



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Board of Commissioners

David T. Woodward

August 4, 2022 at 7:47 PM

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson David T. Woodward called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 06:14 PM in 1200 N. Telegraph Road Bldg. 12E, Pontiac MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Angela Powell, David Woodward, Marcia Gershenson, Michael Gingell, Eileen Kowall, Kristen Nelson, Yolanda Smith Charles, Penny Luebs, Gary McGillivray, William Miller III, Charles Cavell, Janet Jackson, Chuck Moss, Robert Hoffman, Karen Joliat, Adam Kochenderfer, Philip Weipert, Christine Long, Michael Spisz (19)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Thomas Kuhn, Gwen Markham. (2)

3. Invocation - Christine Long

4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

5. Approval of Minutes

a. Clerk/Register of Deeds - Minutes dated July 19, 2022

Gary McGillivray moved approval of the Minutes dated July 19, 2022, as presented. Seconded by Penny Luebs.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (19-0-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Michael Gingell, Michael Spisz, Karen Joliat, Kristen Nelson, Eileen Kowall, Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Angela Powell, Chuck Moss, Marcia Gershenson, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Penny Luebs, Janet Jackson, Gary McGillivray, Robert Hoffman, Adam Kochenderfer

No: None

Abstain: None

6. Approval of Agenda

Gary McGillivray moved approval of the agenda, as presented. Seconded by Karen Joliat.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (19-0-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Michael Gingell, Michael Spisz, Karen Joliat, Kristen Nelson, Eileen Kowall, Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Angela Powell, Chuck Moss, Marcia Gershenson, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Penny Luebs, Janet Jackson, Gary McGillivray, Robert Hoffman, Adam Kochenderfer

No: None

Abstain: None

7. Communications

a. Board of Commissioners - Presentation - Salvador Salort-Pons, Ph.D., Director of the Detroit Institute of Arts

Chairperson David Woodward addressed the Board to introduce Salvador Salort-Pons, Director, Detroit Institute of Arts.

Salvador Salort-Pons, Director, Detroit Institute of Arts, Julie McFarland, Executive Director of Public Affairs and Community Engagement, Detroit Institute of Arts, Judith Dolkart, Deputy Director of Arts, Education and Programs, Detroit Institute of Arts, Anthony Smith, Vice President of Learning and Audience Engagement, Detroit Institute of Arts and Thomas Guastello, Chairman of the Art Authority, Detroit Institute of Arts addressed the Board to give a presentation updating the residents of Oakland County on the current and upcoming exhibitions, series and community engagement programs.

William Miller III moved to receive and file the attached Presentation. Seconded by Christine Long.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (19-0-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Michael Gingell, Michael Spisz, Karen Joliat, Kristen Nelson, Eileen Kowall, Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Angela Powell, Chuck Moss, Marcia Gershenson, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Penny Luebs, Janet Jackson, Gary McGillivray, Robert Hoffman, Adam Kochenderfer

No: None

Abstain: None

b. Board of Commissioners - Communications Grant Exceptions - 2022-2023 Child Nutrition Programs Coordinated Application, FY 2023 Victim Rights and FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) Program (NET)

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

Name: 2022-2023 Child Nutrition Programs Coordinated Application
Department: Children's Village
Amount: \$180,000
Grant Application Deadline: June 30, 2022

Name: FY 2023 Victim Rights
Department: Prosecuting Attorney
Amount: \$799,521
Grant Application Deadline: August 1, 2022

Name: FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) Program (NET)
Department: Sheriff's Office
Amount: \$521,648
Grant Application Deadline: July 29, 2022

William Miller III moved to receive and file the attached Grant Exceptions.
Seconded by Christine Long.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (19-0-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Michael Gingell, Michael Spisz, Karen Joliat, Kristen Nelson, Eileen Kowall, Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Angela Powell, Chuck Moss, Marcia Gershenson, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Penny Luebs, Janet Jackson, Gary McGillivray, Robert Hoffman, Adam Kochenderfer

No: None

Abstain: None

8. Public Comment (three minutes max per speaker, related only to items on the agenda)

The following people addressed the Board during Public Comment #1: Chris Meister and Kathryn Kennedy.

