



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Board of Commissioners

David T. Woodward, Chair

April 30, 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 6:01 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, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Christine Long, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Kristen Nelson, Angela Powell, Robert Smiley, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert, David Woodward (17)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Michael Gingell, Yolanda Smith Charles (2)

3. Invocation - Linnie Taylor

4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

5. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated April 8, 2026

Board Action #2026-6510 _

Penny Luebs moved **approval of the Minutes dated April 8, 2026, as presented.** Seconded by Robert Smiley.

Motion Passed.

A voice vote was conducted and a sufficient majority having voted in favor, the Minutes dated April 8, 2026, were approved, as presented.

6. Approval of Agenda

Christine Long moved **approval of the Agenda, as presented**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Christine Long moved to **amend the Agenda to place Consent Agenda item - Public Health and Safety Committee - Public Services - Animal Shelter & Pet Adoption Center - Request to Adopt the Revised Fee Structure to Establish a Uniform Late Fee and Updated Expiration Dates for Delinquent Dog Licenses on the Regular Agenda**. Seconded by Penny Luebs.

Discussion followed.

Charles Cavell moved to **amend the Agenda to place Consent Agenda items - Finance Committee - Clerk/Register of Deeds - Exception to Purchasing Policy – Contract Extension with IdentiSys Inc. for Concealed Pistol License (CPL) Card Printers, Maintenance, and Consumables and Public Health and Safety Committee - Sheriff's Office - Acceptance of Donation from the Fugle Foundation for the Sheriff's Office Motor Unit on the Regular Agenda**. Seconded by Christine Long.

Christine Long moved **approval of the Agenda, as amended**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

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

7. Presentations

c. **Board of Commissioners - Presentation - State of the Circuit Court and State of the Probate Court**

Board Action #2026-6336 _

The Honorable Jeffery Matis, Chief Circuit Judge and the Honorable Jennifer Callaghan, Chief Probate Judge addressed the Board to give a presentation entitled: State of the Circuit Court and State of the Probate Court, followed by a short Q & A session.

a. **Board of Commissioners - Proclamation — Javien Johnson**

Board Action #2026-6519 _

Commissioner Penny Luebs addressed the Board to present a proclamation honoring Javien Johnson, whose documentary “All Men Are Created Equal? An Ongoing Conversation” earned honorable mention in the national C-SPAN StudentCam national video documentary competition out of 4,000 submissions, signaling the depth and importance of his documentary film-making achievement.

Javien Johnson addressed the Board.

b. Board of Commissioners - Proclamation - Erynna Holbrook

Board Action #2026-6520 _

Commissioners Ann Erickson Gault and Penny Luebs presented a proclamation honoring Erynna Holbrook for earning the national grand prize in the 2026 C-SPAN StudentCam documentary competition. Her award-winning film, The Pursuit of Fair Pay, explores the connection between the Declaration of Independence and modern NIL rights, marking the first time a Michigan student has received the competition's top honor.

Erynna Holbrook addressed the Board.

8. Communications

a. Board of Commissioners - Grant Exception Letter dated April 30, 2026

Board Action #2026-6532 _

Lisa Brown, Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds, addressed the Board to read a communication from Chair David Woodward notifying the Board that he has authorized the submission of the following grant applications:

Grant Name: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant
Department: Oakland County Sheriff's Office, Oakland County Prosecuting Office, and the Pretrial and Justice Services Department

Amount: \$75,818

Grant Application Deadline: April 28, 2026

Grant Name: Public Safety and Mental Health Court Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Grant

Department: 52-1 District Court

Amount: \$1,766,836

Grant Application Deadline: April 10, 2026

b. Board of Commissioners - CE Appointment - Land Bank Authority

Board Action #2026-6517 _

Lisa Brown, Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds, addressed the Board to read a communication from David Coulter, Oakland County Executive, authorizing the appointment of T. Scott Galloway to serve as a designee to the Land Bank Authority.

c. Executive's Office - CE Appointment - Oakland County Zoological Authority

Board Action #2026-6515 _

Lisa Brown, Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds, addressed the Board to read a communication from David Coulter, Oakland County Executive, authorizing the reappointment of Ms. Jennifer M. Grieco and Ms. Elizabeth Howe as representatives and Ms. Gretchen Parks as alternate to Ms. Grieco and Mr. Richard Strenger as alternate to Ms. Howe, to the Oakland County Zoological Authority Board. These appointments are effective immediately and shall continue until May 1, 2028, or until a successor is appointed and qualified.

