



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Finance Committee

Gwen Markham, Chair
July 8, 2026 at 11:00 AM

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Gwen Markham called the meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 11:33 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 June 3, 2026 (including Closed Session)**
Christine Long moved **approval of the Minutes dated June 3, 2026 (including Closed Session), as presented.** Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

5. Approval of Agenda

Linnie Taylor moved **approval of the agenda, as presented.** Seconded by Angela Powell.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Closed Session

a. **Corporation Counsel - Watkins v Oakland County, et al**

Angela Powell moved to **enter into closed session for the purpose of consulting with attorneys regarding trial or settlement strategy in the case of Watkins v Oakland County, et al.** Seconded by Christine Long.

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

The Committee went into closed session at 11:35 a.m.

The Committee resumed in open session at 11:48 a.m.

Angela Powell moved that **Corporation Counsel be authorized to proceed in accordance with the directives discussed in closed session.** 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. Communications

a. **Human Resources - Oakland County Employees' Retirement System - Summary Annual Report FY2025**

b. **Human Resources - OCERS VEBA Summary Annual Report FY 2025**

c. **Executive's Office - Memo Re: Oakland County Equalization Division**

Christine Long moved to **receive and file the attached Communications.** 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

9. Presentation

a. **Executive's Office - Pontiac Redevelopment Project Update**

Megan Sellers, Deputy County Executive, and Brian Lefler, Chief Financial Officer, provided an update and gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Pontiac Redevelopment Project. A discussion was held and committee members' questions were answered.

Christine Long moved to **receive and file the PowerPoint Presentation titled Pontiac Redevelopment Update: Project Status Update**. 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

10. Department Recommendations

a. **Information Technology - Comprehensive Information Technology Service Agreement Renewals**

Proposed Board Action: authorize the Chairperson of the Board to execute Comprehensive Information Technology Service Agreements, including the applicable exhibits, for services with the following "Out-of-County" public bodies: 16th District Court – Livonia, Exhibits I, II, and VII; 18th District Court – Westland, Exhibits I and II; 21st District Court – Garden City, Exhibits I and II; 22nd District Court – Inkster, Exhibits I, II, and VII; 31st District Court – Hamtramck, Exhibits I, II, and VII; 35th District Court – Plymouth, Exhibits I, II, and VII; 66th District Court – Shiawassee County, Exhibits I and II; Calhoun County Friend of the Court, Exhibit II; City of Battle Creek, Exhibits I and II; City of Flat Rock, Exhibit I; City of Onaway, Exhibits I and II; Genesee County, Exhibits I and II; Hamilton Township, Exhibits I and II; Hartland Township, Exhibits I and II; Jackson County, Exhibits I and II; Lenawee County, Exhibits I and II; Oakfield Township, Exhibits I and II; Saginaw County, Exhibits I and II; Shiawassee County, Exhibits I and II; Shiawassee County FOC, Exhibits I and II; Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), Exhibit X; Spaulding Township, Exhibits I and II; Swan Creek Township, Exhibits I and II; and Tuscola County, Exhibits I and II. Further, authorize, upon receipt of final executed agreements from the designated agents or governing bodies of the public bodies requesting services, the Board Chairperson to execute and enter into these Agreements on behalf of the County of Oakland. The Department of Information Technology will provide a list of all public bodies agreeing to the attached Interlocal Agreement along with its quarterly report to the Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee.

Yolanda Smith Charles 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. Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of Disarmory Ministries Gun Buyback Events

Proposed Board Action: approve a one-time transfer in the amount of \$5,000 from the FY 2026 Board of Commissioners General Fund Special Projects line-item budget to the Safer Communities Fund (FND21275) Regranting Program line-item budget to sponsor Disarmory Ministries' gun buyback and gun disposal events; further, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget shall be amended as reflected in the attached Schedule A Budget Amendment. Additionally, authorize the Board Chair to execute any necessary agreements on behalf of Oakland County. Further, require that Disarmory Ministries, publicly promote Oakland County's support and submit an evaluation report to the Board of Commissioners by the end of the calendar year detailing the impact of the project and number of Oakland County residents served.

c. Board of Commissioners - Support for Novi Youth Assistance Back-to-School Program

Proposed Board Action: approve a one-time allocation in the amount of \$2,500 from the FY 2026 Board of Commissioners General Fund Special Project line-item budget to support the Novi Youth Assistance Back-to-School Program. Further, authorize the Board Chair to execute any necessary agreements on behalf of Oakland County. Additionally, require that Novi Youth Assistance use the funds to support back-to-school shopping assistance, backpacks, and school supplies for eligible Novi students, publicly promote Oakland County's support in its annual report, submit an outcomes report to the Board of Commissioners by the end of the calendar year detailing the number of students served, backpacks distributed, services delivered, estimated family savings, and resident impact, and provide proof of expenditure upon request.

d. Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of the 2026 Blues in the Streets Event in Downtown Pontiac