Reports of Standing Committees

CONSENT AGENDA

9. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE – WILLIAM MILLER

10. FINANCE COMMITTEE – GWEN MARKHAM

a. Board of Commissioners - Resolution Creating the Oakland County Survivor to Thrive Program

Michael Gingell moved to adopt the attached Resolution: Creating the Oakland County Survivor to Thrive Program. Seconded by Angela Powell.

Motion Passed.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #22-270

Sponsored By: Janet Jackson, Michael Spisz, Gwen Markham, Eileen Kowall, Angela Powell

IN RE: Creating the Oakland County Survivor to Thrive Program

WHEREAS Oakland County continues its objectives to rescue human trafficking victims, dismantle trafficking networks, help support survivors to rebuild their lives and thrive within their community, and develop economies that create legitimate jobs; and

WHEREAS Oakland County anti-trafficking service agencies have identified and presented a plan to address a gap in services that currently exists for survivors of human trafficking. By offering items or experiences for personal and/or professional development to assist survivors to move beyond the physiological and safety needs in the community; and

WHEREAS the County supports establishing a pilot program partnering with Vista Maria/Michigan Abolitionist Project (MAP) to provide resources to fill the gaps for survivors of human trafficking within Oakland County communities; and

WHEREAS Vista Maria/MAP will serve as administrator of the program and fiscal sponsor to raise funds from private sponsorships or donations for the pilot program, will provide fiduciary oversight, financial management, and other administrative services to help build the capacity of the *Survivor to Thrive* program in accordance with the attached proposed contract between Oakland County and Vista Maria/MAP (see Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS Vista Maria/MAP as the program administrator of the *Survivor to Thrive* program, in partnership with Oakland County, will develop controls and metrics for an initial and ongoing assessment of the effectiveness of the pilot program to support the physiological and safety needs of human trafficking survivors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the creation of the *Survivor to Thrive* pilot program and authorizes the expenditure of up to \$10,900 from the Board of Commissioners Special Project account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners approves the attached agreement between Oakland County and Vista Maria/MAP and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, or his designee, to sign and execute the agreement, subject to review by the Purchasing Division.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this agreement does not obligate the County to any future commitment to the program without approval by the Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Vista Maria/Map shall provide the Board of Commissioners with quarterly reports that detail expenditures and performance metrics for the *Survivor to Thrive* program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a budget amendment is not required.

Vote Summary (18-1-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Michael Gingell, Michael Spisz, Karen Joliat, Eileen Kowall, Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Angela Powell, Chuck Moss, Marcia Gershenson, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Penny Luebs, Janet Jackson, Gary McGillivray, Robert Hoffman, Adam Kochenderfer

No: Kristen Nelson

Abstain: None

Attachment:

1. SurvivortoThriver.FinalContract.V3.6.28.22

b. Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of 2022 Hazel Park Art Fair

Michael Gingell moved to adopt the attached Sponsorship: of 2022 Hazel Park Art Fair. Seconded by Angela Powell.

Motion Passed.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #22-271

Sponsored By: Charles Cavell, Gary McGillivray

IN RE: of 2022 Hazel Park Art Fair

Motion to re-appropriate \$6,000 from the non-departmental transfer of General Fund Special Projects expenditure line item to the Board of Commissioners General Fund Special Projects expenditure line-item budget as described in the attached Schedule A. Further, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners authorizes the allocation of \$6,000 to Hazel Park Arts Council for the purpose of sponsoring the 2022 Hazel Park Art Fair and requests the Purchasing Division execute an agreement and any related documents between Oakland County and Hazel Park Arts Council.

