to all the athletes from Team USA who are set to compete in the upcoming Milano Cortina Olympics. He announced that as of this evening, there are eight Michiganders, of whom three are Oakland County residents: Evan Bates of Northville and Vadym Kolesnik of Novi for figure skating, along with Megan Keller of Farmington Hills for ice hockey.

21. Public Comment

The following people addressed the Board during Public Comment #2: John Lauve, Margarete Gupta, Heather Rae and Kevin Sugg.

22. Adjournment to February 19, 2026, or the Call of the Chair

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

