

OAKLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

May 13, 2021

Meeting called to order by Chairperson David Woodward at 6:25 p.m. via Videoconference.

Roll called.

PRESENT: Cavell from Ferndale in Oakland County, Charles from Southfield in Oakland County, Gershenson from Bloomfield Township in Oakland County, Gingell from Orion Township in Oakland County, Hoffman from Rose Township in Oakland County, Jackson from Southfield in Oakland County, Joliat from Waterford Township in Oakland County, Kochenderfer from Rochester Hills in Oakland County, Kowall from White Lake Township in Oakland County, Kuhn from Troy in Oakland County, Long from Commerce Township in Oakland County, Luebs from Clawson in Oakland County, Markham from Novi in Oakland County, McGillivray from Madison Heights in Oakland County, Miller from Farmington in Oakland County, Moss from Birmingham in Oakland County, Nelson from Waterford Township in Oakland County, Powell from Pontiac in Oakland County, Weipert from South Lyon in Oakland County, Woodward from Royal Oak in Oakland County. (20)
EXCUSED ABSENCE WITH NOTICE: Spisz. (1)

Quorum present.

Invocation given by Karen Joliat.

Moved by Luebs seconded by McGillivray the minutes of the April 29, 2021 Board Meeting be approved.

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the minutes were approved as printed.

Moved by Nelson seconded by Hoffman the agenda be amended as follows:

Remove Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee item f. entitled: Central Services/Sheriff's Office – Fleet Changes and Expansion of Seven (7) Used Vehicles for Sheriff's Office Training from the Agenda.

Move Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee item h. entitled: MR #21169 – Board of Commissioners – Support the Adoption of Four-Year Terms for County Commissioners by the Michigan Legislature from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

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A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the agenda, as amended, was approved.

Lisa Brown, Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds addressed the Board to read a communication from Chairperson David Woodward notifying the Board that he has authorized the submission of the following grant application:

Name: Transforming Youth Suicide Prevention - 2022

Amount: \$60,000

Grant Application Deadline: May 12, 2021

Moved by Weipert seconded by Long to receive and file the communication.

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the communication was received and filed.

The following people addressed the Board during Public Comment: Lori Harris, Katherine Kennedy, Anthony Williams, Christie Barnes and Lori Kachi.

Moved by Gingell seconded by Nelson the resolutions on the amended Consent Agenda be adopted (with accompanying reports being accepted). The vote for this motion appears on page 378. The resolutions on this Consent Agenda follow (annotated by an asterisk {*}):

***MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #21178**

BY: Commissioner Bob Hoffman, District #2

IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – TRI-PARTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2021 APPROPRIATION – CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HIGHLAND – SPREADING OF GRAVEL AND CHLORIDE ON VARIOUS ROADS – PROJECT NO. 56242

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS since the 1970s, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners has authorized the Tri-Party Road Improvement Program to assist Oakland County's cities, villages and townships (CVTs) with the construction, maintenance and repair of roads under the supervision, direction and control of the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC); and

WHEREAS on December 7, 2020, the Board of Commissioners approved Miscellaneous Resolution #20635 which designated \$5,319,430 in fund balance for the Tri-Party Road Improvement Program for projects managed by the RCOC; and

WHEREAS the Charter Township of Highland, along with the RCOC, has identified a project and said project is ready to be undertaken immediately; and

WHEREAS the RCOC has appropriated its one-third (1/3) share of the funding for the project in the Charter Township of Highland and said appropriation has been transferred to a project account; and

WHEREAS the Charter Township of Highland has demonstrated that it has authorized its one-third (1/3) share of the funding for the project and has executed a contract for payment with the RCOC; and

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WHEREAS Oakland County's one-third (1/3) share of the Fiscal Year 2021 authorized amount of Tri-Party Road Improvement funding for Project No. 56242 in the Charter Township of Highland is \$39,781; and

WHEREAS funding is available in the General Fund Assigned Fund Balance for Tri-Party 2021 and prior funding (account #383510) for Project No. 56242 in the amount of \$39,781. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the project submitted by the Charter Township of Highland and authorizes the release of Tri-Party Road Improvement Program funds from the Oakland County Assigned Fund Balance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED additional project costs, not greater than 15% from the original agreement, which are consistent with the project as originally approved, will be paid when invoiced and appropriated in the quarterly forecast resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that additional project costs exceeding 15% of the original agreement will require a separate resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Clerk is requested to forward copies of this resolution to the Road Commission for Oakland County, Oakland County Fiscal Services and the Charter Township of Highland.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the FY 2021 budget will be amended as follows:

<u>GENERAL FUND (#10100)</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>
<u>Revenue</u>	
9010101-196030-665882 Planned Use of Balance	<u>\$39,781</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$39,781</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>	
9010101-153010-740135 Road Commission Tri-Party	<u>\$39,781</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$39,781</u>

Chairperson, I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

BOB HOFFMAN

Copy of Correspondence from Thomas G. Noechel, Programming Supervisor, Copy of Correspondence from Shannon J. Miller, Deputy-Secretary/Clerk of the Board, Cost Participation Agreement and Exhibit A – Estimated Project Cost Incorporated by Reference. Original on file in County Clerk's office.

(The vote for this motion appears on page 378).

***MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #21179**

BY: Commissioner William Miller, Chairperson, Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee

IN RE: WATER RESOURCES COMMISSIONER – BALD EAGLE LAKE DRAIN BONDS, SERIES 2021 - FULL FAITH AND CREDIT RESOLUTION

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS the Water Resources Commissioner proposes that the Bald Eagle Lake Drain Drainage District (the "Drainage District") issue its Drain Bonds, Series 2021 (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$870,000 to defray all or part of the cost of the Bald Eagle Lake Drain Drainage District Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS the Bonds are to be designated "Bald Eagle Lake Drain Bonds, Series 2021", and will bear interest at a rate not exceeding 4% per annum; and

WHEREAS the Water Resources Commissioner deems it advisable and necessary to obtain from this Board a resolution consenting to the pledge of the full faith and credit of the County on the Bonds; and

WHEREAS the Project is necessary to protect and preserve the public health and therefore, it is in the best interest of the County that the Bonds be sold; and

WHEREAS the statutory limit for County debt is \$8,119,539,491 (10% of State Equalized Value). As of April 1, 2021, the total pledged debt is \$580,565,905 or approximately .71502% of the S.E.V; and

WHEREAS the estimated apportionment of the \$870,000 project cost is as follows with \$40,020 or 4.60% to Brandon Township, \$3,480 or .40% to Groveland Township, \$644,670 or 74.10% to Individual Parcels, \$47,067 or 5.41% to Michigan Department of Transportation and \$134,763 or 15.49% to County of Oakland; and

WHEREAS any property or public corporation subject to assessment may pay the assessment in full, or may pay in ten annual installments, or may pay the amount in full with interest to date at any time; and

WHEREAS the Oakland County portion of the debt service payments will be included in the Non-Departmental current drain assessments account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the authorization provided in Section 276 of the Drain Code of 1956, as amended, provided that the Bonds are issued within the parameters set forth above, the Board of Commissioners of the County hereby pledges irrevocably the full faith and credit of the County for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and does hereby agree that in the event that property owners or public corporations in the Drainage District shall fail or neglect to account to the County Treasurer of the County of Oakland for the amount of any such special assessment installment and interest (in anticipation of which the Bonds are issued) when due, then the amount thereof shall be immediately advanced from County funds, and the County Treasurer is directed to immediately make such advancement to the extent necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that, pursuant to said pledge of full faith and credit, the County of Oakland advances out of County funds, all or any part of said installment and interest, it shall be the duty of the County Treasurer, for and on behalf of the County of Oakland, to take all actions and proceedings and pursue all remedies permitted or authorized by law for the reimbursement of such sums so paid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Treasurer or the financial consultant, Municipal Financial Consultants Incorporated, is authorized, if necessary, to make application to the Department of Treasury for permission to issue and sell the Bonds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions and part of resolutions, insofar as the same may be in conflict with the provisions of this resolution, be and the same hereby are rescinded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no budget amendment is required.

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Chairperson, on behalf of the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee, I move adoption of the foregoing resolution.

WILLIAM MILLER

Copy of Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner – Computation of Cost (Preliminary) – Bald Eagle Lake Drain and Map of Bald Eagle Lake Drain – Oakland County, Michigan on file in County Clerk's office.

(The vote for this motion appears on page 378).

***MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #21180**

BY: Commissioner Gwen Markham, Chairperson, Finance Committee

IN RE: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF NOVI FOR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AT 26300 LEE BEGOLE DRIVE

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS Oakland County operates and maintains a public safety communications system for the benefit of its residents on behalf of and for local law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services, hospitals, homeland security and other public safety services; and

WHEREAS the County constructed, operates, and maintains the existing system with funds from the County 9-1-1 charge on devices, as permitted by and defined in the Emergency 9-1-1 Service Enabling Act, Michigan Public Act 32 of 1986, MCL §484.1101 et seq.; and

WHEREAS pursuant to MR #92051 and MR #98291, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners approved the execution of agreements with Novi for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a tower at 26300 Lee Begole Drive (formerly Delwal Drive) and that lease agreement has expired; and

WHEREAS the Departments of Information Technology and Corporation Counsel have drafted, reviewed, and approved the Lease Agreement to be executed with Novi to provide for continued operation and use of the tower at 26300 Lee Begole Drive.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Lease Agreement for the Public Safety Communications System with the City of Novi.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Board Chairperson to execute all documents associated with and to effectuate the Lease Agreement with the City of Novi.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the lease agreement with the City of Novi associated with the County Public Safety Communications System shall be kept by Radio Communication in the Department of Information Technology.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no budget amendment is required at this time.

Chairperson, on behalf of the Finance Committee, I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

GWEN MARKHAM

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Copy of Correspondence from Mike Timm, Director, Information Technology, Lease Agreement, Exhibit A – Site Plan – Storage Building and Communications Tower, Exhibit B – Site Plan – Storage Building and Communications Tower, Drawing of Self-Supporting Tower, Drawing of Base Foundation, Drawing of Anchor Installation, Exhibit D-1 – Overall Parcel Sketch, Exhibit D-2 – Project Information, Location Maps and Drawing Index Incorporated by Reference. Original on file in County Clerk's office.

(The vote for this motion appears on page 378).

***MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #21181**

BY: Commissioners Philip Weipert, District #8; Adam Kochenderfer, District #15; Thomas Kuhn, District #11; David Woodward, District #19; Charlie Cavell, District #18; Bob Hoffman, District #2; Christine Long, District #7; Gary McGillivray, District #20; Penny Luebs, District #16; Yolanda Charles, District #17; Janet Jackson, District #21; Karen Joliat, District #4; Eileen Kowall, District #6; Gwen Markham, District #9; William Miller, District #14; Kristen Nelson, District #5; Angela Powell, District #10; Michael Spisz, District #3; Michael Gingell, District #1; Marcia Gershenson, District #13; and Chuck Moss, District #12

IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – DESIGNATION OF MAY 1, 2021 AS LAW DAY IN OAKLAND COUNTY

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS Law Day, held annually on May 1st, is a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law; and WHEREAS Law Day provides an opportunity to understand how law and the legal process protect our liberty, strive to achieve justice, and contribute to the freedoms that all Americans share; and

WHEREAS in 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day as a day of national dedication to the principles of government under law; and

WHEREAS in 1961, Congress designated May 1st as the official date for celebrating Law Day; and

WHEREAS this program continues today and has grown to many countries around the globe; and

WHEREAS every year since 1969, the American Bar Association assigns a theme to Law Day; and

WHEREAS this year's theme is "Advancing the Rule of Law"; and

WHEREAS President Patricia Lee Refo of the American Bar Association stated "the rule of law is the bedrock of American rights and liberties — in times of calm and unrest alike"; and

WHEREAS the theme reminds all of us that we the people share the responsibility to promote the rule of law, defend liberty, and pursue justice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners designates May 1, 2021 as Law Day in Oakland County and encourages local bar associations, courts, schools, youth groups, and community organizations to provide an opportunity for citizens to understand how law and the legal process protect our liberty, strive to achieve justice, and contribute to the freedoms that all Americans share.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds is requested to forward copies of the adopted resolution to the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan.

Chairperson, we move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

PHILIP WEIPERT, ADAM
KOCHENDERFER, THOMAS KUHN,
DAVID WOODWARD, CHARLIE
CAVELL, BOB HOFFMAN, CHRISTINE
LONG, GARY MCGILLIVRAY, PENNY
LUEBS, YOLANDA CHARLES, JANET
JACKSON, KAREN JOLIAT, EILEEN
KOWALL, GWEN MARKHAM, WILLIAM
MILLER, KRISTEN NELSON, ANGELA
POWELL, MICHAEL SPISZ, MICHAEL
GINGELL, MARCIA GERSHENSON,
CHUCK MOSS

(The vote for this motion appears on page 378).

***MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #21182**

BY: Commissioners Thomas Kuhn, District #11; David Woodward, District #19; Charlie Cavell, District #18; Bob Hoffman, District #2; Adam Kochenderfer, District #15; Marcia Gershenson, District #13; Christine Long, District #7; Gary McGillivray, District #20; Chuck Moss, District #12; Philip Weipert, District #8; Penny Luebs, District #16; Yolanda Charles, District #17; Janet Jackson, District #21; Karen Joliat, District #4; Eileen Kowall, District #6; Gwen Markham, District #9; William Miller, District #14; Kristen Nelson, District #5; Angela Powell, District #10; Michael Spisz, District #3; and Michael Gingell, District #1

RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - DESIGNATION OF MAY 2021 AS ASIAN AND PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN OAKLAND COUNTY

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month is a national celebration during the month of May to recognize the tremendous contributions of Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander descent; and WHEREAS Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have become the fastest growing population group in the United States; and

WHEREAS the Asian and Pacific American population grew in the United States by 25.7% between 2010 and 2017; and

WHEREAS the total Asian and Pacific American population in the U.S. in 2017 was 23.8 million; and WHEREAS the City of Novi Asian population has grown to 23.22% of the overall total; and

WHEREAS Asian and Pacific Americans have enriched our culture, excelling in many fields, including education, business, science, technology, government, sports, and the arts; and

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WHEREAS countless Asian and Pacific Americans have answered the call to protect the cause of freedom by serving in our Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS Oakland County is home to the second largest Asian population in Michigan and nearly half of Asians in the tri-county area; and

WHEREAS the City of Troy is home to the largest number of Asians in the region, comprising almost 24.65% of the total population; and

WHEREAS the entrepreneurship and innovation of Asian and Pacific Americans have strengthened Oakland County's economy; and

WHEREAS Asian and Pacific Americans contribute greatly to the economic, social, cultural, and civic life of Oakland County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby designates May 2021 as Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month in Oakland County and encourages our citizens, governmental agencies, businesses, and schools to celebrate and recognize the achievements of Asian Americans.

Chairperson, we move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

THOMAS KUHN, DAVID WOODWARD,
CHARLIE CAVELL, BOB HOFFMAN,
ADAM KOCHENDERFER, MARCIA
GERSHENSON, CHRISTINE LONG,
GARY MCGILLIVRAY, CHUCK MOSS,
PHILIP WEIPERT, PENNY LUEBS,
YOLANDA CHARLES, JANET
JACKSON, KAREN JOLIAT, EILEEN
KOWALL, GWEN MARKHAM, WILLIAM
MILLER, KRISTEN NELSON, ANGELA
POWELL, MICHAEL SPISZ, MICHAEL
GINGELL

(The vote for this motion appears on page 378).

***MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #21183**

BY: Commissioners Penny Luebs, District #16 and Charlie Cavell, District #18; Adam Kochenderfer, District #15; Thomas Kuhn, District #11; Christine Long, District #7; Gary McGillivray, District #20; Chuck Moss, District #12; Philip Weipert, District #8; Yolanda Charles, District #17; Janet Jackson, District #21; Karen Joliat, District #4; Gwen Markham, District #9; William Miller, District #14; Eileen Kowall, District #6; Angela Powell, District #10; David Woodward, District #19; Kristen Nelson, District #5; Michael Gingell, District #1; Marcia Gershenson, District #13; Michael Spisz, District #3; and Bob Hoffman, District #2

IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – RECOGNITION OF MAY 15, 2021 AS PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY AND MAY 9 – 15, 2021 AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS Congress and the President of the United States have designated May 15th as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week; and

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WHEREAS this time is to pay special recognition to the fallen law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others; and WHEREAS the men and women of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office and the following local law enforcement agencies in Oakland County:

Auburn Hills Police Department
Berkley Public Safety Department
Beverly Hills Public Safety Department
Bloomfield Hills Public Safety Department
Farmington Public Safety Department
Farmington Hills Police Department
Hazel Park Police Department
Huntington Woods Public Safety Department
Lake Angelus Police Department
Lathrup Village Police Department
Milford Police Department
Novi Police Department
Oak Park Public Safety Department
Oakland Community College Dept. of Public Safety
Pleasant Ridge Police Department
Royal Oak Police Department
Southfield Police Department
Sylvan Lake Police Department
Waterford Township Police Department
White Lake Township Police Department
Wolverine Lake Village Police Department
Birmingham Police Department
Bloomfield Township Police Department
Clawson Police Department
Franklin/Bingham Farms Police Department
Ferndale Police Department
Holly Village Police Department
Keego Harbor Police Department
Lake Orion Village Police Department
Madison Heights Police Department
Northville Police Department
Oakland University Police Department
Orchard Lake Village Police Department
Oxford Village Police Department
Rochester Police Department
South Lyon Police Department
Troy Police Department
Walled Lake Police Department
West Bloomfield Township Police Depart.
Wixom Police Department
Michigan State Police (District 2)
Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority Police Dept.