Vote Summary (18-1-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Michael Gingell, Michael Spisz, Karen Joliat, Eileen Kowall, Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Angela Powell, Chuck Moss, Marcia Gershenson, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Penny Luebs, Janet Jackson, Gary McGillivray, Robert Hoffman, Adam Kochenderfer

No: Kristen Nelson

Abstain: None

Attachment:

1. Hazel Park Art Fair Schedule A

c. Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of 2022 Arts, Beats And Eats Festival in Partnership with the City of Royal Oak

Michael Gingell moved to adopt the attached Sponsorship: of 2022 Arts, Beats And Eats Festival in Partnership with the City of Royal Oak. Seconded by Angela Powell.

Motion Passed.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #22-255

Sponsored By: Michael Gingell, David Woodward

IN RE: of 2022 Arts, Beats And Eats Festival in Partnership with the City of Royal Oak

WHEREAS Arts, Beats & Eats was founded in 1997 to celebrate the quality of life in Oakland County by offering a culturally unique presentation of artists, musicians and food exhibits, from the Metro Detroit area and throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS Arts, Beats & Eats is held annually on Labor Day weekend in the City of Royal Oak; and

WHEREAS Arts, Beats & Eats has a strong history of drawing significant economic activity and interest to Oakland County, with as many as 400,000 people attending the four-day festival and raising more than \$5 million for local charities since its inception. The economic impact of the festival to the region has been measured at \$39 million, according to the event's website; and

WHEREAS Oakland County government has a long history of active support of the Arts, Beats and Eats festival, including partnering through sponsorship of the event; and

WHEREAS a dollar-for-dollar matching sponsorship of Royal Oak of the 2022 Arts, Beats and Eats festival would leverage Oakland County's funds for a strong investment towards attracting economic and cultural activity in Oakland County as well as measurably support the travel, tourism and hospitality sectors; and

WHEREAS one-time funding of \$50,000 is available from the non-departmental transfers General Fund Special Projects expenditure line item and will be re-appropriated within the Economic Development Admin expenditure line-item budget for the sponsorship of the 2022 Arts, Beats And Eats Festival; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners authorizes sponsoring the 2022 Arts, Beats And Eats Festival in the amount of \$50,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Economic Development shall act as the grant administrator for the matching sponsorship of the Arts, Beats and Eats festival. The Department shall release sponsorship funding upon confirmation of the release of funds in an equal or greater amount by the City of Royal Oak. The Chairperson of the Board is authorized to execute the grant amendment, subject to review by Corporation Counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED one-time funding of \$50,000 is available from the non-departmental transfers General Fund Special Projects expenditure line item and will be re-appropriated within the Economic Development Admin expenditure line-item budget for the sponsorship of the 2022 Arts, Beats And Eats Festival.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FY 2022 budget shall be amended as reflected in the attached Schedule A – Budget Amendment.

Vote Summary (18-1-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Michael Gingell, Michael Spisz, Karen Joliat, Eileen Kowall, Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Angela Powell, Chuck Moss, Marcia Gershenson, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Penny Luebs, Janet Jackson, Gary McGillivray, Robert Hoffman, Adam Kochenderfer

No: Kristen Nelson

Abstain: None

Attachment:

1. FY 22 Arts Beats and Eats - Schedule A

11. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – KRISTEN NELSON

a. Clerk/Register of Deeds - Grant Application with the Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections for the 2022 Election Security Grant

Michael Gingell moved to adopt the attached Grant Application: with the Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections for the 2022 Election Security Grant. Seconded by Angela Powell.

Motion Passed.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #22-272

Sponsored By: Kristen Nelson

IN RE: with the Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections for the 2022 Election Security Grant

WHEREAS the Michigan Secretary of State, Bureau of Elections, created the 2022 Election Security Grant program; and

WHEREAS federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) money is available on a reimbursement basis to counties and local governments; and

WHEREAS based on the grant formula, the County Elections Division is eligible

for \$76,650 in grant funding; and

WHEREAS the grant will assist the county in securing and upgrading equipment and technology; and

WHEREAS no county match or positions are associated with this grant application.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the grant application with the Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections in the amount of \$76,650.

