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

September 2, 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: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Philip Weipert (6)

   MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Linnie Taylor (1)

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

   Vice Chair Brendan Johnson led the Committee in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

   a. **Board of Commissioners - dated August 6, 2026 (including Closed Session)**

      William Miller III moved **approval of the Minutes dated August 6, 2026 (including Closed Session), as presented**. Seconded by Gwen Markham.

      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**

   Philip Weipert moved **approval of the agenda, as presented**. Seconded by Brendan Johnson.

   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**
None.

7. **Communications**
Ed Joss, Director Facilities Management, introduced Andrew Case as Supervisor Capital Planning & Design for Facilities Management.

a. **Facilities Management – Capital Planning & Design - 2026 3rd Quarter CIP Report**

b. **Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - Quarterly Report - SMART January-March 2026**

c. **Economic Development - Workforce Development - American Rescue Plan Skilled and Educated Workforce Quarterly Report for the Time Period of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2026**

d. **Executive's Office - Monthly Reports - Pontiac Redevelopment Project**
Robert Smiley moved to **receive and file the attached Communications**. Seconded by William Miller III.

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

8. **Presentations**

a. **Economic Development - Planning and Local Business Development - Oakland County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (OCBRA) FY27 Budget**
Brad Hansen, Business Development Representative Senior; Kristen Wiltfang, Administrator Trails, Transportation & Environment; and Madalyn Eckel, Planner Senior, provided an update and gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Oakland County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (OCBRA) FY27 Budget. A discussion was held and committee members' questions were answered.

Gwen Markham moved to **receive and file the attached Presentation titled Oakland County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority FY2027 Budget**. Seconded by Philip Weipert.

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

9. Consent Agenda

a. **Board of Commissioners - Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriation with the Charter Township of Waterford for Tri-Party Road Improvement Program – Project No. 58661**

Proposed Board Action: approve Project No. 58661 submitted by the Charter Township of Waterford and authorize the transfer of Tri-Party Road Improvement Program funds in the amount of $281,927 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 Novi for Tri-Party Road Improvement Program – Project No. 57891**

Proposed Board Action: approve Project No. 57891 submitted by the City of Novi and authorize the transfer of Tri-Party Road Improvement Program funds in the amount of $135,822 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.

Vice Chair Brendan Johnson assumed the Chair at 10:18 AM.
Chair Yolanda Smith Charles resumed the Chair at 10:20 AM.

Robert Smiley moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action for Consent Agenda Items 9a and 9b.** Seconded by Gwen Markham.

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

10. Water Resources Commissioner Recommendations

a. **Water Resources Commissioner - Fiscal Year 2027 Maintenance Assessments for Chapter 4 Drains**

Brendan Johnson moved to **recommend to Board the attached suggested resolution.** Seconded by William Miller III.

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

b. **Water Resources Commissioner - Fiscal Year 2027 Maintenance Assessments for Chapter 18 Drains**

Vice Chair Brendan Johnson assumed the chair at 10:44 AM.

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

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)
Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Philip Weipert
No: None
Abstain: None

c. **Water Resources Commissioner - Fiscal Year 2027 Lake Level Maintenance Assessments**

William Miller III moved to **recommend to Board the attached suggested resolution.** Seconded by Philip Weipert.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)
Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Philip Weipert
No: None
Abstain: None

d. **Water Resources Commissioner - Amendment #1 to Billing Services and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Operations Service Agreement with the Charter Township of Commerce**

Proposed Board Action: approve Amendment #1 to the Billing Services and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Operations Service Agreement with the Charter Township of Commerce to extend the Agreement from September 30, 2026 to March 31, 2027; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to sign the amendment.

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

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Philip Weipert
No: None
Abstain: None

11. Economic Development Department Recommendations

a. **Economic Development - Veterans Services - Grant Application with Department of Military and Veteran Affairs for FY 2027 County Veterans Service Fund**

Proposed Board Action: approve the FY 2027 County Veterans Service Fund grant application in the amount of $282,563.00 from the Michigan Department of Military and Veteran Affairs; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to sign the application.

Philip Weipert moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by William Miller III.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)
Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Philip Weipert
No: None
Abstain: None

b. **Economic Development - Planning and Local Business Development - Termination Agreement with the Village of Ortonville for the Placemaking and Public Spaces Grant**

Proposed Board Action: terminate the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Distribution Agreement with the Village of Ortonville for the ARPA Placemaking and Public Spaces Grant; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to sign the Termination Agreement.

Gwen Markham moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by William Miller III.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)
Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Philip Weipert
No: None
Abstain: None

12. Transit Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations

a. **Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - 2026 Access to Transit - Bus Stop Projects**

Proposed Board Action: approve the disbursement of Access to Transit Grant funds for the projects detailed in the attached Schedule B – Project Summaries and Grant Awards for an amount not to exceed $690,400; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to sign the agreements.

Brendan Johnson moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by William Miller III.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)
Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Philip Weipert
No: None
Abstain: None

b. Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - 2027 Access to Transit Program

Proposed Board Action: approve Access to Transit Program for the 2027 fiscal year and authorize a one-time appropriation of $2.5 million from the Public Transportation Millage Fund Balance Account for the purpose of funding the program; further, administer the 2027 Access to Transit Program in conformance with federal, state, and local legal requirements as well as Oakland County Policies and Procedures; further, the Oakland County Transit Division shall serve as the program administrator and shall distribute the appropriated funds to the participating municipalities for expenditures incurred that meet the eligibility requirements for the 2027 to Transit Program; further, the Oakland County Transit Division shall provide a report to the Transit Ad Hoc Committee and the Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee no later than December 2027 detailing the performance of the program; further, amend the FY 2027 budget as detailed in the attached Schedule A – Budget Amendment.

William Miller III moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by Gwen Markham.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)
Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley, Philip Weipert
No: None
Abstain: None

13. Other Business/Adjournment

Commissioners' Comments
<u>Speakers:</u>
William Miller

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.