



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Legislative Affairs & Government Operations Committee

Kristen Nelson

March 15, 2022 at 9:30 AM

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Kristen Nelson called the meeting of the Legislative Affairs & Government Operations Committee to order at 09:40 AM in BOC Committee Room A 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Woodward, Penny Luebs, Kristen Nelson, Janet Jackson, Karen Joliat, Marcia Gershenson (6)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Adam Kochenderfer (1)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Kristen Nelson led the Committee in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - Committee Minutes - dated March 1, 2022

Penny Luebs moved approval of the Minutes dated March 1, 2022, as presented. Seconded by Janet Jackson.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Karen Joliat, Kristen Nelson, Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Janet Jackson

No: None

Abstain: None

5. Approval of Agenda

Karen Joliat moved approval of the agenda, as presented. Seconded by Janet Jackson.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Karen Joliat, Kristen Nelson, Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Janet Jackson
No: None
Abstain: None

6. Public Comment

Kathryn Kennedy, Lake Orion Resident; Sandra Carolan, Novi Resident; Commissioner Marcia Gershenson

7. Communications

None.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

a. **Board of Commissioners - Board Resolution Designating April 2, 2022 as World Autism Day in Oakland County**

b. **Board of Commissioners - Board Resolution Recognizing April 2022 as National County Government Month in Oakland County**

c. **Board of Commissioners - Board Resolution Recognizing April 10 - 16, 2022 as National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week**

d. **Board of Commissioners - Board Resolution Designating April 2022 as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month in Oakland County**

Karen Joliat moved to recommend approval of the resolutions on the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Janet Jackson.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Karen Joliat, Kristen Nelson, Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Janet Jackson

No: None

Abstain: None

9. REGULAR AGENDA

a. **Parks & Recreation - Resolution Requesting the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission to Submit Proposals to Utilize American Rescue Plan Act – Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Make Investments in Park and Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure and Address the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Chris Ward, Director, Oakland County Parks and Recreation, gave a brief overview of the Oakland County Parks Rescue Plan Proposal document that was provided at the meeting.

Penny Luebs moved to recommend approval of the attached suggested resolution. Seconded by Janet Jackson.

Board of Commissioners - BOC Amendment - Woodward Amendment #1

David Woodward moved to amend the Resolution, as follows:

1. Amend the title of the Resolution, as follows:

~~Parks and Recreation – Resolution Appropriation of American Rescue Plan Act – Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for Establishing the Healthy Communities Parks and Outdoor Recreation Program~~ ***Requesting the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission to Submit Proposals to Utilize American Rescue Plan Act – Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Make Investments in Park and Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure and Address the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic***

2. Amend the 4th WHEREAS statement, as follows:

~~WHEREAS establishing a Healthy Communities Parks and Outdoor Recreation Program will improve public outdoor recreation spaces to promote healthier and safer living environments targeted at improving outcomes for individuals disproportionately impacted by the COV-19 pandemic; and~~ ***using American Rescue Plan Act -Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to support improvements to park infrastructure and public outdoor recreation spaces will facilitate a healthy, active and more resilient community, and aid in the prevention of chronic disease, counter social isolation by connecting people with nature and each other, and support the mental and physical wellbeing of our residents.***

3. Strike the following 5th WHEREAS statement:

~~WHEREAS an Oakland County Board of Commissioners' \$15 million American Rescue Plan Act Local Fiscal Recovery Fund investment in parks would build a healthy, active and more resilient community and aid in the prevention of chronic disease, counter social isolation by connecting people with nature and each other, and support the mental and physical wellbeing of our residents.~~

4. Amend the NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED clause, as follows:

~~NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the assignment of \$15 million in American Rescue Plan Act – Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for the establishment of the Healthy Communities Parks and Outdoor Recreation Program~~ ***requests the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission to submit project proposals to utilize American Rescue Plan Act for investments in Oakland County Parks and Recreation infrastructure and address Covid impacts to the park system. Individual project proposals shall be submitted to the Board of Commissioners for consideration to authorize in the form of a resolution appropriating project funding. Requests for funding for this purpose shall be submitted by December 31, 2022. The cumulative amount of project funding for this purpose shall not exceed \$10 million.***

5.Strike all BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clauses, and replace with the following as the 1st and 2nd BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clauses:

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Healthy Communities Parks and Outdoor Recreation Program shall be administered by Oakland County Parks and Recreation.~~

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that appropriations of assigned program funding shall be contingent upon Board of Commissioners approval through subsequent Miscellaneous Resolutions.~~