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are to be recognized for providing a vital public service in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the communities in Oakland County, knowing what the ultimate sacrifice is; and

WHEREAS it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS members of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office and all Oakland County police agencies are committed to serve the people by safeguarding life and property by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners calls on all citizens of Oakland County and all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 9 -15, 2021, as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to call on all citizens of Oakland County to observe Saturday, May 15, 2021, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

Chairperson, we move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

PENNY LUEBS, CHARLIE CAVELL,
ADAM KOCHENDERFER, THOMAS
KUHN, CHRISTINE LONG, GARY
MCGILLIVRAY, CHUCK MOSS, PHILIP
WEIPERT, YOLANDA CHARLES,
JANET JACKSON, KAREN JOLIAT,
GWEN MARKHAM, WILLIAM MILLER,
EILEEN KOWALL, ANGELA POWELL,
DAVID WOODWARD, KRISTEN
NELSON, MICHAEL GINGELL, MARCIA
GERSHENSON, MICHAEL SPISZ, BOB
HOFFMAN

(The vote for this motion appears on page 378).

***REPORT (MISC. #21172)**

BY: Commissioner Kristen Nelson, Chairperson, Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee

**IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - SUPPORT FOR BAIL REFORM
LEGISLATION IN MICHIGAN**

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

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The Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee, having reviewed the above-referenced resolution on May 4, 2021, reports to recommend adoption of the resolution with the following amendment:

Amend the 1ST BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED paragraph, as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners recognizes that the cash bail system **can** leads to ~~social inequities and class~~ discrimination on the basis of ~~poverty~~ **income and assets**, not dangerousness.

Chairperson, on behalf of the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee, I move the acceptance of the foregoing report.

KRISTEN NELSON

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #21172

BY: Commissioner Charlie Cavell, District #18; David Woodward, District #19; Gary McGillivray, District #20

IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – SUPPORT FOR BAIL REFORM LEGISLATION IN MICHIGAN

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS the purpose of requiring bail is to ensure a charged – but not convicted – defendant's appearance in court and to protect the public until a trial; and

WHEREAS thousands of individuals in Michigan are held every day on low bonds, set neither because of safety concerns nor flight risk; and

WHEREAS nationally, the increase in county jail populations over the last two decades has been caused almost entirely by an increase in pretrial detainees who cannot afford even a modest cash bail; and

WHEREAS in Michigan, approximately 41% of the statewide jail population of around 15,000 are in custody because they are unable to post a cash bail; and

WHEREAS pretrial jailing of Michigan residents harms their lives and families, is disruptive to employers and landlords, and costs taxpayers \$150 million annually to incarcerate people pretrial; and

WHEREAS studies have repeatedly demonstrated that cash bail does little to ensure the safety of the public and in fact allows dangerous defendants with economic means to gain release; and

WHEREAS the use of cash bail only serves to create disparate outcomes for those of lower socioeconomic means; and

WHEREAS other jurisdictions, including Washington D.C, New Jersey, Kentucky and Illinois, have effectively eliminated the use of cash bail without any resulting increase in crime or failure to appear; and

WHEREAS during the 2019-20 State House legislative session, a bi-partisan package of 10 bills was introduced to reduce inequities caused by the cash bail system and to make Michigan's bail system more fair; and

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WHEREAS the Bills seek to stop the practice of detaining low-income, low-risk defendants in jail because of an inability to pay bail unless that defendant poses a danger or flight risk.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby supports bail reform legislation which could potentially save taxpayers millions while also reducing the number of defendants awaiting trial in county jails.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners recognizes that the cash bail system leads to social inequities and class discrimination on the basis of poverty, not dangerousness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners recognizes bail reform in Michigan would further the goals of creating a more fair and equitable system of justice for all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners commends the Oakland County Prosecutor's directive for assistant prosecutors to not request cash bonds or oppose pretrial releases in cases involving low-level, non-violent crimes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners recognizes Oakland County Community Corrections for being a leader in bail reform efforts not only in Oakland County but throughout the State of Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds is requested to forward copies of this adopted resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan, the State Senate Majority and Minority leaders, the State House Speaker and Minority leader, and the members of the Oakland County delegation to the Michigan Legislature.

Chairperson, I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

CHARLIE CAVELL

(The vote for this motion appears on page 378).

***MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #21184**

BY: Commissioner Kristen Nelson, Chairperson, Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee

IN RE: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION – REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH OAKLAND UNIVERSITY FOR THE PRESCRIPTION FOR A HEALTHY OAKLAND PROGRAM

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS the Michigan Health Endowment Fund awarded Oakland University a two-year grant to expand the collaborative of efforts to support the Prescription for a Healthy Oakland Program; and

WHEREAS the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission will receive up to \$40,000 in reimbursement funding from Oakland University for the Prescription for a Healthy Oakland program; and

WHEREAS the program funding period is March 25, 2021, through August 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS there is no local grant match; and

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WHEREAS the Prescription for a Healthy Oakland program provides vouchers to Oakland County residents to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables at the Oakland County Farmers Market; and

WHEREAS a budget amendment is not required as the funds are accounted for in the general ledger account #228100 Deposits Reconciliation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Oakland County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Oakland University Reimbursement Agreement to provide up to \$40,000 in reimbursement funding for the Prescription for a Healthy Oakland Program for the period of March 25, 2021, through August 31, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a budget amendment is not required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chairperson or his designee to execute the reimbursement agreement and any other documentation required for program implementation.

Chairperson, on behalf of the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee, I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

KRISTEN NELSON

Copy of Reimbursement Agreement Incorporated by Reference. Original on file in County Clerk's office.

(The vote for this motion appears on page 378).

***MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #21185**

BY: Kristen Nelson, Chairperson, Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee

IN RE: COUNTY CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS/ELECTIONS DIVISION – ELECTION SERVICES AGREEMENT FEE SCHEDULE FOR MUNICIPAL ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOT COUNTING

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS Michigan Election Law was amended in 2020 to allow for county administered absent voter counting boards; and

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners adopted Miscellaneous Resolution #20183 on June 4, 2020, authorizing an Election Services Agreement between municipalities and the County Clerk for the management of absentee voter counting boards; and

WHEREAS 16 municipalities entered into agreements with the County Clerk and participated in the County absent voter counting board; and

WHEREAS the Elections Division successfully administered the state's second largest absentee counting board in the August State Primary and November General Election on behalf of the 16 participating municipalities; and

WHEREAS expenses related to administering the 2020 County Absent Voter Counting Board were paid for with federal and state grant funds and that funding will likely no longer be available going forward; and

WHEREAS the County Clerk seeks to support our city and township clerks by continuing to provide this service; and

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WHEREAS the attached proposed reimbursement fee schedule represents the recovery of certain costs relative to administering the County Absent Voter Counting Board; and WHEREAS the clerks of the participating municipalities were presented the proposed schedule and estimated costs and were supportive of the schedule and costs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the attached reimbursement fee schedule for the Agreement for Election Services between Oakland County and its cities and townships for Municipal Absentee Voter Ballot Counting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a budget amendment is not required at this time as future election expenditures related to absentee voter counting will be reimbursed by local municipalities.

Chairperson, on behalf of the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee, I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

KRISTEN NELSON

Copy of Oakland County Clerk's Office – Elections Division – County Absent Voter Board Fee Schedule and Billing Practices on file in County Clerk's office.

(The vote for this motion appears on page 378).

***MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #21186**

BY: Commissioner Penny Luebs, Chairperson, Public Health and Safety Committee

IN RE: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT/NEIGHBORHOOD AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT DIVISION – 2021 PROGRAM YEAR ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND CONSOLIDATED GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), HOME INVESTMENTS PARTNERSHIP (HOME) GRANT AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS the Department of Health and Human Services/Neighborhood and Housing Development Division (N&HD) plans to submit the Program Year (PY) 2021 Annual Action Plan and the PY 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS the PY 2021 Annual Action Plan contains a consolidated federal grant application for activities designed to accomplish the goals and objectives for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) Program and the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program; and

WHEREAS Oakland County has received funding from these grants since its inception; and

WHEREAS HUD requires Oakland County to estimate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Home Improvement Program (HIP) Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) and HOME Investment Partnerships Act Grant Program Income (PI) at the time of each Annual Action Plan application, and Oakland County reconciles actual RLF and PI at the end of each program year and at grant acceptance; and

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WHEREAS the PY 2021 Annual Action Plan estimates Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) at \$1,000,000 and HOME Investment Partnerships Act Grant Program Income (PI) at \$1,400,000; and

WHEREAS HUD, by letter dated February 25, 2021, transmitted to the N&HD Division a PY 2021 consolidated allocation of \$8,599,102 including \$5,402,940 for CDBG, \$2,868,418 for HOME and \$327,744 for ESG, for the program year period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS total program revenue for the PY 2021 CDBG Program is \$6,402,940 including \$5,402,940 grant allocation and \$1,000,000 in estimated CDBG Revolving Loan Funds; and

WHEREAS the CDBG grant is 100 percent federally funded, and no County funds are required; and

WHEREAS total program revenue for the PY 2021 HOME Program is \$4,877,956 including \$2,868,418 HOME grant allocation, \$609,538 grant match and \$1,400,000 in estimated HOME Program Income; and

WHEREAS the HOME program requires a 25% match for all housing activities; and

WHEREAS funding for the HOME program match is appropriated in the FY 2022-2024 County Executive Recommended Budget; and

WHEREAS total program revenue for the PY 2021 ESG Program is \$327,744; and

WHEREAS the ESG grant requires a 100% match as volunteer services, donation or cash contributions, which are met by the ESG service agencies with no County funds required; and

WHEREAS the grant funds will continue to fund the following twenty (22) Full-Time Eligible Special Revenue (SR) positions in the Department of Health and Human Services/Neighborhood & Housing Development Division (#1060701): one (1) N&HD Assistant position (#05413), one (1) Grant Compliance & Program Coordinator position (#01370), four (4) N&HD Coordinator positions (#01279, #03231, #03430, and #06098), one (1) Supervisor N&HD Administrative Services position (#01371), two (2) N&HD Technician positions (# 03230 and #01768), two (2) Supervisor N&HD positions (#00999 and #03182), one (1) N&HD Specialist - Senior position (#03567), two (2) N&HD Field Technician positions (#01457 and #09578), one (1) N&HD Community Liaison position (#14811), one (1) Chief N&HD position (#14810), one (1) Manager N&HD position (#14809), two (2) N&HD Field Technician - Senior positions (#02426 and #09522), one (1) Housing Counseling Supervisor (#03354), and two (2) N&HD Specialist – Senior positions (#00730 and #10806); and

WHEREAS the grant will also continue one (1) Part-Time Non-Eligible (PTNE) 1,240 hours per year student position within the N&HD Division (#1060701-05341); and

WHEREAS the grant funds will cover 80% of one (1) General Fund/General Purpose (GF/GP) Accountant III position (#1020615-02558) in the Management & Budget/Fiscal Services Division for grant accounting services; and

WHEREAS the PY 2021 Annual Action Plan and PY 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan were endorsed by the Community Development Citizen Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS at the time of grant award HUD requires Oakland County to have annual Agreements with each Subrecipient with the purpose and intent to pass those responsibilities to each Subrecipient to carry out the project(s) described in the CDBG application; and

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WHEREAS the grant application has completed the Grant Review Process in accordance with the Grants Policy approved by the Board at their January 21, 2021, meeting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners approves submission of PY 2021 Annual Action Plan grant application totaling \$11,608,640 to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$5,402,940 and CDBG Revolving Loan Funds in the amount of \$1,000,000; HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) Program in the amount of \$2,868,418 and HOME Program Income in the amount of \$1,400,000 with the General Fund Match in the amount of \$609,538; and the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program in the amount of \$327,744 designed to accomplish the goals and objectives of the PY 2021 Annual Action Plan and PY 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan endorsed by the Community Development Citizens Advisory Council for the program year period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this grant will continue to fund twenty-three (23) Special Revenue (SR) positions in the Department of Health & Human Services/Neighborhood & Housing Development Division: one (1) N&HD Assistant position (#05413), one (1) Grant Compliance & Program Coordinator position (#01370), four (4) N&HD Coordinator positions (#01279, #03231, #03430, and #06098), one (1) Supervisor N&HD Administrative Services position (#01371), two (2) N&HD Technician positions (#03230 and #01768), two (2) Supervisor N&HD positions (#00999 and #03182), one (1) N&HD Specialist - Senior position (#03567), two (2) N&HD Field Technician positions (#01457 and #09578), one (1) N&HD Community Liaison position (#14811), one (1) Chief N&HD position (#14810), one (1) Manager N&HD position (#14809), two (2) N&HD Field Technician - Senior positions (#02426 and #09522), and one (1) Housing Counseling Supervisor (#03354), one (1) Part-Time Non-Eligible (PTNE) 1,240 hours per year student position within the N&HD Division (#1060701-05341), and two (2) FTE SR funded N&HD Specialist – Senior positions (#00730 and #10806).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this grant will fund 80% of one (1) General Fund/General Purpose (GF/GP) Accountant III position (#1020615-02558) in the Management & Budget/Fiscal Services Division for grant accounting services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the application of this grant does not obligate the County to any future commitment, and continuation of the grant is contingent upon future levels of grant funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no budget amendment is required at this time.

Chairperson, on behalf of the Public Health and Safety Committee, I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

PENNY LUEBS

Copy of Grant Review Sign-Off – Neighborhood Housing Development – 2021 Annual Action Plan and 2021-2025 Consolidated Grant Application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Grant (HOPE) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Correspondence from James Arthur Jemison II, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, Attachment 1 – Application for Federal Assistance Standard Form (SF-424s) and Certifications, Appendix to Certifications, Oakland County Program Year (PY) 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan and Action Plan, Attachment 2 – Program Year 2021 Planned Activities

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(City/Township/Village/County), Attachment 3 – Citizen Participation, Attachment 4 – Affidavit of Publication, Attachment 5 – Consolidated Plan Survey Results and Attachment 6 – Public Hearing Minutes and Public Comments, Appendix – Alternate/Local Data Sources Incorporated by Reference. Original on file in County Clerk's office.

(The vote for this motion appears on page 378).

***MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #21187**

BY: Commissioner Penny Luebs, Chairperson, Public Health and Safety Committee

IN RE: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES/NEIGHBORHOOD AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT DIVISION- AMENDMENT OVER 15% TO PROGRAM YEAR (PY) 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN SPECIAL GRANT ALLOCATION ACCEPTANCE FOR CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT (P.L. 116-136) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG-CV ROUND 3)

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS HUD required Oakland County to complete a substantial amendment to PY 2019 Annual Action Plan to receive CARES Act Community Development Block Grant Round 3 (CDBG-CV3) funds; and

WHEREAS the PY 2019 Annual Action Plan substantial amendment contains activities designed to prepare, prevent and respond to the coronavirus for the CDBG-CV3 programs; and

WHEREAS CDBG-CV3 will fund public services benefitting low income persons through coronavirus related emergency rent/mortgage/utility relief in Oakland County Urban County participating communities; and

WHEREAS on July 2, 2020, via Miscellaneous Resolution #20235, the County accepted HUD's CARES Act funds through the CDBG-CV Round 1 Program to provide aid and relief and economic security to low income persons during the pandemic in the amount of \$3,166,997; and

WHEREAS HUD, by letter dated April 15, 2021, transmitted to the Neighborhood & Housing Development Division (N&HD) an additional allocation of \$3,999,312 for CDBG-CV3, for the period of June 24, 2020, through September 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS this will bring the total CDBG-CV Program revenue to \$7,166,309; and

WHEREAS the CDBG-CV3 grant is 100% federally funded, and no County funds are required; and