Proposed Board Action: approve an allotment in the amount of \$5,000 from the FY 2026 Board of Commissioners General Fund Sponsorship line-item budget to support the Pontiac Meals on Wheels Foundation's 2026 Blues in the Streets event in Downtown Pontiac. Further, authorize the Board Chair to execute any necessary agreements on behalf of Oakland County. Additionally, require that Pontiac Meals on Wheels Foundation publicly promote Oakland County's support in event materials and/or at the event, submit an outcomes report to the Board of Commissioners by the end of the calendar year detailing attendance, senior participation, services delivered, transportation and accessibility supports provided, vendor and community participation, resident impact, and provide proof of expenditure upon request.

e. Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of the Nature Uncorked Event Fundraiser Supporting Stage Nature Center Educational Programs

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 Nature Uncorked Event Fundraiser benefiting Stage Nature Center educational programs. 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.

f. Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of the City of Huntington Woods Centennial Celebration

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 City of Huntington Woods Centennial 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.

Angela Powell moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action for Department Recommendation Items 10b, 10c, 10d, 10e, and 10f.** 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. Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee Recommendations

a. Economic Development - Planning and Local Business Development - Abolish the Brownfield Redevelopment Plan for 26700 Wixom Road located in the City of Novi

Proposed Board Action: abolish the Brownfield Redevelopment Plan for 26700 Wixom Road project that was completed in the City of Novi.

Linnie Taylor 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. Facilities Management - Purchase of 3255 West Hamlin Road for a Training Facility for Oakland County Sheriff's Office

Linnie Taylor moved to **recommend to Board the attached suggested resolution**. 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

12. Public Health and Safety Committee Recommendations

a. Sheriff's Office - Grant Acceptance from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the 2026 Marine Safety Program

Proposed Board Action: accept the grant funding from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the 2026 Marine Safety Program in the amount of \$167,500 with a grant match of \$14,300 for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31 2026; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to execute the attached agreement; further, amend the FY 2026 - 2027 budget as detailed in the attached Schedule A.

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

b. Sheriff's Office - Amendment #1 to 2025 - 2027 Standard Law Enforcement Services Agreement with the City of Pontiac

Proposed Board Action: approve amendment #1 to the 2025 - 2027 Standard Law Enforcement Services Agreement with the City of Pontiac to add two (2) Detective – Unmarked Vehicle positions beginning on October 1, 2026 and countinue until the current agreement expires or is terminated; further, create two (2) GF/GP full-time eligible Deputy II positions in the Sheriff's Office, Patrol Services Division, Pontiac Unit (#4030629); further, add two (2) unmarked patrol vehicles with mobile radios to the County fleet to satisfy the requirements of Amendment #1; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioner to execute the agreement; further, amend the FY 2026 - 2027 budget as detailed in the attached Schedule A.

Angela Powell 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. Sheriff's Office - Use of Lab Enhancement Funds

Proposed Board Action: authorize the use of \$500,000 from the Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory Enhancement Restricted Fund (#21340) to purchase the LC/MS/MS system.

Angela Powell 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

d. Health & Human Services - Neighborhood and Housing Development - Acceptance of the 2026 Community Development Block Grant Revolving Loan and Program Income Funds

Proposed Board Action: approve the acceptance and disbursement of the 2026 Revolving Loan Funds in the amount of \$1,100,000 and the Program Income Funds in the amount of \$381,204.14 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development after final review and approval by Corporation Counsel and Risk Management; further, authorize the Neighborhood and Housing Development Division to expend the Revolving Loan Funds and Program Income as permissible under HUD Regulations 24 CFR 570,504; further, amend the FY 2026 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

e. Health & Human Services - Health Division - Acceptance of 340B Drug Pricing Program Revenue and Special Revenue Position Creations

Proposed Board Action: authorize the ongoing annual acceptance of the 340B Drug Price Program Revenue; further, create one (1) SR FTE PrEP Navigator position, one (1) SR FTE Clinical Health Specialist position, and one (1) SR FTE HIV Program Supervisor position in the Medical Services Unit; further, the budget will be amended through the quarterly forecast.

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

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

f. Circuit Court - Submission of the FY 2027 Child Care Fund Annual Budget to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

Proposed Board Action: authorize the submission of the FY 2027 Child Care Fund Annual Budget to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

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

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

13. Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee Recommendations

a. Human Resources - Approval of the Voluntary Early Separation Incentive Program (VESIP) for the Equalization Division

Proposed Board Action: approve the attached 2026 Voluntary Early Separation Incentive Program (VESIP/VESIP-C) for eligible full-time employees of the Equalization Division; further, authorize administration to implement the program, including payment of approved severance incentives in accordance with the terms of the VESIP; further, incorporate any necessary budget amendments into the County's quarterly budget forecast; further, require that any resulting position deletions be presented to the Board of Commissioners for separate approval.

Christine Long moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Ann Erickson Gault.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell,
Yolanda Smith Charles
No: None
Abstain: None

14. Public Comment

Margarette Gupta, Oakland Township Resident

15. Other Business/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 01:07 PM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.