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that approval of appropriations of the American Rescue Plan Act – Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for programs and services by Oakland County shall not obligate a commitment of the General Fund unless authorized by action of the Board of Commissioners.~~

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED quarterly reports detailing the program balance, expenditures, and performance metrics for each initiative shall be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners.~~

~~BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the assignment of funds for the Healthy Communities Parks and Outdoor Recreation Program shall expire on December 31, 2022, unless extended by action of the Board of Commissioners. Funds not obligated by appropriation of the Board of Commissioners shall be unrestricted and available for other purposes.~~

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners requests the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission to submit project proposals to utilize American Rescue Plan Act for targeted investment park and outdoor recreation infrastructure in communities disproportionately impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Individual project proposals shall be submitted to the Board of Commissioners for consideration to authorize in the form of a resolution appropriating project funding. Requests for funding for this purpose shall be submitted by December 31, 2022. The cumulative amount of project funding for this purpose shall not exceed \$5 million.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners strongly encourages the Parks and Recreation Commission to identify additional funding sources and partnerships to leverage the investment of ARPA funding for maximum impact.

Seconded by Penny Luebs.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-1-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Kristen Nelson, Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Janet Jackson

No: Karen Joliat

Abstain: None

Main Motion, as amended.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Karen Joliat, Kristen Nelson, Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Janet Jackson

No: None

Abstain: None

Penny Luebs moved to receive and file the Oakland County Parks Rescue Plan Proposal presentation. Seconded by Janet Jackson.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Karen Joliat, Kristen Nelson, Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Janet Jackson

No: None

Abstain: None

b. Board of Commissioners - Resolution Declaring Oakland County's Support, Respect and Appreciation of Our Law Enforcement Officers

Penny Luebs moved to recommend to Board the attached suggested Resolution. Seconded by Karen Joliat.

Board of Commissioners - BOC Amendment - Woodward Amendment #1 (Substitution)

David Woodward moved to substitute the body of the Resolution with the following language:

***WHEREAS the role of law enforcement has profound importance for the safety and freedom of the people; and
WHEREAS each day, law enforcement officers risk making the ultimate sacrifice in order to uphold justice and protect our communities. Despite the substantial risks they face each and every day, law enforcement officers in Oakland County and throughout Michigan choose to serve, protect, and safeguard our lives and property; and
WHEREAS Oakland County law enforcement and corrections officers are highly-trained and courageous individuals, often finding themselves in dangerous situations in order to enforce and maintain the laws of the state and to protect the residents in our communities; and
WHEREAS the contemptible actions of a few have resulted in too many law enforcement officers losing their lives in the line of duty; and
WHEREAS all crimes against law enforcement officers should be treated accordingly under the law; and
WHEREAS it is in the public interest that we promote awareness of and respect for the job our public safety officers perform each day. Our Oakland County and Michigan law enforcement men and women are heroes we count on and we trust to protect all of us.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners declares support, respect, and appreciation for our Oakland County Sheriff's Deputies and Command Officers, our local police departments, and the Michigan State Police, who together protect all of Oakland County's residents and visitors.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Clerk is requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, the Executive Director of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, the Police Officers Association of Michigan, the Director of the Michigan State Police, and all law enforcement agencies in Oakland County.***

Seconded by Marcia Gershenson.

Board of Commissioners - BOC Amendment - Joliat Amendment #1

Karen Joliat moved to amend the primary amendment, as follows:

1. Amend the 3rd WHEREAS, as follows:

WHEREAS Oakland County law enforcement and corrections officers are highly-trained and courageous individuals, often finding themselves in dangerous situations in order to enforce and maintain the laws of the state and to protect the **citizens**, residents, **and visitors** in our communities; and

2. Amend the NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED clause, as follows:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners declares support, respect, and appreciation for our Oakland County Sheriff's Deputies and Command Officers, our local police departments, and the Michigan State Police, who together protect all of Oakland County's **citizens**, residents and visitors.

Seconded by Penny Luebs.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Karen Joliat, Kristen Nelson, Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Janet Jackson

No: None

Abstain: None

Primary Amendment, as amended.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Karen Joliat, Kristen Nelson, Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Janet Jackson

No: None

Abstain: None

Main Motion, as amended.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Karen Joliat, Kristen Nelson, Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Janet Jackson

No: None

Abstain: None

10. Public Comment

Kathryn Kennedy, Lake Orion Resident; Sandra Carolan, Novi Resident; Ross Barranca, Novi Resident

11. Other Business/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 AM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.