WHEREAS the grant funds will continue to partially fund the following nine (9) Full-Time Eligible Special Revenue (SR) positions: one (1) N&HD Assistant position (#05413), four (4) N&HD Coordinator positions (#01279, #03231, #03430, and #06098), one (1) Supervisor N&HD Administrative Services position (#01371), two (2) N&HD Technician positions (#03230 and #01768), and one (1) Housing Counseling Supervisor (#03354) in the Department of Health and Human Services/Neighborhood & Housing Development Division (#1060703); and

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WHEREAS the grant will continue to partially fund two (2) Full-Time Eligible Special Revenue (SR) Senior Specialist positions (#00730 and #10806) in the Department of Health and Human Services/Neighborhood & Housing Development Division (#1060703); and

WHEREAS the grant application has completed the Grant Review Process in accordance with the Grants Policy and approved by the Board at their March 11, 2021, meeting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners authorizes and accepts the attached amendment to the PY 2019 Annual Action Plan to receive the CARES Act Community Development Block Grant Round 3 funds in the amount of \$3,999,312 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the period of June 24, 2020, through September 30, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners authorizes both the Board of Commissioners Chairperson and the County Executive to execute the grant agreements and to approve amendments and extensions within fifteen percent (15%) of the original award, consistent with the original agreement as approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the grant funds will continue to partially fund the following nine (9) Full-Time Eligible Special Revenue (SR) positions: one (1) N&HD Assistant position (#05413), four (4) N&HD Coordinator positions (#01279, #03231, #03430, and #06098), one (1) Supervisor N&HD Administrative Services position (#01371), two (2) N&HD Technician positions (#03230 and #01768), and one (1) Housing Counseling Supervisor (#03354) in the Department of Health and Human Services/Neighborhood & Housing Development Division ((#1060703).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the grant will continue to partially fund two (2) Full-Time Eligible Special Revenue (SR) Senior Specialist positions (#00730 and #10806) in the Department of Health and Human Services/Neighborhood & Housing Development Division ((#1060703).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the application of this grant does not obligate the County to any future commitment, and continuation of the grant is contingent upon future levels of grant funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FY 2021 - FY 2022 Special Revenue budgets are amended as follows:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (#29701)

GR0000000925 Bud Ref: 2019 Activity: GLB Analysis: GLB

		<u>FY 2021</u>
<u>Revenue</u>		
1060703-133095-610313	Federal Operating Grants	<u>\$ 3,999,312</u>
	Total Revenue	<u><u>\$ 3,999,312</u></u>
<u>Expenditures</u>		
1060703-133095-730562	Salaries	\$239,958
1060703-133095-731255	Fringes	\$159,973
1060703-133095-730562	Electrical Services	\$399,930
1060703-133095-731255	Mortgage Service Charges	\$999,831
1060703-133095-731269	Natural Gas	\$199,965
1060703-133095-731269	Rent	\$1,799,690
1060703-133095-731269	Water and Sewer Charges	<u>\$199,965</u>
	Total Expenditures	<u><u>\$ 3,999,312</u></u>

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Chairperson, on behalf of the Public Health and Safety Committee, I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

PENNY LUEBS

Copy of Grant Review Sign-Off – Health and Human Services/Neighborhood Housing Development – Substantial Amendment to PY 2019 Annual Action Plan and PY 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and Special Grant Allocation Acceptance for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (P.L. 116-136) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV), Correspondence from Keith E. Hernandez, Director, Office of Community Planning and Development, Key CPD COVID-19 Program Information and Guidance, Funding Approval/Agreement and Additional CDBG-CV Requirements Incorporated by Reference. Original on file in County Clerk's office.

(The vote for this motion appears on page 378).

***MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #21188**

BY: Commissioner Penny Luebs, Chairperson, Public Health and Safety Committee

IN RE: SHERIFF'S OFFICE – 2021 HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREAS (HIDTA) REIMBURSEMENT FUNDING FOR FORENSIC LAB TECHNICIAN FIREARMS POSITIONS – GRANT ACCEPTANCE

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS The Office of National Drug Control Policy has designated Southeastern Michigan as a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA); and

WHEREAS HIDTA has authorized \$35,000 in funding to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office for the time period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS the technicians provide support in testing firearms, entering fired cartridge cases into the Integrated Ballistics Identification System (IBIS) and completing lab reports of their findings; and

WHEREAS the technicians work has resulted in faster casework turn-around times and a substantial reduction of the unit's backlog; and

WHEREAS the grant award has completed the Grant Review Process in accordance with the Grants Policy approved by the Board at their January 21, 2021 meeting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners approves the Michigan High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Grant funding from the State of Michigan in the amount of \$35,000 for the time period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to decrease the hours of two (2) GF/GP PTNE Forensic Laboratory Technician positions (#4030910-11324 and 11325) from 708 to 674 hours per year in the Forensic Services Unit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to execute the grant agreement and to approve any grant extensions or changes, within fifteen percent (15%) of the original award, which are consistent with the original agreement as approved.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that acceptance of this grant does not obligate the County to any future commitment and continuation of the grant program is contingent upon future levels of grant funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the FY 2021 budget is amended as follows:

<u>GENERAL FUND (#10100)</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>
PCBU: SHERF Project ID: HIDTA_LAB Budget Ref. 2021	
Activity: GLB Analysis: GLB	

<u>Revenue</u>		
9010101-196030-665882	Planned Use of Balance	(\$35,000)
4030901-110000-610313	Federal Operating Grants	<u>35,000</u>
	Total Revenue	<u>\$ 0</u>

Chairperson, on behalf of the Public Health and Safety Committee, I move for the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

PENNY LUEBS

Copy of Grant Review Sign-Off – Sheriff’s Office – 2021 HIDTA Funding for Lab Position, Correspondence from Craig A. Summers, Executive Director, Michigan HIDTA and Correspondence from Captain Joe Quisenberry, Oakland County Sheriff’s Office on file in County Clerk’s office.

Vote on Consent Agenda, as amended:

AYES: Charles, Gershenson, Gingell, Hoffman, Jackson, Joliat, Kochenderfer, Kowall, Kuhn, Long, Luebs, Markham, McGillivray, Miller, Moss, Nelson, Powell, Weipert, Woodward, Cavell. (20)

NAYS: None. (0)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the resolutions on the amended Consent Agenda were adopted (with accompanying reports being accepted).

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #21174

BY: Commissioner Yolanda Charles, District #17; Gwen Markham, District #9

IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – AUTHORIZATION OF “OAKSTEM 2021” STREET TREE ENHANCEMENT MATCHING GRANT PILOT PROGRAM

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS trees are a vital component of a healthy environment, providing a host of benefits including reduced flooding; aesthetic improvements; noise reduction; improved air quality and shade; and

WHEREAS the George W. Kuhn Drainage District (GWK) is a combined sewer service area encompassing the southeastern portion of the County, including all or parts of the following 14 Oakland County communities: Berkley, Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Clawson, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Madison Heights, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak, Royal Oak Township, Southfield and Troy; and

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WHEREAS the GWK has among the highest impervious surface area and lowest tree canopy cover in the County, much of which is public roadway, resulting in increased flood risk during peak storm events; and

WHEREAS the OAKSTEM 2021 Street Tree Enhancement Matching Grant Pilot Program is a pilot program intended to assist GWK communities by providing 1:1 matching grant funds to reimburse eligible participating communities for planting trees within public road rights of way (ROW); and

WHEREAS the distribution formula of available matching grant funding shall be based upon the following factors: standard base grant funding, road lane miles, and percent of impervious area; and

WHEREAS GWK communities will be responsible for the planning, species selection, purchase, installation, warranty compliance and maintenance of the trees in accordance with their local ordinances, policies, plans and procedures; and

WHEREAS GWK communities interested in participating in the OAKSTEM Program must apply to the Oakland County Economic Development Department (OCED), who shall administer the program; and

WHEREAS GWK communities awarded funds through the Program must approve a Cost Participation Agreement between Oakland County and each GWK Community; and

WHEREAS participating GWK communities will be required to submit a report detailing the extent of street tree plantings utilizing OAKSTEM Program funding that is approved by OCED staff prior to receiving reimbursement; and

WHEREAS funding for OAKSTEM Program of \$200,000 is available from the following sources:

