



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Finance Committee

Gwen Markham, Chair

September 2, 2026 at 11:00 AM

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Gwen Markham called the meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 11:18 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; Michael Spisz; David Woodward, Ex-Officio; Marcia Gershenson, Ex-Officio (7)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor (2)

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 August 4, 2026**

b. **Board of Commissioners - dated August 5, 2026**

c. **Board of Commissioners - dated August 6, 2026**

d. **Board of Commissioners - dated August 11, 2026**

e. **Board of Commissioners - dated August 12, 2026**

f. **Board of Commissioners - dated August 13, 2026**

Christine Long moved **approval of the Minutes dated August 4, 2026; August 5, 2026; August 6, 2026; August 11, 2026; August 12, 2026; and August 13, 2026, as presented.** Seconded by Ann Erickson Gault.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Christine Long, Gwen Markham,

Michael Spisz, David Woodward
No: None
Abstain: None

5. Approval of Agenda

Marcia Gershenson moved **approval of the agenda, as presented**. Seconded by Michael Spisz.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Michael Spisz, David Woodward

No: None

Abstain: None

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Communications

a. **Fiscal Services - Exception Memo for FY2026 Byrne Discretionary Community Project - CLEMIS Grant Application**

b. **Executive's Office - 2026 ARPA Annual Report**

c. **Executive's Office - Pontiac Redevelopment Project**

d. **Board of Commissioners - 2025 Highland DDA TIF Report**

Christine Long moved to **receive and file the attached Communications**.
Seconded by Ann Erickson Gault.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, David Woodward

No: None

Abstain: None

8. FY 2027-2029 Budget Wrap-Up

a. **Executive's Office - FY 2027-2029 Oakland County Recommended Budget**
Marcia Gershenson moved to **recommend to Board the FY 2027-2029 Oakland County Recommended Budget**. Seconded by Angela Powell.

i) **Board of Commissioners - Section A: Amendments Made Pursuant to Adoption by Separate Resolution**
Section B: Human Resources Related Amendments

Marcia Gershenson moved to **amend the FY 2027-2029 Oakland County Recommended Budget by approving Section A: Amendments Made**

Pursuant to Adoption by Separate Resolution, and Section B: Human Resources Related Amendments. Seconded by Angela Powell.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, David Woodward

No: None

Abstain: None

ii) Board of Commissioners - Updated FY2027-FY2029 Professional Services Contract Review

Michael Spisz moved to **amend the FY 2027-2029 Oakland County Recommended Budget by approving the updated FY2027-FY2029 Professional Services Contract Review.** Seconded by Angela Powell.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, David Woodward

No: None

Abstain: None

Return to Main Motion, as amended.

David Woodward moved to **postpone recommendation of the FY 2027-2029 Oakland County Recommended Budget, as amended, until the next meeting of the Finance Committee.** Seconded by Michael Spisz.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, David Woodward

No: None

Abstain: None

b. Board of Commissioners - Public Notice of Public Hearing for September 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Angela Powell moved to **authorize public notice of a Public Hearing for September 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** Seconded by Michael Spisz.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, David Woodward

No: None

Abstain: None

9. Department Recommendations

a. Indigent Defense - Acceptance of FY2027 Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) Grant

Proposed Board Action: accept the FY2027 Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Grant from the State of Michigan, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, in the amount of \$15,957,380.63 for the period of October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027; approve the required Oakland County local share contribution of \$1,867,161.92, for a total FY2027 program budget of \$17,824,542.55; continue forty (40) FTE SR positions and two (2) PTNE SR positions, delete one (1) FTE SR position, and create one (1) FTE SR position as shown in the attached Schedules B and C; authorize the Board Chair to execute the grant agreement and any necessary related documents on behalf of Oakland County; authorize the Board Chair to approve grant extensions or amendments within fifteen percent (15%) of the original award that are consistent with the approved agreement; and authorize the Board Chair to accept additional FY2027 MIDC state grant funding approved by MIDC, provided the additional funding does not increase the County's local share, require additional County appropriations, change authorized positions, or materially alter the approved Compliance Plan. Any increase or amendment requiring additional County funding, position changes, or a material change to the Compliance Plan shall return to the Board for approval.

Christine Long 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, Marcia Gershenson, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz

No: None

Abstain: None

b. Risk Management - Create one (1) PR Full-Time Eligible (FTE) Environmental Health & Water Safety Administrator

Proposed Board Action: approve the creation of one (1) PR Full-Time Eligible Environmental Health & Water Safety Administrator position in the Risk Management Division (#1010502) to centralize and manage countywide environmental health, water safety, and related risk mitigation programs; further, amend the FY 2027 – FY 2029 Budget as detailed in the attached Schedule A.

Ann Erickson Gault moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Michael Spisz.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, David Woodward

No: None

Abstain: None

c. Fiscal Services - FY 2026 Third Quarter Financial Forecast and Budget Amendment

Proposed Board Action: accept the Fiscal Year 2026 Third Quarter Financial Report; to recognize donations received for the period of April 2026 through June 2026 totaling \$31,712.30 of which \$16,508.69 were cash donations: Animal Control and Pet Adoption Center totaling \$12,008.69, Sheriff's Office \$3,000, Children's Village \$500, and Emergency Management and Homeland Security \$1,000; to authorize the write-off of uncollectible debts totaling \$126,655.26 for Health and Human Services for the period of April 2026 through June 2026, as recommended by the Department of Management and Budget and as detailed in the attached schedule; and to amend the FY 2026 – FY 2028 budgets pursuant to the attached Schedule A Budget Amendments.

Angela Powell moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Ann Erickson Gault.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, David Woodward

No: None

Abstain: None

10. Public Health and Safety Committee Recommendations

a. Health & Human Services - Neighborhood and Housing Development - Amendment #2 to the FY 2026 Medicaid CHIP Lead Hazard Control Community Development Program from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

Proposed Board Action: approve amendment #2 to the FY 2026 Medicaid CHIP Lead Hazard Control Community Development Program from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$300,000 for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to execute the agreement; further, amend the FY 2026 budget as detailed in the attached Schedule A.

Christine Long moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Angela Powell.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, David Woodward

No: None

Abstain: None

11. Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee Recommendations

a. **Human Resources - Fiscal Year 2027 Salary Recommendations for Non-Represented Employees**

Proposed Board Action: approve the recommended 3.0% general salary increase for all non-represented employees to be effective September 19, 2026 for FY 2027.

Angela Powell moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Ann Erickson Gault.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, David Woodward

No: None

Abstain: None

b. **Board of Commissioners - Approval of FY 2027 Budget Recommendation Classification Changes**

Proposed Board Action: approve the classification changes to be implemented upon the adoption of the FY 2027/2029 General Appropriations Act as reflected in the attached document.

Angela Powell moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Ann Erickson Gault.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, David Woodward

No: None

Abstain: None

12. Closed Session

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

Ann Erickson Gault moved to **enter into Closed Session for the purpose of consulting with attorneys regarding trial or settlement strategy in the case of McFarland v Oakland County, et al.** Seconded by Angela Powell.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, David Woodward

No: None

Abstain: None

The Committee went into closed session at 12:00 PM

The Committee resumed in open session at 12:30 PM

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

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Christine Long, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Michael Spisz, David Woodward

No: None

Abstain: None

13. Public Comment

None.

14. Other Business/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:31 PM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.