



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee

Yolanda Smith Charles, Chair

March 25, 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 09:35 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, Philip Weipert (5)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: William Miller III, Linnie Taylor (2)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Yolanda Smith Charles led the Committee in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated March 4, 2026

Brendan Johnson moved **approval of the Minutes dated March 4, 2026, as presented**. Seconded by Philip Weipert.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, 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 (5-0-0)

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

Weipert
No: None
Abstain: None

6. Public Comment

Sean Carlson, Deputy County Executive, invited the members to attend the Economic Outlook Luncheon on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The main topic will be National and Global Investment.

7. Communications

a. Economic Development - Airport Committee Meeting Minutes from 1/14/2026

Gwen Markham moved to **receive and file the attached Communications item**. Seconded by Philip Weipert.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

8. Consent Agenda

a. Board of Commissioners - Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriation with Rose Township for Tri-Party Road Improvement Program – Project No. 58341

Proposed Board Action: approve Project No. 58341 submitted by Rose Township and authorize the transfer of Tri-Party Road Improvement Program funds in the amount of \$24,000 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.

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

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

9. Presentations

a. Water Resources Commissioner - Water Resources Commissioner's Annual Drain Report

Jim Nash, Water Resources Commissioner; Carrie Cox, Special Projects Manager; Jen Cook, Assistant Chief Engineer; and Lynne Seymour, Chief Engineer, provided an update and gave a PowerPoint presentation. A discussion was held and committee members' questions were answered.

Brendan Johnson moved to **receive and file the attached presentation titled 2025 WRC Annual Drain Report**. Seconded by Robert Smiley.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

10. Water Resources Commissioner Recommendations

a. Water Resources Commissioner - Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds to Fund Improvements to Pontiac's Sewer System in the Woodward Loop Area

Gwen Markham moved to **recommend to Board the attached suggested resolution**. Seconded by Brendan Johnson.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

b. Water Resources Commissioner - Establish a Normal Lake Level for Stiff's Mill Pond

Philip Weipert moved to **recommend to Board the attached suggested resolution**. Seconded by Robert Smiley.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

11. Human Resources Department Recommendations

a. Human Resources - Lease Agreement with Marathon Health, LLC for Employee Health Clinic

Proposed Board Action: approve a six-year lease agreement with Marathon Health, LLC at the Oak Pointe Building located at 250 Elizabeth Lake Road in Pontiac for employee health clinic operations; further authorize the Chair of the

Board of Commissioners to execute the attached Lease Agreement and all other related documents between the County of Oakland and Marathon Health, LLC, which may be required for performance of the Lease.

Brian Lefler, Chief Financial Officer, and Heather Van Poucker, Deputy Director, Human Resources, provided an update and gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the On-Site Health & Wellness Center. A discussion was held and committee members' questions were answered. The attached presentation titled 5-Year Benefits Plan Near-Site Health Clinic/Pharmacy was received by the Committee.

Brendan Johnson moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Yolanda Smith Charles.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (4-1-0)

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

No: Philip Weipert

Abstain: None

12. Economic Development Department Recommendations

a. Economic Development - Business Development - 28 N. Saginaw Brownfield Redevelopment Plan located in the City of Pontiac

Proposed Board Action: adopt The 28 N. Saginaw Brownfield Redevelopment Plan to be carried out within the City of Pontiac.

Philip Weipert moved to **forward to Finance the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Brendan Johnson.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Yolanda Smith Charles made a public hearing announcement on the adoption of the 28 N. Saginaw Brownfield Redevelopment Plan located in the City of Pontiac which shall be held on April 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Auditorium, 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Michigan

13. Facilities Management Department Recommendations

a. Facilities Management - Lease with Oakland Integrated Healthcare Network at 48980 Woodward Ave, Pontiac, MI for Harm Reduction Program

Philip Weipert moved to **recommend to Board the attached suggested resolution**. Seconded by Gwen Markham.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

- b. **Facilities Management - Amendment #2 with BLB Enterprises, LLC at 300 South St., Brandon Township, MI for Sheriff's Office Training Center Lease**
Gwen Markham moved to **forward to Finance the attached suggested resolution.** Seconded by Philip Weipert.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

14. Board of Commissioners Recommendations

- a. **Board of Commissioners - Oakland County Community Place and Public Spaces (CAPS) Study Group - Application Review Guidelines**
Proposed Board Action: approve the attached Application Review Guidelines recommended by the Oakland County Community Place and Public Spaces (CAPS) Study Group; further, grant the authority to the CAPS Study Group to amend these guidelines, as necessary, to ensure efficient and focused review of all applications.

Robert Smiley moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by Philip Weipert.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

15. Closed Session

- a. **Executive's Office - Request for Authorization to Negotiate the Purchase of Property**
Philip Weipert moved to **enter into closed session for the purpose of consulting with attorneys regarding acquiring property or real estate strategy for Oakland County.** Seconded by Gwen Markham.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

The Committee went into closed session at 10:50 a.m.

The Committee resumed in open session at 11:05 a.m.

Philip Weipert moved that the **Department be authorized to proceed in accordance with the directives discussed in Closed Session.** Seconded by Robert Smiley.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

b. Executive's Office - Request for Authorization to Negotiate the Purchase/Lease of Property

Robert Smiley moved to **enter into closed session for the purpose of consulting with attorneys regarding acquiring property or real estate strategy for Oakland County.** Seconded by Gwen Markham.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

The Committee went into closed session at 11:07 a.m.

The Committee resumed in open session at 11:22 a.m.

Philip Weipert moved that the **Department be authorized to proceed in accordance with the directives discussed in Closed Session.** Seconded by Robert Smiley.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

16. Public Comment

Margarette Gupta, Oakland Township Resident

17. Other Business/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 AM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.