



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Finance Committee

Gwen Markham, Chair
March 4, 2026 at 11:00 AM

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Gwen Markham called the meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 11:30 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 February 11, 2026

Linnie Taylor moved **approval of the Minutes dated February 11, 2026, as presented.** 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

5. Approval of Agenda

Angela Powell moved **approval of the agenda, as presented.** 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

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Communication

a. Board of Commissioners - Savi - Oakland County Mid-February Impact Reports

Yolanda Smith Charles moved to **receive and file the attached Communication**. 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. Public Health and Safety Committee Recommendations

a. Board of Commissioners - Request to Allocate Additional Funding for the Increase of Marine Safety Patrols on Oakland County Lakes Program for 2026-2028 Boating Seasons

Proposed Board Action: authorize the appropriation of \$50,000 per year to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit to increase safety patrols on Oakland County Lakes during the 2026-2028 boating season; further, a report detailing expenditures and performance metrics, such as locations where the increased patrols were utilized, and the impact of patrols, shall be forwarded to the Public Health and Safety Committee after each season; further, that due to the demonstrated success of the pilot program, the program shall transition from pilot status to a permanent program to continue the commitment of increasing safety of Oakland County residents; further, that a budget amendment shall be included in a subsequent quarterly forecast report.

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

9. Department Recommendations

a. **Indigent Defense - Application for FY2027 Michigan Indigent Defense Commission ("MIDC") Grant**

Proposed Board Action: approve the submission of the FY2027 Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) Grant Application and authorize the Indigent Defense Services Office to engage in any necessary negotiation with the MIDC and prepare any necessary revision of the Draft Cost Analysis; further, that when the final version of the FY2027 MIDC Compliance Plan and Cost Analysis is officially approved by the MIDC this item will be brought back before the Board of Commissioners for grant acceptance.

Linnie Taylor 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

b. **Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of America 250 Celebration Infrastructure Improvements with Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Society**

Proposed Board Action: approve a one-time allotment of \$52,000 from the FY 2026 Board of Commissioners' General Fund Special Projects Program line-item budget to support public access and infrastructure improvements at The Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Society History Center, in connection with the America 250 commemoration, including driveway and parking area paving and electrification of the gazebo. Further, authorize the Board Chair to execute any required agreements on behalf of Oakland County. Additionally, require that the recipient submit documentation confirming completion of the improvements and provide a final written report to the Board of Commissioners by the end of the calendar year following completion of the project, detailing the use of funds, attendance at related public programming, and measurable community impact, including expanded accessibility and coordination with County departments.

Linnie Taylor 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

c. **Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of Brandon Township Community Fireworks Celebration**

Proposed Board Action: approve a one-time allotment of \$5,000 from the FY 2026 Board of Commissioners' General Fund Sponsorship line-item budget to sponsor the Brandon Township Community Fireworks Celebration. 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 Oakland County residents served and supported by the initiative.

d. Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of Clawson Lions Club 28th Annual Charity Car Show

Proposed Board Action: approve a one-time allotment of \$5,000 from the FY 2026 Board of Commissioners' General Fund Sponsorship line-item budget to sponsor the Clawson Lions Club 28th Annual Charity Car Show. 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 Oakland County residents served and supported by the initiative.

e. Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of Art & Apples Festival - Main Stage Sponsorship

Proposed Board Action: approve a one-time allotment of \$10,000 from the FY 2026 Board of Commissioners' General Fund Sponsorship line-item budget to sponsor the Main Stage at the 2026 Art & Apples Festival, hosted by the Paint Creek Center for the Arts, to be held September 11–13, 2026, at Rochester Municipal Park. 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 as the Main Stage Sponsor and submit a final report to the Board of Commissioners by the end of the calendar year, detailing the use of funds, festival attendance, number of Oakland County residents served, and measurable community and economic impact associated with the event.

Yolanda Smith Charles moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action for Department Recommendations Items 9c, 9d, and 9e**. 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

f. Fiscal Services - FY 2026 First Quarter Forecast and Budget Amendments

Proposed Board Action: accept the Fiscal Year 2026 First Quarter Financial Report; to appropriate \$14,263,752 of previously budgeted but unspent funds assigned for carryforwards in the General Fund to departments for use; to

recognize donations in the Children's Village Division and the Sheriff's Office; to authorize the write-off of uncollectible debts, as recommended by the Department of Management and Budget and detailed in the attached schedules; and to amend the FY 2026 – FY 2028 Budgets pursuant to the attached Schedule A budget amendments.

Christine Long moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. 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

10. Public Comment

Margarette Gupta, Oakland Township Resident

11. Other Business/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:36 PM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.