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

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

Vote Summary (18-1-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Michael Gingell, Michael Spisz, Karen Joliat, Eileen Kowall, Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Angela Powell, Chuck Moss, Marcia Gershenson, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Penny Luebs, Janet Jackson, Gary McGillivray, Robert Hoffman, Adam Kochenderfer

No: Kristen Nelson

Abstain: None

Attachments:

1. 2022 Election Security Grant
2. Election Security Reimbursement Claim Form
3. Email
4. View My Cases - Workday

b. Clerk/Register of Deeds - Resolution Opposing Michigan House Bills 4729 through 4732

Michael Gingell moved to adopt the attached Resolution: Opposing Michigan House Bills 4729 through 4732. Seconded by Angela Powell.

Motion Passed.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #22-273

Sponsored By: Kristen Nelson

IN RE: Opposing Michigan House Bills 4729 through 4732

WHEREAS Zillow, a for-profit corporation based in Seattle, WA, has been lobbying the Michigan Legislature to pass House Bills 4729, 4730, 4731, and 4732, which would undermine the independence of county treasurer and register of deeds offices throughout the state; and

WHEREAS the legislation Zillow is lobbying for would mandate county treasurer

and register of deeds offices provide public records to bulk purchasers, including out-of-state data brokers, at a significantly cheaper rate than that charged by statute to Michigan taxpayers, creating a dynamic wherein fees paid by Michigan residents for their own public documents subsidize the costs for multinational corporations like Zillow; and

WHEREAS should these bills become law, Zillow and other out-of-state data brokers will be empowered to dictate the manner and format in which county treasurer and registers of deeds offices provide copies of official records, saddling county offices with additional administrative burdens and procedures; and

WHEREAS should these bills become law, new restrictions on what county treasurer and register of deeds offices charge for parcel cards would be imposed, limiting the ability of counties to recoup the costs of providing services to residents; and

WHEREAS Zillow and other national data brokers not only profit by selling Michigan's public records but also by selling the personal data contained therein to enhance corporate data-mining, marketing and advertising efforts; and

WHEREAS the Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Association of County Treasurers, Michigan Association of County Clerks, Michigan Association of Registers of Deeds, and the Michigan Municipal League, representing a broad bi-partisan and non-partisan coalition of leaders throughout the state, are united in opposing Michigan House bills 4729 through 4732.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners opposes the principles behind and the passage of House Bills 4729, 4730, 4731, and 4732.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Speaker of the House of Representatives, the House Democratic Leader, Majority Leader of the Senate, Senate Democratic Leader, the Oakland County state legislative delegation, the Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Association of County Treasurers, Michigan Association of County Clerks, Michigan Association of Registers of Deeds, and the Michigan Municipal League.

Vote Summary (18-1-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Michael Gingell, Michael Spisz, Karen Joliat, Eileen Kowall, Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Angela Powell, Chuck Moss, Marcia Gershenson, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Penny Luebs, Janet Jackson, Gary McGillivray, Robert Hoffman, Adam Kochenderfer

No: Kristen Nelson

Abstain: None

12. PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – PENNY LUEBS

a. **Sheriff's Office - Resolution Approving the Use of Non-Departmental General Fund for the Woodward Dream Cruise Special Event Signage by the Road Commission for Oakland County**

Michael Gingell moved to adopt the attached Resolution: Approving the Use of Non-Departmental General Fund for the Woodward Dream Cruise Special Event Signage by the Road Commission for Oakland County. Seconded by Angela Powell.

Motion Passed.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #22-274

Sponsored By: Penny Luebs

IN RE: Approving the Use of Non-Departmental General Fund for the Woodward Dream Cruise Special Event Signage by the Road Commission for Oakland County

WHEREAS the Sheriff's Office performs law enforcement services and oversight for the Woodward Dream Cruise; and

WHEREAS each year the Sheriff's Office obtains a Traffic Control Order from the Michigan Department of Transportation which includes the placement of signs along the cruise route; and

WHEREAS as required by law, the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) must set up and remove the signs; and

WHEREAS the RCOC has provided a quote for 2022 services; and

WHEREAS the Sheriff's Office is requesting use of Non-Departmental General Fund Contingency line-item funding to provide RCOC service for this world-renowned regional event.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners approves the use of Non-Departmental General Fund Contingency line-item funding in the not-to-exceed amount of \$10,573.60.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FY 2022 budget is amended as detailed in the attached Schedule A budget amendment document.

