



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee

Yolanda Smith Charles, Chair

March 4, 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 09:39 AM in Committee Room A 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert (7)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: (0)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Brendan Johnson led the Committee in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated February 11, 2026

William Miller III moved **approval of the Minutes dated February 11, 2026, as presented**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, 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 Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith

Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

6. Public Comment

Eli Cooper, Transit Manager, introduced Charlotte Krause, Digital Marketing & Communications Coordinator, to the Committee.

7. Communications

- a. **Economic Development - Airport Committee Meeting Minutes**
- b. **Office of Sustainability - 2025 Oakland County Employee Surplus Office Item Donation Event Summary**
- c. **Water Resources Commissioner - Monthly Report - New Public Works Building March 2026**
- d. **Economic Development - Oakland Thrive Report**
- e. **Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - Quarterly Report — Local Transit Providers' July-September 2025**
- f. **Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - Quarterly Report - SMART April-June 2025**
- g. **Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - Quarterly Report — SMART July-September 2025**
- h. **Road Commission for Oakland County - Environmental Assessment Letter**
Robert Smiley moved to **receive and file the attached Communications**.
Seconded by Gwen Markham.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

8. Presentations

- a. **Economic Development - Materials Management Plan Presentation**
Kristen Wiltfang, Administrator Trails, Transportation & Environment, and Whitney Calio, Principal Planner, provided an update and gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Materials Management Plan. A discussion was held and committee members' questions were answered.

William Miller III moved to **receive and file the attached presentation titled Materials Management Plan Update**. Seconded by Philip Weipert.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

9. Economic Development Department Recommendations

a. Economic Development - 2026 North Oakland County Household Hazardous Waste (NoHaz) Interlocal Agreement

Proposed Board Action: approve the 2026 North Oakland County Household Hazardous Waste (NoHaz) Interlocal agreement; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to sign the agreement with the municipalities that have signed the Interlocal Agreement and passed a resolution in support thereof.

William Miller III moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Robert Smiley.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

10. Water Resources Commissioner Recommendations

a. Water Resources Commissioner - Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds for Replacement of Lead Service Lines in the City of Pontiac

Linnie Taylor moved to **recommend to Board the attached suggested resolution**. Seconded by Gwen Markham.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

b. Water Resources Commissioner - Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds for Replacement of the City of Pontiac Sewage Disposal System

William Miller III moved to **recommend to Board the attached suggested resolution**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

11. Facilities Management Department Recommendations

a. Facilities Management - Purchase Agreement for Real Property at 30521 Hales St. in Madison Heights, Michigan

Brendan Johnson moved to **recommend to Board the attached suggested resolution.** Seconded by William Miller III.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

b. Facilities Management - Joint Project Agreement (JPA) with the U.S. Department of Commerce (USDOC) for use of Office Space in Annex I Building

Philip Weipert moved to **recommend to Board the attached suggested resolution.** Seconded by William Miller III.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

12. Aviation Department Recommendations

a. Aviation - Airport Land Lease between Oakland County International Airport and DCT Realty, LLC

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

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

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

No: None
Abstain: None

b. Aviation - Grant Acceptance between Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Oakland/Southwest Airport for Obstruction Marking/Lighting/Removal-Wetland Mitigation (On-Airport Property Phase) - Environmental

Proposed Board Action: approve and accept the grant contract from Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) in the amount of \$650,300.00 including federal funds of \$600,000.00, state funds of \$24,562.00 and a local match of \$25,738.00; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to execute the grant contract; 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.

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

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

c. Aviation - Grant Acceptance between Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Oakland/Troy Airport to Reconstruct 4 T-Hangar Taxilanes and Aprons - Design

Proposed Board Action: approve and accept the grant contract from Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) in the amount of \$87,184.00 including federal funds of \$82,707.00, state funds of \$2,238.00 and a local match of \$2,239.00; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to execute the grant contract; 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.

Linnie Taylor moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Robert Smiley.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

13. Transit Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations

a. **Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - 2026 Access to Transit Award Recommendations**

Proposed Board Action: approve the disbursement of Access to Transit Grant funds for the projects detailed in the attached Schedule B – Project Summaries and Grant Awards for an amount not to exceed \$1,108,980; further, approve the template Interlocal Agreement, which was developed with Corporation Counsel; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to sign the agreements.

William Miller III moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

b. **Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - Amendment 2026-1 of Public Transportation Agreement with North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA)**

Proposed Board Action: approve Amendment 2026-1 to the Public Transportation Agreement between North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA) and Oakland County; amend Section 8 (Facility Expenditures) of Exhibit B with new subsection (f); further, authorize the Chair of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners to execute the Amendment on behalf of Oakland County.

c. **Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - Amendment 2026-1 of Public Transportation Agreement with Rochester Hills-Oakland-Rochester Older Persons' Commission (OPC)**

Proposed Board Action: approve Amendment 2026-1 to the Public Transportation Agreement between Rochester Hills-Oakland-Rochester Older Persons' Commission (OPC) and Oakland County; amend Section 8 (Facility Expenditures) of Exhibit B with new subsection (f); further, authorize the Chair of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners to execute the Amendment on behalf of Oakland County.

d. **Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - Amendment 2026-1 of Public Transportation Agreement with Western Oakland Transportation Authority (WOTA)**

Proposed Board Action: approve Amendment 2026-1 to the Public Transportation Agreement between Western Oakland Transportation Authority (WOTA) and Oakland County; amend Section 8 (Facility Expenditures) of Exhibit B with new subsection (f); further, authorize the Chair of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners to execute the Amendment on behalf of Oakland County.

e. Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - Amendment 2026-1 of Public Transportation Agreement with People's Express Inc. (PEX)

Proposed Board Action: approve Amendment 2026-1 to the Public Transportation Agreement between People's Express Inc. (PEX) and Oakland County; amend Section 8 (Facility Expenditures) of Exhibit B with new subsection (f); further, authorize the Chair of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners to execute the Amendment on behalf of Oakland County.

William Miller III moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action for items 13b, 13c, 13d, and 13e**. Seconded by Philip Weipert.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

14. Public Comment

Margarette Gupta, Oakland Township Resident

15. Other Business/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 AM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.