OAKLAND COUNTY MICHIGAN

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee

Yolanda Smith Charles, Chair

July 8, 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 09:36 AM in Committee Room A 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. **Roll Call**

   MEMBERS PRESENT: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert (7)

   MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: (0)

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

   Robert Smiley led the Committee in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

   a. **Board of Commissioners - dated June 3, 2026**

      William Miller III moved **approval of the Minutes dated June 3, 2026, as presented**. Seconded by Robert Smiley.

      Motion Passed.

      Vote Summary (6-0-0)
      Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Philip Weipert
      No: None
      Abstain: None

5. **Approval of Agenda**

   William Miller III moved **approval of the agenda, as presented**. Seconded by Robert Smiley.

   Motion Passed.

   Vote Summary (6-0-0)
   Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Philip Weipert

No: None
Abstain: None

6. **Public Comment**
Margarette Gupta, Oakland Township Resident

7. **Communications**

a. **Office of Sustainability - Grant Exception - 2026 EGLE Clean Fuel & Charging Infrastructure grant (CFCI) Application**

b. **Office of Sustainability - Grant Exception - 2026 EGLE Community Energy Management grant (CEM) Application**

c. **Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - Quarterly Report - Local Transit Providers' January-March 2026**

d. **Executive's Office - Monthly Reports - Pontiac Redevelopment Project**
Gwen Markham moved to **receive and file the attached Communications**. Seconded by Philip Weipert.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert
No: None
Abstain: None

8. **Consent Agenda**

a. **Board of Commissioners - Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriation with the City of South Lyon for Tri-Party Road Improvement Program – Project No. 56331**
Proposed Board Action: approve Project No. 56331 submitted by the City of South Lyon and authorize the transfer of Tri-Party Road Improvement Program funds in the amount of $83,686 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.

b. **Board of Commissioners - Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriation with the Township of Brandon for Tri-Party Road Improvement Program – Project No. 58622**
Proposed Board Action: approve Project No. 58622 submitted by the Township of Brandon and authorize the transfer of Tri-Party Road Improvement Program funds in the amount of $28,239 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 Actions on the Consent Agenda**. Seconded by William Miller III.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert
No: None
Abstain: None

9. Economic Development Department Recommendations

a. Economic Development - Approving Project Area and Project District Area for the Lourdes Senior Community Project in the Charter Township of Waterford

William Miller III moved to **recommend to Board the attached suggested resolution.** Seconded by Robert Smiley.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert
No: None
Abstain: None

b. Economic Development - Appointment of Two Additional Economic Development Corporation Directors for the Lourdes Senior Community Project in the Charter Township of Waterford

Proposed Board Action: approve the appointment of Frank Coutts and Frank Schultz, who are representative of neighborhood residents and business interests likely to be affected by the Lourdes Senior Community Project, to the Board of Directors of The Economic Development Corporation of the County of Oakland are hereby confirmed in accordance with Section 4(2) of the Act, and such additional Directors shall cease to serve when the Project is either abandoned or, if undertaken, is completed in accordance with the Project Plan therefore; further, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of such conflict; further, that the County Clerk is hereby directed to provide four certified copies of this resolution to the Assistant Secretary of the Board of the Economic Development Corporation.

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

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert
No: None
Abstain: None

c. **Economic Development - Approving Project Area and Project District Area for the Lighthouse MI Project in the City of Pontiac**

William Miller III moved to **recommend to Board the attached suggested resolution.** Seconded by Gwen Markham.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert
No: None
Abstain: None

d. **Economic Development - Appointment of Two Additional Economic Development Corporation Directors for the Lighthouse MI Project in the City of Pontiac**

Proposed Board Action: approve the appointment of Joy Dockham and Sasha Flack, who are representative of neighborhood residents and business interests likely to be affected by the Lighthouse MI Project, to the Board of Directors of The Economic Development Corporation of the County of Oakland are hereby confirmed in accordance with Section 4(2) of the Act, and such additional Directors shall cease to serve when the Project is either abandoned or, if undertaken, is completed in accordance with the Project Plan therefore; further, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of such conflict; further, that the County Clerk is hereby directed to provide four certified copies of this resolution to the Assistant Secretary of the Board of the Economic Development Corporation.

