



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Board of Commissioners

David T. Woodward, Chair

March 11, 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 6:22 PM in the Commissioners' Auditorium 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Cavell, Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Karen Joliat, Christine Long, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, Kristen Nelson, Angela Powell, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert, David Woodward (16)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Michael Gingell, Brendan Johnson, William Miller III (3)

3. Invocation - Penny Luebs

4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

5. Approval of Minutes

a. Clerk/Register of Deeds - dated February 19, 2026

Board Action #2026-6345 _

Penny Luebs moved **approval of the Minutes dated February 19, 2026, as presented.** Seconded by Christine Long.

Motion Passed.

A voice vote was conducted and with unanimous support, the Minutes dated February 19, 2026, were approved, as presented.

6. Approval of Agenda

Karen Joliat moved **approval of the Agenda, as presented**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Discussion followed.

Motion Passed.

A voice vote was conducted and with unanimous support, the Agenda was approved as presented.

7. Presentations

c. Board of Commissioners - Presentation - Oakland Community Health Network Update

Board Action #2026-6272 _

Dana Lasenby, Executive Director and CEO of Oakland Community Health Network addressed the Board to give a presentation entitled: OCHN Quarterly Update for the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, followed by a short Q & A session.

a. Board of Commissioners - Awards - Women's History Month Awards

Board Action #2026-6358 _

Commissioners Angela Powell, Marcia Gershenson, Yolanda Smith Charles, Penny Luebs, Linnie Taylor, Ann Erickson Gault, Kristen Nelson and Karen Joliat addressed the Board to present the Women's History Month Awards to the following outstanding women in Oakland County: Canequia Moulder, Dani Gillman, Marisa Youngblood, Ellen Hodorek, Mary Craite and Andrea Washington.

Canequia Moulder, Dani Gillman, Marisa Youngblood, Mary Craite and Andrea Washington addressed the Board.

b. Board of Commissioners - Proclamation - National Social Work Month

Board Action #2026-6343 _

Commissioners Penny Luebs, Kristen Nelson and Charles Cavell addressed the Board to present a proclamation honoring National Social Work Month, recognizing the people and providers who perform this important work and genuinely care about helping improve the welfare of people, families, communities and our nation.

Dana Lasenby, Executive Director and CEO of Oakland Community Health Network addressed the Board.

d. Parks & Recreation - Presentation - Parks and Recreation - Mission 26

Board Action #2026-6251 _

Chris Ward, Oakland County Parks and Recreation Director, addressed the Board to give a presentation entitled: Mission 26: Building Oakland County's Essential Infrastructure.

Chair David Woodward called a recess at 7:33 PM.

Chair David Woodward called the Board to reconvene at 8:00 PM.

Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Cavell, Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Karen Joliat, Christine Long, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, Kristen Nelson, Angela Powell, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert, David Woodward (16)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Michael Gingell, Brendan Johnson, William Miller III (3)

8. Public Comment

The following people addressed the Board during Public Comment #1: Laura Vogel, Robin McGregor, Ann Lehman, Meagan Callaghan, Margarette Gupta and Mike Flores.

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 Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (16-0-0)

Yes: Charles Cavell, Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Karen Joliat, Christine Long, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, Kristen Nelson, Angela Powell, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert, David Woodward

No: None

Abstain: None

9. Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee - Yolanda Smith Charles

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

Board Action #2026-6284 _

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.

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

Board Action #2026-6229 _ 26-7

MR# 26007

Adopt the attached Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds for Replacement of Lead Service Lines in the City of Pontiac.

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

Board Action #2026-6284 _ 26-8

MR# 26008

Adopt the attached Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds for Replacement of the City of Pontiac Sewage Disposal System.

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

Board Action #2026-6294 _ 26-9

MR# 26009

Adopt the attached Purchase Agreement for Real Property at 30521 Hales St. in Madison Heights, Michigan.

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

Board Action #2025-5805 _ 26-10

MR# 26010

Adopt the attached Joint Project Agreement (JPA) with the U.S. Department of Commerce (USDOC) for use of Office Space in Annex I Building.

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

Board Action #2026-6224 _ 26-11

MR# 26011

Adopt the attached Airport Land Lease between Oakland County International Airport and DCT Realty, LLC.

- g. **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**

Board Action #2026-6241 _

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.

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

Board Action #2026-6243 _

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.

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

Board Action #2026-6270 _

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.

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

Board Action #2026-6271 _

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.

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

Board Action #2026-6279 _

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.

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

Board Action #2026-6280 _

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.

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

Board Action #2026-6281 _

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.

