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

Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee

Yolanda Smith Charles, Chair
August 6, 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 09:42 AM in Committee Room A 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.
2. **Roll Call**
   MEMBERS PRESENT: Gwen Markham; Robert Smiley; Yolanda Smith Charles; Linnie Taylor; Philip Weipert, Remote/Non-Voting (5)

   MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Brendan Johnson, William Miller III (2)
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
   Chair Yolanda Smith Charles led the Committee in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Approval of Minutes**

   a. **Board of Commissioners - dated July 8, 2026**
   Gwen Markham moved **approval of the Minutes dated July 8, 2026, as presented**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

   Motion Passed.

   Vote Summary (4-0-0)
   Yes: Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor
   No: None
   Abstain: None
5. **Approval of Agenda**
   Linnie Taylor moved **approval of the agenda, as presented**. Seconded by Robert Smiley.

   Motion Passed.

   Vote Summary (4-0-0)
   Yes: Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor

No: None
Abstain: None

6. **Public Comment**
None.

7. **Communications**

   a. **Aviation - Airport Committee Meeting Minutes - May 13, 2026**

   b. **Economic Development - Planning and Local Business Development - 2025 Annual Report - Main Street Oakland County**

   c. **Economic Development - Planning and Local Business Development - Quarterly Report - Project DIAMOnD Phase II**

   d. **Executive's Office - Monthly Reports - Pontiac Redevelopment Project**

   e. **Economic Development - Monthly Report - Oakland Thrive**
   Gwen Markham moved to **receive and file the attached Communications**. Seconded by Robert Smiley.

   Motion Passed.

   Vote Summary (4-0-0)
   Yes: Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor
   No: None
   Abstain: None

8. **Presentations**

   a. **Economic Development - Update on CEED Microloan Program in Oakland County**
   Catherine Rasegan, Administrator Financial Services - Economic Development, and Belinda Turner DuBois, Director - CEED Lending, provided an update on the CEED Microloan Program in Oakland County. A discussion was held and committee members' questions were answered.

   Robert Smiley moved to **receive and file the attached Update on CEED Microloan Program in Oakland County**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

   Motion Passed.

   Vote Summary (4-0-0)
   Yes: Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor
   No: None
   Abstain: None

9. **Consent Agenda**

a. **Board of Commissioners - Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriation with the City of Farmington Hills for Tri-Party Road Improvement Program – Project No. 57881**
Proposed Board Action: approve Project No. 57881 submitted by the City of Farmington Hills and authorize the transfer of Tri-Party Road Improvement Program funds in the amount of $110,427 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 City of Auburn Hills for Tri-Party Road Improvement Program – Project No. 58651**
Proposed Board Action: approve Project No. 58651 submitted by the City of Auburn Hills and authorize the transfer of Tri-Party Road Improvement Program funds in the amount of $83,333 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.

c. **Board of Commissioners - Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriation with the City of Farmington Hills for Tri-Party Road Improvement Program – Project No. 57891**
Proposed Board Action: approve Project No. 57891 submitted by the City of Farmington Hills and authorize the transfer of Tri-Party Road Improvement Program funds in the amount of $203,733 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.

d. **Board of Commissioners - Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriation with the City of Southfield for Tri-Party Road Improvement Program – Project No. 57871**
Proposed Board Action: approve Project No. 57871 submitted by the City of Southfield and authorize the transfer of Tri-Party Road Improvement Program funds in the amount of $63,735 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.

e. **Board of Commissioners - Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriation with the City of Oak Park for Tri-Party Road Improvement Program – Project No. 57871**
Proposed Board Action: approve Project No. 57871 submitted by the City of Oak Park and authorize the transfer of Tri-Party Road Improvement Program funds in the amount of $15,296 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.

f. **Board of Commissioners - Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriation with the City of Berkley for Tri-Party Road Improvement Program – Project No. 57871**
Proposed Board Action: approve Project No. 57871 submitted by the City of Berkley and authorize the transfer of Tri-Party Road Improvement Program funds in the amount of $48,438 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.

Gwen Markham moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Actions on the Consent Agenda**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (4-0-0)
Yes: Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor
No: None
Abstain: None

10. Economic Development Department Recommendations

a. **Economic Development - Project Plan Approval of the Lourdes Senior Community Project located in Waterford Township**
Proposed Board Action: certify and approve the Project Plan for the Lourdes Senior Community Project located in the Charter Township of Waterford, having been determined to constitute a public purpose as contemplated by the Economic Development Corporations Act; further, authorize the Oakland County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to take such steps as are necessary to implement the Project and the financing thereof by the issuance of its limited obligation revenue bonds as contemplated by the Project Plan; further, direct the County Clerk to provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Assistant Secretary of the Board of the EDC.