Vote Summary (18-1-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Michael Gingell, Michael Spisz, Karen Joliat, Eileen Kowall, Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Angela Powell, Chuck Moss, Marcia Gershenson, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Penny Luebs, Janet Jackson, Gary McGillivray, Robert Hoffman, Adam Kochenderfer

No: Kristen Nelson

Abstain: None

Attachments:

1. FY22 Woodward Dream Cruise RCOC SCHEDULE A
2. Woodward Dream Cruise RCOC Estimate 2022

b. Sheriff's Office - Interlocal Agreement with the Renaissance Festival for 2022-2024 Law Enforcement Services

Michael Gingell moved to adopt the attached Interlocal Agreement: with the Renaissance Festival for 2022-2024 Law Enforcement Services. Seconded by Angela Powell.

Motion Passed.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #22-275

Sponsored By: Penny Luebs

IN RE: with the Renaissance Festival for 2022-2024 Law Enforcement Services

WHEREAS the Michigan Renaissance Festival, the operator of a summer theatre facility by the same name in Groveland Township, has requested to enter into an agreement with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services for the 2022 - 2024 seasons; and

WHEREAS the Sheriff's Office has agreed to provide such services on an availability overtime hourly basis with the number of man-hours to be determined by the Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS this agreement has been reviewed by Corporation Counsel; and

WHEREAS the County of Oakland shall be reimbursed for such services by the Michigan Renaissance Festival at the hourly overtime rates established by Board of Commissioners and reflected in the attached agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners approves the execution of the attached agreement consistent with provisions contained therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners authorizes its Chairperson to execute and enter into this agreement on behalf of the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed agreement will result in revenue and expenditures of approximately \$143,452 in FY 2022, \$146,292 in FY 2023 and \$149,201 in FY 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a FY 2022 - FY 2024 budget amendment is required and is detailed in the attached Schedule A.

Vote Summary (18-1-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Michael Gingell, Michael Spisz, Karen Joliat, Eileen Kowall, Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Angela Powell, Chuck Moss, Marcia Gershenson, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Penny Luebs, Janet Jackson, Gary McGillivray, Robert Hoffman, Adam Kochenderfer

No: Kristen Nelson

Abstain: None

Attachments:

1. 2022-2024 MI Ren Festival Patrol Services Agreement SCHEDULE A
2. MI REN FESTIVAL 2022-2024 Patrol Services Agreement FINAL

c. Sheriff's Office - Donation of Two Support Canine Dogs - Wildcat and Sadie

Michael Gingell moved to adopt the attached Donation: of Two Support Canine Dogs - Wildcat and Sadie. Seconded by Angela Powell.

Motion Passed.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #22-276

Sponsored By: Penny Luebs

IN RE: of Two Support Canine Dogs - Wildcat and Sadie

WHEREAS the Sheriff's Office has received a donation of two (2) support canine dogs from Mission Oakland with an estimated value of \$6,000; and

WHEREAS Mission Oakland is a 501(c)3 (non-profit), established in 2019, with a mission to support the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, community organizations within Oakland County, and to lend financial assistance to those who are battling hardship and illness within the law enforcement community; and

WHEREAS Wildcat will be assigned to the School Resource Officer in the Clarkston School District and will also be available to Oxford Schools for events; and

WHEREAS Sadie will be assigned to a Deputy at the Sheriff's Office Pontiac substation; and

WHEREAS the attached Memorandum of Understanding was entered into on June 29, 2021 between the Oakland County Sheriff's Office and the Oakland County Deputy Sheriff's Association ("Union") to create a Therapy Canine Program within the Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS the Therapy Canine Handlers will be sworn and certified deputies and the Therapy Canine Program will be supervised by the Training Unit; and