10. Finance Committee - Gwen Markham

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

Board Action #2026-6211 _

Approve the submission of the FY 2027 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 FY 2027 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.

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

Board Action #2026-6292 _

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.

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

Board Action #2026-6236 _

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**

Board Action #2026-6149 _

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**

Board Action #2026-6300 _

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.

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

Board Action #2026-6324 _

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.

11. Public Health and Safety Committee - Penny Luebs

- a. **Sheriff's Office - Interlocal Agreement for Participation with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team**

Board Action #2026-6283 _

Approve the attached Interlocal Agreement between the Macomb County Sheriff's Office and the Oakland County Sheriff's Office to join the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to execute the attached agreement.

- b. **Sheriff's Office - Amendment #1 to the Interlocal Agreement with Oakland Community Health Network for FY 2026 Mental and Behavioral Health Services in the Oakland County Jail**

Board Action #2026-6246 _

Approve amendment #1 to the Interlocal Agreement with the Oakland Community Health Network for Mental Health and Behavioral Health Services in the Oakland County Jail for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to execute the agreement.

- c. **Health & Human Services - Neighborhood and Housing Development - Amendment #3 to the FY 2021 HOME Investment Partnership American Rescue Plan Program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

Board Action #2026-6303 _

Approve amendment #3 to the FY 2021 HOME Investment Partnership American Rescue Plan Program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to add nineteen (19) existing Special Revenue Positions to the grant per the attached Schedule B for the period of September 21, 2021 through September 30, 2030; further, approve the Chair's of the Board of Commissioners acceptance and execution of the total grant award and any amendments to the agreement; further, amend the FY 2026 budget as detailed in the attached Schedule A.

- d. **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**

Board Action #2026-6201 _

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, amend the FY 2026 - 2028 budget as detailed in the attached Schedule A.

Regular Agenda

12. Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee - Brendan Johnson

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

Board Action #2026-6285 _

Ann Erickson Gault moved to approve the following appointment to the Oakland Community Health Network Board: Cyril Davis, Primary Consumer, to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term ending March 31, 2028. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (16-0-0)

Yes: Charles Cavell, Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Karen Joliat, Christine Long, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, Kristen Nelson, Angela Powell, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert, David Woodward

No: None

Abstain: None

13. New & Miscellaneous Business

- a. Board of Commissioners - Resolution Requiring Quarterly Public Disclosure of Travel and Reimbursement Expenses for County Elected Officials and Senior Administrative Leadership**

Board Action #2026-6372 _

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

b. Board of Commissioners - Supplemental Funding Request for the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program (Crisis Response Unit)

Board Action #2026-6374 _

Angela Powell moved to **suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Item 13b.** Seconded by Michael Spisz.

A voice vote was conducted, and the Chair ruled that the **Motion Passed.**

Angela Powell moved to **approve the supplemental funding request for the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program (Crisis Response Unit) in the amount of \$250,000 to continue three (3) positions (#P00015858, #P00015859, and #P00015860) for the period of April 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026; further, extend the sunset dates for these three (3) positions until September 30, 2026; further, amend the FY 2026 budget as detailed in the attached Schedule A.** Seconded by Michael Spisz.

Discussion followed.

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

Vote Summary (16-0-0)

Yes: Charles Cavell, Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Karen Joliat, Christine Long, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, Kristen Nelson, Angela Powell, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert, David Woodward

No: None

Abstain: None

c. Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of TEDxPontiac Community Innovation and Economic Revitalization Initiative

Board Action #2026-6361 _

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

d. Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of Madison Heights 2026 Juneteenth Celebration

Board Action #2026-6362 _

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

e. Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of Highland Downtown Development Authority 2026 Community Events

Board Action #2026-6363 _

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

f. Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of Commerce Township Heart of the Lakes Festival

Board Action #2026-6337 _

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

g. Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of Commerce Township Concert in the Park Summer Series

Board Action #2026-6338 _

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

14. Announcements

15. Public Comment

The following people addressed the Board during Public Comment #2: Michele Sedlak, Onita Fitz, Alexis Chromy, Chris Barnett, Laura Vogel, Megan Callaghan, Danielle Mallon, Steve Hansen, Margarette Gupta, Justine Galbraith, Kym Worth, Martha Szilagyi, Shirley Yee, Marion Brumer, Jean Bartus, Murryum Farooqi, Debbie Duong, John Hunt, Paul Weinberg, Sasha Flack, Cathy King, Oscar Navarro, Veronica Taylor, Anna Morris and Mike Flores.

16. Adjournment to April 8, 2026, or the Call of the Chair

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.