- \$100,000 Economic Development Professional Services line item (10100-1090201-174230-731458)
- \$50,000 Board of Commissioners Special Projects line item (10100-5010101-180030-731822)
- \$50,000 GWK Drainage District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners authorizes the creation of the OAKSTEM 2021 Street Tree Enhancement Matching Grant Pilot Program in the amount of \$200,000 for the purpose of offering matching grants to communities located in the George W. Kuhn Draining District to fund the tree plantings in public road rights-of-way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the standard OAKSTEM Pilot Program Cost Participation Agreement (Attachment A).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of final, executed agreements from the designated agents or governing body of the public bodies requesting services, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners authorizes its Chairperson to execute and enter into these Agreements on behalf of the County of Oakland.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that participating communities shall provide the report and documentation to the County as required in the Cost Participation Agreement documenting the use of the program funds no later than June 30, 2022, which shall be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners as a communication.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the OAKSTEM Program expires on June 30, 2022.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Oakland County Economic Development Department will oversee the program and will issue a report to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners no later than July 31, 2022 detailing the use of funding and measurements of success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FY 2021 budget be amended as follow:

GENERAL FUND (#10100) FY 2021
GRANT 100000003428 Bud Ref: 2021 Analysis: GLB Activity GLB

<u>Revenue</u>	
1090201-171000-695500-58530 Transfers In	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 50,000</u>

<u>Expenditures</u>	
1090201-174230-731458 Professional Services	(\$100,000)
5010101-180030-731822 Special Projects	(\$50,000)
1090201-171000-732021 Tree Planting	<u>\$200,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 50,000</u>

TWELVE TOWNS DRAIN (#58530)

<u>Revenue</u>	
6010101-149030-665882 Planned Use of Balance	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 50,000</u>

<u>Expenses</u>	
6010101-149030-788001-10100 Transfers Out	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 50,000</u>

Chairperson, I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

YOLANDA CHARLES

Copy of OAKSTEM 2021 Street Tree Enhancement Matching Grant Pilot Program – Cost Participation Agreement, Attachment A - OAKSTEM 2021 Street Tree Enhancement Matching Grant Pilot Program – Terms and Policies, Schedule 1 to Attachment A – OAKSTEM 2021 – Base Value Distribution Formula, Attachment B - OAKSTEM 2021 Street Tree Enhancement Matching Grant Pilot Program – Program Award Summary, OAKSTEM 2021 Street Tree Enhancement Matching Grant Pilot Program – 2021 Application Form and Sample Community Resolution Incorporated by Reference. Original on file in County Clerk's office.

Moved by Miller seconded by Charles the resolution be adopted.

Discussion followed.

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Vote on resolution:

AYES: Gershenson, Jackson, Kuhn, Long, Luebs, Markham, McGillivray, Miller, Nelson, Powell, Weipert, Woodward, Cavell, Charles. (14)

NAYS: Gingell, Hoffman, Joliat, Kochenderfer, Kowall, Moss. (6)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the resolution was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #21177

BY: Commissioner Gwen Markham, District #9; Yolanda Charles, District #17

IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – ENDORSEMENT OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION GOALS AND CREATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY EVALUATION STANDARDS

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS Oakland County seeks to preserve, protect, and enhance the quality of life for those who live, work, and play in our communities, as well as for future generations; and

WHEREAS there is overwhelming consensus among the world's climate scientists that anthropogenic climate change is happening and caused by emissions from human activities; and

WHEREAS Oakland County is strongly committed to the principle of environment sustainability and shall pursue these objectives through the adoption of policies and budget priorities that reflect these values; and

WHEREAS the Oakland County Board of Commissioners declared their commitment to a countywide mobilization effort to address the climate emergency with the adoption of Miscellaneous Resolution (MR) #19367 "Resolution Acknowledging a Climate Emergency and Creating an Energy and Environment Infrastructure Plan in Oakland County"; and

WHEREAS MR #19367 also established the Board's commitment to develop a countywide Energy and Environmental Infrastructure Plan to respond to the climate emergency; and

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners have re-asserted their commitment to these objectives and the development of a comprehensive climate emergency plan through the approval of County Executive Coulter's request for funding for the development of a county campus sustainability plan and the creation of the position of Oakland County Sustainability Officer; and

WHEREAS County Executive Coulter has announced a commitment that Oakland County shall meet zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050; and

WHEREAS President Biden recently accelerated the nation's emission reduction objectives with the announcement of a pledge to reduce U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030; and

WHEREAS the Administration has announced plans to request funding for the development a countywide Climate Action Plan later this year; and

WHEREAS a Climate Action Plan is expected to include recommendations of key performance indicators to measure the success of county initiatives in meeting climate and environmental objectives; and

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WHEREAS the establishment of environmental impact evaluation standards and practices would ensure that new programs, capital investments and budget priorities are viewed through the lens of meeting Oakland County's commitment to greenhouse emission reductions and environmental sustainability.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby affirms and endorses County Executive Coulter's commitment to reach net zero carbon emissions in Oakland County by 2050.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby endorses President Biden's pledge to reduce United States carbon emissions by 50% by 2030 and supports the inclusion of this objective as a goal for Oakland County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED in furtherance of these objectives, the Board of Commissioners calls upon the County Administration to collaborate in the establishment of environmental impact evaluation standards and practices to be utilized in the assessment of public policy proposals, capital improvement investments and the development of budget priorities and plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners commits to an annual review and assessment of progress in meeting the County's climate and environmental sustainability plans and objectives during the month of April.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds is requested to forward copies of this adopted resolution to the Director of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, the Michigan Association of Counties, the North Oakland Branch of the NAACP, Michigan Clean Water Action, Oakland County Sunrise Movement, Sierra Club, Transportation Riders United, Mom's Clean Air Force, Michigan Climate Action Network, Michigan League of Conservation Voters, Rochester Riders and all cities, villages and townships located in Oakland County.

Chairperson, we move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

GWEN MARKHAM, YOLANDA
CHARLES

Moved by Miller seconded by Charles the resolution be adopted.

Discussion followed.

Vote on resolution:

AYES: Jackson, Luebs, Markham, McGillivray, Miller, Nelson, Powell, Woodward, Cavell, Charles, Gershenson. (11)

NAYS: Gingell, Hoffman, Joliat, Kochenderfer, Kowall, Kuhn, Moss, Weipert. (8)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the resolution was adopted.

There were no items to report on the Regular Agenda for the Finance Committee.

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MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #21169

BY: Commissioner Eileen Kowall, District #6

IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – SUPPORT THE ADOPTION OF FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BY THE MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentleman:

WHEREAS the 1963 Michigan Constitution stipulated four-year terms for the county Board of Supervisors, the preceding body to today's Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS the Legislature voted in 1966 to abolish Boards of Supervisors and formally replace them with Boards of Commissioners after the 1968 elections; and

WHEREAS Public Act 261 of 1966 promulgated that the length of terms for the new county commissioners shall be concurrent with that of state representatives, as specified in Article IV, section 3 of the Michigan Constitution; and

WHEREAS Michigan is one of only five states in the United States that provides for exclusively two-year terms for county commissioners; and

WHEREAS all other county and township elected officials in Michigan are elected to terms of at least four years; and

WHEREAS County government in Michigan has evolved to a multi-faceted, complex form of local government which delivers a multitude of diverse services to its citizens and municipalities; and

WHEREAS two-year terms for County Commissioners impede the smooth functioning of operations within the Board of Commissioners as the biennial election cycle reduces the efficiency of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS legislation to amend state law to enact four-year terms has been filed in the form of Senate Bills 242 and 245; and

WHEREAS the Oakland County Board of Commissioners supports the legislation as introduced.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby supports passage of Senate Bills 242 and 245 to extend County Commissioner terms to four years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds is requested to forward copies of this adopted resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan, the Lieutenant Governor, the State Senate Majority and Minority leaders, the State House Speaker and Minority leader, the Chairperson of the State Senate's Committee on Local Government, the Oakland County members of the Michigan Legislature, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Chairperson, I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

EILEEN KOWALL

Moved by Kowall seconded by Nelson the resolution be adopted.

Discussion followed.