d. Board of Commissioners - Resignation from Oakland Community Health Network

Board Action #2026-6516 _

Lisa Brown, Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds, addressed the Board to read a communication from Douglas Jones, announcing his resignation from the Board of Oakland Community Health Network, effective April 21, 2026.

e. Board of Commissioners - Appointments to the Oakland County Zoological Authority

Board Action #2026-6559 _

Lisa Brown, Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds, addressed the Board to read a communication from Chair David Woodward appointing the following individuals to serve on the Oakland County Zoological Authority for a one-year term ending May 1, 2027:

APPOINTEES

Alex Cooper
Millie Hall
Brandon Kolo

ALTERNATES

Tameka Ramsey
Helaine Zack
Robert Kalman

f. Board of Commissioners - Appointments to the Oakland County Art Institute Authority

Board Action #2026-6560 _

Lisa Brown, Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds, addressed the Board to read a communication from Chair David Woodward appointing the following individuals to serve on the Oakland County Art Institute Authority for a four-year term ending May 31, 2030:

APPOINTEES

Dr. Swarn Rajpal
Jennifer Miller

Jenny Brown

Linnie Taylor moved to **receive and file the attached Communications and Presentations and confirm the appointments**. Seconded by Christine Long.

A voice vote was conducted and a sufficient majority having voted in favor, the Communications and Presentations were received and filed, and the appointments confirmed.

9. Public Comment

The following people addressed the Board during Public Comment #1: Angana Shah, Margarete Gupta, Phillip Decker, Nancy Poprafsky and Laura Vogel.

Reports of Standing Committees

Consent Agenda

All items on the Consent Agenda **Passed**.

Penny Luebs moved to **recommend approval of the attached suggested resolutions on the Consent Agenda**. Seconded by Philip Weipert.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (17-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

10. Finance Committee - Gwen Markham

a. Fiscal Services - Fiscal Year 2025 Deficit Elimination Plan

Board Action #2026-6459 _

Approve submission of the attached Deficit Elimination Plan to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

b. Equalization - 2026 Equalization Report

Board Action #2026-6485 _

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.

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

Board Action #2026-6396 _

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.

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

Board Action #2026-6477 _

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.

11. Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee - Brendan Johnson

- 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**

Board Action #2026-6463 _

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.

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

Board Action #2026-6207 _

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.

12. Public Health and Safety Committee - Penny Luebs

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

Board Action #2026-6415 _

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.

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

Board Action #2026-6474 _

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.

Regular Agenda

13. Finance Committee - Gwen Markham

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

Board Action #2026-6504 _

Gwen Markham moved to **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.** Seconded by Christine Long.

Discussion followed.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (15-2-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Christine Long, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Angela Powell, Robert Smiley, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert, David Woodward

No: Charles Cavell, Kristen Nelson

Abstain: None

14. Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee - Brendan Johnson

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

Board Action #2026-6479 _

Brendan Johnson moved to **authorize a one-time appropriation in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000 from the General Fund/General Purpose (GFGP) Unassigned Fund Balance 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.** Seconded by Penny Luebs.

- i) **Board of Commissioners - Markham Amendment #1**

Board Action #2026-6521 _

Gwen Markham moved to **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) General Fund/General Purpose (GFGP) Unassigned Fund Balance** 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. Seconded by Angela Powell.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (14-3-0)

Yes: Charles Cavell, Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Kristen Nelson, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert, David Woodward

No: Robert Hoffman, Christine Long, Robert Smiley

Abstain: None

Discussion followed.

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

Vote Summary (11-6-0)

Yes: Charles Cavell, Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Brendan Johnson, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Kristen Nelson, Angela Powell, Linnie Taylor, David Woodward

No: Robert Hoffman, Karen Joliat, Christine Long, Robert Smiley, Michael Spisz, Philip Weipert

Abstain: None

b. Board of Commissioners - Appointment to the Jury Board

Board Action #2026-6487 _

Brendan Johnson moved to **appoint Aaron Martinez to the Jury Board, pursuant to the Circuit Court recommendation, for a six-year term beginning May 1, 2026, until April 30, 2032.** Seconded by Ann Erickson Gault.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (17-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

15. Public Health and Safety Committee - Penny Luebs

a. Public Services - Animal Shelter & Pet Adoption Center - Request to Adopt the Revised Fee Structure to Establish a Uniform Late Fee and Updated Expiration Dates for Delinquent Dog Licenses