Linnie Taylor moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by Gwen Markham.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (4-0-0)
Yes: Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor
No: None
Abstain: None

Chair Yolanda Smith Charles made a public hearing announcement on the adoption of the Lourdes Senior Community Project located in Waterford Township which shall be held on August 13, 2026, at 9:30 AM in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Auditorium, 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Michigan.

b. **Economic Development - Project Plan Approval of the Lighthouse MI Project located in Pontiac**

Proposed Board Action: certify and approve the Project Plan for the Lighthouse MI Project located in the City of Pontiac, having been determined to constitute a public purpose as contemplated by the Economic Development Corporations Act; further, authorize the Oakland County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to take such steps as are necessary to implement the Project and the financing thereof by the issuance of its limited obligation revenue bonds as contemplated by the Project Plan; further, direct the County Clerk to provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Assistant Secretary of the Board of the EDC.

Linnie Taylor moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by Robert Smiley.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (4-0-0)
Yes: Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor
No: None
Abstain: None

Chair Yolanda Smith Charles made a public hearing announcement on the adoption of the Lighthouse MI Project located in Pontiac which shall be held on August 13, 2026, at 9:30 AM in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Auditorium, 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Michigan.

c. **Economic Development - Planning and Local Business Development - Grant Acceptance 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 acceptance for the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) FY 2026 Brownfield Redevelopment Grant Program in the amount of $460,000 for the period of August 13, 2026, through August 12, 2029; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to sign the attached contract; further, amend the FY 2026-2028 budget as detailed in the attached Schedule A. 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.

Robert Smiley moved to **forward to Finance the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (4-0-0)
Yes: Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor
No: None
Abstain: None

11. Aviation Department Recommendations

a. **Aviation - Grant Acceptance with Michigan Department of Transportation for reimbursement to Acquire Easements for Approach-08 at Oakland/Southwest Airport**

Proposed Board Action: approve and accept the grant contract from Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) in the amount of $204,082.00 including federal funds of $193,876.00 and $10,206.00 state funds, with no local match required; 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.

Linnie Taylor moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by Robert Smiley.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (4-0-0)
Yes: Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor
No: None
Abstain: None

b. **Aviation - Grant Acceptance between MDOT-Office of Aeronautics and Oakland County International Airport to Clean/Rehabilitate Fuel/Water Separator - Construction**

Quorum was lost at 10:41 PM

COMMITTEE RECESSED at 10:42 AM
COMMITTEE RECONVENED at 10:46 AM

A quorum was reestablished at 10:46 AM

Proposed Board Action: approve and accept the grant contract from Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) in the amount of $86,843.00 in state funds, with no local match required; 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.

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

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (4-0-0)
Yes: Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor
No: None
Abstain: None

c. **Aviation - Grant Acceptance with Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy for the 2026 EGLE Airport PFAS Grant**

Proposed Board Action: accept the 2026 EGLE Grant for PFAS Response Activities - Oakland County International Airport in an amount not to exceed $327,600.00, for a period through December 31, 2027; further, authorize the Chair of the Oakland County 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.

Gwen Markham moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (4-0-0)
Yes: Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor
No: None
Abstain: None

12. Facilities Management Department Recommendations

a. **Facilities Management - Sublease Agreement with Oakland Family Services for the Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Food Program (WIC)**

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

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (4-0-0)
Yes: Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor
No: None
Abstain: None

13. Closed Session

a. **Facilities Management - Authorization to Negotiate the Purchase of Real Property**

Gwen Markham moved to **enter into closed session for the purpose of considering the purchase or lease of property.** Seconded by Robert Smiley.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (4-0-0)
Yes: Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor
No: None
Abstain: None

The Committee went into closed session at 10:54 AM.
The Committee resumed in open session at 11:01 AM.

Linnie Taylor moved that the **Facilities Management be authorized to proceed in accordance with the directives discussed in Closed Session**. Seconded by Robert Smiley.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (4-0-0)
Yes: Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor
No: None
Abstain: None

14. Public Comment

None.

15. Other Business/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.