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Vote on resolution:

AYES: Hoffman, Jackson, Joliat, Kochenderfer, Kowall, Kuhn, Long, Luebs, Markham, McGillivray, Miller, Moss, Nelson, Powell, Weipert, Woodward, Charles, Gershenson, Gingell. (19)

NAYS: Cavell. (1)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the resolution was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #21135

BY: Commissioner William Miller, District #14

IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. CITIZENSHIP ACT OF 2021

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS in February 2021, Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) and Representative Linda Sanchez (D-CA) introduced identical bills “to provide an earned path to citizenship, to address the root cause of migration and responsibly manage the southern border, and to reform the immigration visa system, and for other purposes.” The short title of the bill is the U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021; and

WHEREAS this bill embodies the legislative proposal that President Biden announced on day one of his new administration; and

WHEREAS this bill provides hardworking people who enrich our communities every day and who have lived here for years, in some cases for decades, an opportunity to earn citizenship; and

WHEREAS this legislation, among other provisions, would:

- Establish an 8-year path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who arrived in the U.S. by January 1, 2021,
- Provide an expedited path to citizenship for farm workers and undocumented young people who arrived in the U.S. as children with temporary protected status under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA),
- Replace the word “alien” with “non-citizen” in law,
- Raise the per-country caps on family and employment-based legal immigration numbers,
- Repeal the penalty that prohibits undocumented immigrants who leave the country from returning to the U.S. for between three (3) and ten (10) years,
- Expand transnational antidrug task forces in Central America,
- Increase funding for technology at the southern border; and

WHEREAS this legislation modernizes the U.S. immigration system, prioritizes keeping families together, grows the U.S. economy, responsibly manages the border with smart investments, addresses the root causes of migration from Central America, and ensures that the United States remains a refuge for those fleeing persecution; and

WHEREAS this bill also creates an earned path to citizenship for our immigrant neighbors, colleagues, parishioners, community leaders, friends, and loved ones—including DREAMers and the essential workers who have risked their lives to serve and protect American communities.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this human framework for immigration reform will fundamentally transform the U.S. immigration system by providing 11 million undocumented immigrants with a pathway to citizenship, growing the U.S. economy, addressing root causes of migration, and effectively managing our borders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Clerk is requested to forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

Chairperson, I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

WILLIAM MILLER

Moved by Nelson seconded by Miller the resolution be adopted.

AYES: Jackson, Long, Luebs, Markham, McGillivray, Miller, Nelson, Powell, Weipert, Woodward, Cavell, Charles, Gershenson. (13)

NAYS: Joliat, Kochenderfer, Kowall, Kuhn, Moss, Gingell, Hoffman. (7)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the resolution was adopted.

REPORT

BY: Commissioner Kristen Nelson, Chairperson, Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee

IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – APPOINTMENTS TO THE JOB EVALUATION REVIEW PANEL

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee, having considered the appointments of the Job Evaluation Review Panel on May 4, 2021, pursuant to MR #95068, and amended by MR #10274, recommends that the following Commissioners be appointed to the Job Evaluation Review Panel for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022:

Commissioner William Miller

Commissioner Janet Jackson

Commissioner Michael Spisz, Alternate

The Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee further recommends confirmation of the appointments by the County Executive, Chief Circuit Judge and the other elected officials, as follows:

Appointed by

County Executive

Circuit Court Judges

Other Elected Officials

Member

Chris Ward

Edward Hutton III

Kelsey Cooke

Alternate

Pete Menna

Kevin Oeffner

Major Curtis Childs

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Chairperson, on behalf of the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee, I move the acceptance of the foregoing report.

KRISTEN NELSON

Copy of Correspondence from David Coulter, County Executive, Correspondence from JoAnn Stringfellow, Board of Commissioners Secretary and Memo – Appointments to the Job Evaluation Review Panel on file in County Clerk's office.

Moved by Nelson seconded by Weipert the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee Report be accepted.

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the report was accepted.

Moved by Nelson seconded by Weipert the appointments of Commissioners William Miller, Janet Jackson and Michael Spisz (Alternate), Christopher Ward, Deputy County Executive, Pete Menna, Corporation Counsel (Alternate), Edward Hutton III, Probate Court Administrator, Kevin Oeffner, Circuit Court Administrator (Alternate), Kelsey Cooke, Water Resources Commission Special Projects Manager and Major Curtis Childs, Major Deputy Chief of Staff (alternate) to the Job Evaluation Review Panel for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022 be confirmed.

Vote on appointments:

AYES: Joliat, Kowall, Kuhn, Long, Luebs, Markham, McGillivray, Miller, Moss, Nelson, Powell, Weipert, Woodward, Zack, Cavell, Charles, Gershenson, Gingell, Hoffman, Jackson. (20)

NAYS: None. (0)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the appointments of Commissioners William Miller, Janet Jackson and Michael Spisz (Alternate), Christopher Ward, Deputy County Executive, Pete Menna, Corporation Counsel (Alternate), Edward Hutton III, Probate Court Administrator, Kevin Oeffner, Circuit Court Administrator (Alternate), Kelsey Cooke, Water Resources Commission Special Projects Manager and Major Curtis Childs, Major Deputy Chief of Staff (alternate) to the Job Evaluation Review Panel for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022 were confirmed.

There were no items to report on the Regular Agenda for the Public Health and Safety Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #21189

BY: Commissioners Chuck Moss, District #12; Thomas Kuhn, District #11

IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – RETURN TO IN PERSON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners
Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

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WHEREAS the Oakland County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") recognizes the concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic balanced with the competing goods of public transparency and open government; and

WHEREAS improvements in both infection rates and vaccination rates have occurred; and

WHEREAS many, if not most, Commissioners are 'fully vaccinated', defined as 2 shots (or the one dose Johnson and Johnson) + 14 days; and

WHEREAS the plentiful supply of vaccines and availability from both the Oakland County Health Department and other outlets has given widespread access to vaccinations for those who desire it. As of May 10, 2021, 637,468 residents of Oakland County have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, and 509,679 residents of Oakland County have been fully vaccinated (61.9% of the total County population); and

WHEREAS Board staff also has had access to the COVID-19 vaccination; and

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners has already spent at least \$25,000 on distancing and safety equipment; and

WHEREAS hybrid virtual options are available for anyone who is unvaccinated or believes they would still be at risk, to participate remotely; and

WHEREAS in-person meetings facilitate greater transparency, accountability, and public participation; and

WHEREAS extreme public health measures have been a feature of a pandemic Emergency Regime, but after over a year it is time to move from a State of Emergency to a more sustainable and open routine; and

WHEREAS the State of Michigan has had to pursue a one-size-fits-all approach for the entire State, while Oakland County can tailor specific policy to its specific situation; and

WHEREAS Oakland County has always been a leader in Michigan policies; and

WHEREAS the Oakland County Board of Commissioners can show leadership by transitioning to a Post-Emergency structure and protocol; and

WHEREAS it is possible to pursue both responsible safety and openness.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners will return to in-person public meetings and access, subject to appropriate public safety measures, effective for the May 26, 2021, Board of Commissioners meeting.

Chairperson, I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

CHUCK MOSS

Moved by Moss seconded by Hoffman to suspend the rules and vote on Miscellaneous Resolution #21189 – Board of Commissioners – Return to In Person Board of Commissioners Meetings.

Vote on suspension:

AYES: Kochenderfer, Kowall, Kuhn, Long, Moss, Weipert, Gingell, Hoffman, Joliat. (9)

NAYS: Luebs, Markham, McGillivray, Miller, Nelson, Powell, Woodward, Cavell, Charles, Gershenson, Jackson. (11)

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A sufficient majority not having voted in favor, the motion to suspend the rules and vote on Miscellaneous Resolution #21189 – Board of Commissioners – Return to In Person Board of Commissioners Meetings failed.

The Chairperson referred the resolution to the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee. There were no objections.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #21190

BY: Commissioner David T. Woodward, District #19;

IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – ENCOURAGING OAKLAND COUNTY PARTICIPATION IN UNITED WAY FOR SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN'S 21 DAY EQUITY CHALLENGE

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS Oakland County and the Oakland County Board of Commissioners stands firmly against all acts of individual and systemic racism; and

WHEREAS we will openly talk, challenge and confront racism, sexism and inequity; and

WHEREAS there is a long history of racism, discrimination and segregation within our region, which has adversely impacted economic outcomes particularly for communities of color; and

WHEREAS we wish to end injustices, inequity and violence and we unequivocally declare that an injustice to one is an injustice to all; and

WHEREAS the 21-Day Equity Challenge runs from May 21 – June 18, where participants will receive a daily email inviting them to spend about 15 mins a day understanding, learning, and reflecting on ways we individually can advance equity in our communities; and

WHEREAS the 21-Day Equity Challenge is free for anyone to participate; and

WHEREAS we believe that together we must play a vital role in dismantling systems that have marginalized members of our community; and

WHEREAS we believe that our elected leaders, staff, and community members should be provided the necessary resources to facilitate discussions of racism, sexism, and other forms of inequity and inequality to help better understand our full history and our collective humanity; and

WHEREAS as the Oakland County Board of Commissioners value every community member and are committed to creating an equitable and antiracist system that honors and elevates all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners recognizes the United Way for Southeastern Michigan 21-Day Equity Challenge as an important opportunity to expand our knowledge and understanding of the historic and persistent inequities that play a role in our social and economic landscape here in Southeastern Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Oakland County Board of Commissioners encourages all county officials, staff, and members of the community to participate in the 21-Day Equity Challenge to deepen our understanding of and develop our willingness to confront racism, sexism and other forms of inequity and inequality in our community.