Brendan Johnson moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert
No: None
Abstain: None

e. **Economic Development - Planning and Local Business Development - Grant Application with the State of Michigan, Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy for the FY 2026 Brownfield Redevelopment Grant Program - HOPE Shelters Pontiac**

Proposed Board Action: approve the grant application to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) for the FY 2026 Brownfield Redevelopment Grant Program in the amount of $460,000 for the period of October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2028; further, authorize the

Chair of the Board of Commissioners to sign the attached application.

William Miller III moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by Robert Smiley.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert
No: None
Abstain: None

f. **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.

Robert Smiley moved to **forward to Finance the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by Gwen Markham.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert
No: None
Abstain: None

10. Facilities Management Department Recommendations

a. **Facilities Management - Amendment #1 to Lease Agreement with D'AN-CO Properties, LLC for Equipment and Materials Storage at 30750 W 8 Mile Road in Farmington Hills**

William Miller III moved to **recommend to Board the attached suggested resolution.** Seconded by Gwen Markham.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert
No: None
Abstain: None

b. **Facilities Management - Approval and Acceptance of Mainland Drain Drainage District Easements on Main Campus Property**

Gwen Markham moved to **recommend to Board the attached suggested resolution.** Seconded by Robert Smiley.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert
No: None
Abstain: None

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

William Miller III moved to **forward to Finance the attached suggested resolution.** Seconded by Philip Weipert.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert
No: None
Abstain: None

11. Aviation Department Recommendations

a. **Aviation - Grant Acceptance between Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Oakland/Troy Airport - Reconstruct Taxilane B and Reconstruct Hangar B Apron - Construction (IIJA)**

Proposed Board Action: approve and accept the grant contract from Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) in the amount of $288,234.00 including federal funds of $273,822.00 and state funds of $14,412.00, with no local match required, for the grant period May 20, 2026 through May 27, 2030; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to execute the grant agreement. 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.

Linnie Taylor moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by Brendan Johnson.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert
No: None
Abstain: None

b. **Aviation - Airport Land Lease between Pentastar Aviation, LLC and Oakland County International Airport**

Linnie Taylor moved to **recommend to Board the attached suggested resolution.** Seconded by Brendan Johnson.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert
No: None
Abstain: None

c. **Aviation - Airport Land Lease between WRJ, Inc. and Oakland County International Airport**

Linnie Taylor moved to **recommend to Board the attached suggested resolution.** Seconded by Brendan Johnson.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert
No: None
Abstain: None

d. **Aviation - Airport Land Lease between Airpark, LLC and Oakland County International Airport**

Brendan Johnson moved to **recommend to Board the attached suggested resolution.** Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert
No: None
Abstain: None

12. Presentations

a. **Water Resources Commissioner - New WRC Building Progress Presentation**

Jim Nash, Water Resources Commissioner; Steven Korth, Chief Manager; and Kelsey Cooke, Manager and Chief Legal Officer, provided an update and gave a PowerPoint presentation on the New WRC Building Progress. A discussion was held and committee members' questions were answered. The attached presentation titled New WRC Building Project Update was received by the Committee.

Robert Smiley moved to **receive and file the attached Presentation**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert
No: None
Abstain: None

b. Executive's Office - Pontiac Redevelopment Project Update Presentation

Megan C. Sellers, Deputy County Executive, and Brian Lefler, Chief Financial Officer, provided an update and gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Pontiac Redevelopment Project Update. A discussion was held and committee members' questions were answered. The attached presentation titled Pontiac Redevelopment Project: Project Status Update was received by the Committee.

Robert Smiley moved to **receive and file the attached Presentation titled Pontiac Redevelopment Project: Project Status Update**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-1-0)
Yes: Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert
No: Brendan Johnson
Abstain: None

13. Other Business/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 AM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.