



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Finance Committee

Gwen Markham, Chair
April 23, 2026 at 11:00 AM

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Gwen Markham called the meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 11:01 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, Linnie Taylor (6)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Michael Spisz (1)

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 March 25, 2026

Christine Long moved **approval of the Minutes dated March 25, 2026, as presented.** Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

5. Approval of Agenda

Linnie Taylor moved **approval of the agenda, as presented.** Seconded by Ann Erickson Gault.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor

No: None
Abstain: None

6. Public Comment

Margarette Gupta, Oakland Township Resident

7. Communications

a. Executive's Office - Pontiac Redevelopment Project Update

Angela Powell moved to **receive and file the attached Communication.**
Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell,
Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

8. Department Recommendations

a. Fiscal Services - Fiscal Year 2025 Deficit Elimination Plan

Proposed Board Action: approve submission of the attached Deficit Elimination Plan to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Angela Powell moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by Ann Erickson Gault.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell,
Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

b. Equalization - 2026 Equalization Report

Proposed Board Action: approve the 2026 Equalization Report and accompanying tabular statement as prepared by the Equalization Director; authorize the Chairperson of the Board to certify and transmit the tabular statement to the Secretary of the State Tax Commission on or before the first Monday in May; and direct that the 2026 Equalization Report be entered into the County records and delivered to the appropriate official of each township or city.

Christine Long moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

c. Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of Lyon Township DDA “Music on the Grand” Summer Concert Series

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 Lyon Township Downtown Development Authority’s Music on the Grand Summer Concert Series. Further, authorize the Board Chair to execute any required agreements on behalf of Oakland County. Additionally, require that the recipient publicly promote the County’s support as a Series Sponsor and submit an impact report to the Board of Commissioners by the end of the calendar year, detailing the outcomes of the concert series, including attendance, participation, and the number of Oakland County residents served.

Angela Powell requested to vote on Department Recommendations Items 8c and 8d together. There were no objections.

d. Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of 2026 Tri-County Summit

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 support the Tri-County Summit, hosted in collaboration with the Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb County Boards of Commissioners. Further, authorize the Board Chair to execute any required agreements on behalf of Oakland County. Additionally, require that the recipient ensure appropriate recognition of the County’s support and submit an outcomes report to the Board of Commissioners by the end of the calendar year, detailing the results of the Summit, including participation, regional engagement, and the impact on Oakland County residents.

Angela Powell moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action for Department Recommendations Items 8c and 8d.** Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

e. Clerk/Register of Deeds - Exception to Purchasing Policy – Contract Extension with IdentiSys Inc. for Concealed Pistol License (CPL) Card Printers, Maintenance, and Consumables

Proposed Board Action: approve the contract exception submitted pursuant to Section 2400.6 of the Oakland County Purchasing Policy and authorize the extension of the existing contract, including a contract with IdentiSys Inc. for the Clerk/Register of Deeds – County Clerk Division through March 16, 2027 for Concealed Pistol License (CPL) card printers, maintenance, and consumables.

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

Action. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

9. Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee Recommendations

a. Clerk/Register of Deeds - Grant Acceptance with the State of Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs for the 2026 Oakland County Survey and Remonumentation Grant

Proposed Board Action: authorize acceptance of the 2026 Survey and Remonumentation Grant for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, in the amount of \$158,513; further, appoint the County Clerk/Register of Deeds as the Grant Administrator, as required by the State; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to execute the grant agreement and approve amendments and extensions within fifteen percent (15%) of the original award, consistent with the original agreement as approved; further, amend the budget as reflected in the attached Schedule A - Budget Amendment.

Ann Erickson Gault moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

c. Board of Commissioners - Funding Appropriation for Milestone #1 of the Oakland County Student Debt Relief Initiative with SAVI Solutions PBC

Proposed Board Action: authorize a one-time appropriation in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000 from the General Fund Strategic Investment Plan Assigned Fund Balance (GL #383554) to the Board of Commissioner Department – Professional Services account to support the milestone-based funding structure outlined in contract No. 011039, milestone #1 with SAVI Solutions PBC; further, amend the FY 2026 – 28 budget as detailed in the attached schedule A.

Angela Powell moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by Ann Erickson Gault.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (4-2-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Linnie Taylor

No: Christine Long, Yolanda Smith Charles

Abstain: None

b. Parks & Recreation - Pine Lake Park Affiliation Agreement between the County of Oakland and the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission

Proposed Board Action: approve the Pine Lake Affiliation Agreement between the County of Oakland and the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission for a term beginning with the date of execution until June 30, 2043; further, authorize the Chair of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners to execute the agreement; further amend the budget pursuant to the attached Schedule A - Budget Amendment.

Yolanda Smith Charles moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Angela Powell.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

10. Public Health and Safety Committee Recommendations

a. Sheriff's Office - Request for a New Position Pilot Program and Existing Position Modifications

Proposed Board Action: approve the creation of thirty (30) GF/GP FTE Deputy II positions for a pilot program with a sunset date of September 30, 2027; further, implement the changes for the currently existing PTNE positions as proposed in the attached Schedule B; further, amend the FY 2026 - 2027 budget as detailed in the attached Schedule A.

Ann Erickson Gault moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Angela Powell.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

b. Probate Court - Request to Create One (1) GF/GP FTE Court Clerk Coordinator Position

Proposed Board Action: approve the request to create one (1) GF/GP FTE Court Clerk Coordinator Position in the Probate Admin Division (#3040101); further, amend the FY 2026 - 2028 budget as detailed in the attached Schedule A.

Linnie Taylor moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Ann Erickson Gault.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

11. Public Comment

Chris Barnett, Orion Township Supervisor

Margarette Gupta, Oakland Township Resident

12. Other Business/Adjournment

Commissioners' Comments

Speakers:

Yolanda Smith Charles

The meeting adjourned at 12:32 PM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.