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Chairperson, I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

DAVID WOODWARD

The Chairperson referred the resolution to the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee. There were no objections.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #21191

BY: Commissioner Michael Spisz, District #3

IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – OPPOSING VACCINE PASSPORTS IN OAKLAND COUNTY

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS medical records and information are private and fall under HIPAA protections; and

WHEREAS individual COVID-19 vaccination records are private health information, which should not be shared by mandate; and

WHEREAS so-called COVID-19 vaccination passports reduce individual freedom and will harm patient privacy; and

WHEREAS the Food and Drug Administration has granted only Emergency Use Authorization for COVID-19 vaccines, which must remain voluntary under the Nuremberg Trial Codes; and

WHEREAS our government has no law requiring a COVID-19 vaccination; and

WHEREAS Oakland County acknowledges there are instances where an individual, along with their doctor, may decide that being vaccinated may be unwise, unethical, or unsafe; and

WHEREAS requiring COVID-19 vaccination passports would create two classes of citizens based on vaccination status for taking part in everyday life such as attending a sporting event or patronizing a restaurant; and

WHEREAS the State of Michigan allows for medical, religious, and philosophical exemptions from vaccines; and

WHEREAS vaccine passports do not take into consideration the large number of citizens who have recovered from COVID-19, and therefore, already bear natural immunity; and

WHEREAS vaccine passports are thus highly discriminatory, racist, and demeaning to some citizens; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to protect the fundamental rights and privacy of residents of Oakland County and the free flow of commerce.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners opposes mandatory vaccines, vaccine passports, or production of any health or HIPAA protected information to access governmental buildings, public spaces, businesses, or places of employment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds is requested to forward copies of this adopted resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan, the Lieutenant Governor, the State Senate Majority and Minority leaders, the State House Speaker and Minority leader, the Oakland County members of the Michigan Legislature, the members of the Oakland County congressional delegation, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

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Chairperson, I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MICHAEL SPISZ

The Chairperson referred the resolution to the Government Operations and Legislative Affairs Committee. There were no objections.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #21192

BY: Commissioner Janet Jackson, District #17

IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - PROHIBITING HAIRSTYLE BASED RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN OAKLAND COUNTY

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS the Oakland County Board of Commissioners is committed to ensuring equal opportunity and equal access to county services to all residents of Oakland County, Michigan and other members of the public; and

WHEREAS the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted Miscellaneous Resolution #19250 on November 20, 2019 thereby adopting the Oakland County Non-discrimination Policy; and

WHEREAS the Policy “assures that no individuals or entity shall be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the grounds or race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, age, genetic information, height, weight, disability, veteran status, familial status, marital status, or any other legally protected status under federal and state laws be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination, harassment or retaliation for employment, or under any program, activity or service”; and

WHEREAS people of color have historically been subjected to and continue to be subjected to discrimination based on hair texture and protective hairstyles; and

WHEREAS a recent study found that Black women face the highest instances of hair discrimination, are more likely to be sent home from the workplace because of their hair, and that 80 percent of Black women felt they needed to switch their hairstyle to align with more conservative standards in order to fit in at work; and

WHEREAS the Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair Act (CROWN Act) specifies hair texture and protective hairstyles, such as braids, locs, twists and bantu knots, as traits historically associated with race to protect Michiganders from discrimination in the workplace, all levels of public education, public accommodations and services, and real estate transactions; and

WHEREAS the CROWN Act has now been adopted in at least nine states and legislation is under consideration in more than twenty other states, as well as in the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS in Michigan, State Representative Sarah Anthony introduced House Bill 4275 in February 2021 to amend Michigan’s Elliott Larsen Civil Rights Act to include the definition of “race” as “inclusive of traits historically associated with race, including ... hair texture and protective hairstyles ...”; and

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WHEREAS as of now, Ingham County, Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Regional Chamber, Genesee County, City of Flint, Mayor of Lathrup Village Kelly Garrett, AT&T Michigan, SEIU Michigan, Michigan Library Association (MLA), and Michigan Association for Media in Education (MAME) support House Bill 4275.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby declares that the term "race" as used in the Oakland County Non-discrimination Policy shall be defined as being inclusive of traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles. For purposes of this definition, "protective hairstyles" includes, but is not limited to, such hairstyles as braids, locs, twists and bantu knots.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby calls upon the members of Michigan Legislation to support House Bill 4275 which would prevent discrimination by expanding state law to recognize a person's hair as a characteristic of race.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners recognizes that discrimination based on hair texture and protective hairstyles is a form of racial discrimination and social injustice and inconsistent with the Oakland County Board of Commissioners' dedication to equal opportunity and equal access to county services to all residents of Oakland County, Michigan and other members of the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds is requested to forward copies of the adopted resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan, the State Senate Majority and Minority leaders, the State House Speaker and Minority leader, the members of the Oakland County delegation to the Michigan Legislature.

Chairperson, I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

JANET JACKSON

The Chairperson referred the resolution to the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee. There were no objections.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #21193

BY: Commissioner David T. Woodward, District #19

IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE 2021 TRI-COUNTY SUMMIT

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS in the spirit of regional cooperation, County Commissioners from Oakland, Macomb and Wayne Counties, and the members of the Detroit City Council, held the first Tri-County Summit in May of 1998 with the goal of creating a forum wherein common issues were identified for cooperative action; and

WHEREAS the first Tri-County Summit was hosted by the Wayne County Commission, with subsequent hosting duties rotating between each of the regional partners; and

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WHEREAS topic areas of previously held Tri-County Summits have included mental health, criminal justice, transportation/transit, economic development and the environment. Other study topics addressed were water quality and regional quality of life. Specific issues have been addressed collaboratively such as home foreclosures, green infrastructure implementation, reports on the region's economic outlook and the "Silver Tsunami"; and

WHEREAS legislative leaders in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne Counties recognize the benefit of reinstating the Tri-County Summit this year to provide a vehicle for meaningful conversation between the legislative bodies and to identify potential solutions to common and complex issues facing our shared region; and

WHEREAS an initial group made up of Tri-County partners has been formed to plan the 2021 Tri-County Summit. Study topics within the area of infrastructure, relevant to the Southeast Michigan region, will be identified, with the focus and end goal being a successful effort which expands reach, strengthens our collective voice, explores solutions and shares best practices. Key leaders will be invited to attend and participate in this important endeavor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2021 Tri-County Summit will be planned and hosted by a planning group made up of partners from Oakland, Macomb and Wayne Counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners joins with our esteemed colleagues from the Macomb County and Wayne County Commissions in affirming our support and participation in the Tri-County Summit. The Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby confirms that they will participate in the 2021 Tri-County Summit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds is requested to forward copies of the adopted resolution to the Chairperson of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners and the Chairperson of the Wayne County Commission. Chairperson, I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

DAVID WOODWARD

The Chairperson referred the resolution to the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee. There were no objections.

Commissioner Cavell addressed the Board to inform the Commissioners that there will be a meeting held on May 21st at the Hoffman Farms Winery in Highland Township that will be open to anyone to attend for a discussion of the Oakland County Housing Initiatives and he also extended an invitation to join the regular Saturday Zoom meetings being held by volunteers in District #18 at 10:00 a.m.

Chairperson David Woodward addressed the Board to inform the Commissioners about MS Teams, the Tri-County Summit, the June 15th target date to resume in person Board Meetings and he stated that there is a tour of the Oakland Health 360 Initiative renovations currently being arranged.

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Commissioner Nelson addressed the Board regarding the Veterans CARE Packages being distributed on May 16th at the Southfield Public Library and that Treatment Court will be held on May 19th.

Commissioner McGillivray addressed the Board to inform everyone that the Oakland County Parks are now open and to encourage everyone to visit the parks.

The Board adjourned at 7:34 p.m. to the call of the Chair on May 26, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

LISA BROWN
Clerk

DAVID WOODWARD
Chairperson