Board Action #2026-6442 _

Penny Luebs moved to **approve the request to adopt the revised fee structure to establish a uniform late fee and updated expiration dates for**

delinquent dog licenses effective June 2, 2026; further, any County department authorized to sell dog licenses is directed to implement and administer this policy. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Discussion followed.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (11-6-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Brendan Johnson, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Kristen Nelson, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor, David Woodward

No: Charles Cavell, Robert Hoffman, Karen Joliat, Christine Long, Robert Smiley, Philip Weipert

Abstain: None

b. Sheriff's Office - Acceptance of Donation from the Fugle Foundation for the Sheriff's Office Motor Unit

Board Action #2026-6473 _

Penny Luebs moved to **accept the donation from the Fugle Foundation for the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Motor Unit in the amount of \$90,000; further, amend the FY 2026 budget as detailed in the attached Schedule A.** Seconded by Robert Hoffman.

Discussion followed.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (14-3-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Karen Joliat, Christine Long, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Angela Powell, Robert Smiley, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert, David Woodward

No: Charles Cavell, Brendan Johnson, Kristen Nelson

Abstain: None

16. New & Miscellaneous Business

g. Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of 34th Annual Milford Memories Summer Festival

Board Action #2026-6522 _

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

- h. Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of American Legion Post 14 Blues, Brews and Cruise Car Show**

Board Action #2026-6523 _

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

- j. Board of Commissioners - Resolution Renaming Portions of Dixie Highway in Oakland County and Select Roadways in the City of Pontiac**

Board Action #2026-6470 _

The Chair referred the Board Action to the Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee. There were no objections.

- i. Board of Commissioners - Support for the HIRE! Pontiac Pre-Engineering Summer Internship Program**

Board Action #2026-6475 _

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

- a. Board of Commissioners - Resolution to Establish a One-Year Moratorium on the Acquisition and Expansion of Surveillance Technology in Oakland County**

Board Action #2026-6551 _

Charles Cavell moved to **suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Item 16a.**

Discussion followed.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

- b. Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of Lyon Events Organization (LEO) International Kitefest**

Board Action #2026-6553 _

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

- c. Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of Schools Offer Support (SOS) 7th Annual Strides for SOS 5k Race & Walk**

Board Action #2026-6554 _

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

d. Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of the Orion Art Center 2026 Dragon on the Lake Festival

Board Action #2026-6555 _

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

e. Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of Oxford Township Parks & Recreation First Responder Appreciation Event

Board Action #2026-6556 _

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

f. Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of Friends of Downtown Highland 2026 Red, White & Blues Festival

Board Action #2026-6557 _

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

17. Announcements

Gwen Markham addressed the Board to clarify that the seven year-end negative fund balances were due to grant-funded programs where expenses are paid upfront and reimbursed later. She noted this is a deficit-elimination process, with reimbursement expected within a few months.

Charles Cavell addressed the Board to state that his friend's mother helped coordinate the Schools Offer Support (SOS) 7th Annual Strides for SOS 5K Race & Walk and clarified that he has no personal benefit related to the event.

18. Public Comment

The following people addressed the Board during Public Comment #2: Danielle Mallon, Jessica Mehalick, Miriam Blanks-Smart, Kermit Williams, Jenna Lindsay, Jackie Myers.

Chair David Woodward called a recess at 7:50 PM.

Chair David Woodward called the Board to reconvene at 8:28 PM.

Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Cavell, Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Christine Long, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Kristen Nelson, Angela Powell, Robert Smiley, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert, David Woodward (17)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Michael Gingell, Yolanda Smith Charles (2)

The following people addressed the Board during Public Comment #2: David Buzynski, Martha Szilagyi, Sharon Trumpy, Sam Garin, Paul Bateman, Rey Brault, Jake Heykoop, Murryum Farooqi, Mike Wise, Samantha Hunt, Laurie Evans, Kevin Grimm, Alexis Chromy, Ann Lehman, Justine Galbraith, Mike Flores, Cullen Black, Heather Hadley, Ellie Mosher, Taya Lyons, Nancy Poprafsky, Laura Vogel, Veronica Taylor, Margarett Gupta, Phillip Decker, Robin McGregor, Anna Morris, Cynthia Shard, Addison Grady, Michele Poppe, Jill Dunphy, Danielle Blanchard, Steven Allen Camber, Sara Stumph, Tracy Gabbert, Ann Radke, and Chris Garr.

19. Adjournment to May 21, 2026, or the Call of the Chair

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 PM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.