WHEREAS the Training Unit will be responsible for ensuring each Handler is up to date on training including, but not limited to, obedience, certification, and service/therapy training with certification from a nationally recognized therapy training association; and

WHEREAS the Therapy Canine Program can be used for the following, but not limited to:

- Daily Duties (Extension of the Handler)
- Public Events

- Community Outreach and Engagement
- Major/Traumatic Incidents
- School Demonstrations
- Grief, Loss, and/or Trauma Related Events
- Natural Disaster Incidents
- Victim Forensic Interviews
- Criminal Investigation Interviews
- Crisis Intervention for both citizens and OCSO personnel/families
- Medical Facility Visits (Hospitals, Veterans Affairs (VA) Clinics, Nursing Homes, etc.) and any use not covered by this list as deemed appropriate by the Sheriff or their designee; and

WHEREAS the cost of food, veterinary care, grooming, boarding where necessary, equipment, and other related items for the canines will be paid for by the County; and

WHEREAS a budget amendment for the care of the canines will be incorporated with the resolution adopting the collective bargaining agreement for employees represented by the Oakland County Deputy Sheriff's Association; and

WHEREAS similar to the K-9 Program, if the handler or support canine retires, the handler has the option to purchase the support canine for the value of \$1.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners authorizes the acceptance of the donation of two (2) support canine dogs from Mission Oakland with an estimated value of \$6,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the cost of food, veterinary care, grooming, boarding where necessary, equipment, and other related items for the canines will be paid for by the County and a budget amendment will be incorporated with the resolution adopting the bargaining agreement for employees represented by the Oakland County Deputy Sheriff's Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if the handler or support canine retires, the handler has the option to purchase the support canine for the value of \$1.00.

Vote Summary (18-1-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Michael Gingell, Michael Spisz, Karen Joliat, Eileen Kowall, Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Angela Powell, Chuck Moss, Marcia Gershenson, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Penny Luebs, Janet Jackson, Gary McGillivray, Robert Hoffman, Adam Kochenderfer
No: Kristen Nelson

Abstain: None

Attachment:

1. Mission Oakland - Therapy Canine Donation - July 2022

d. **Public Services - Animal Shelter & Pet Adoption Center - Donation from Mr. Jerry Coffel**

Michael Gingell moved to adopt the attached Donation: from Mr. Jerry Coffel. Seconded by Angela Powell.

Motion Passed.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #22-277

Sponsored By: Penny Luebs

IN RE: from Mr. Jerry Coffel

WHEREAS the mission of the Oakland County Pet Adoption Center, in part, is to provide a humane haven for animals in our care and to promote responsible pet placement; and

WHEREAS many individuals have become involved with our shelters either through volunteer activities or donations to support this mission; and

WHEREAS the Oakland County Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center Legacy Fund was established to receive donations to assist our efforts to provide the highest quality service and treatment to animals entrusted to our care; and

WHEREAS Mr. Jerry Coffel is a generous and compassionate resident of Oakland County who was married to the late Diane M. Aiello-Coffel, who was a beloved pet parent to several dogs during their 45-year marriage; and

WHEREAS Mr. Jerry Coffel, in recognition of and on behalf of his late wife Diane M. Aiello-Coffel, presented the Oakland County Animal Shelter a check in the amount of \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS MR #83204 requires that gift donations with a value of \$10,000 or more, with no match or other financial obligations to the County, be reviewed by the department's/division's liaison committee, acknowledged by the Board of Commissioners by signed resolution, accounted for in the appropriate departmental donation account, and recorded as a general fixed County asset.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners accepts the generous donation of \$100,000.00 donated by Mr. Jerry Coffel to the Oakland County Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the donation will be accounted for in the Oakland County Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center's Legacy Fund.

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

Vote Summary (18-1-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Michael Gingell, Michael Spisz, Karen Joliat, Eileen Kowall, Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Angela Powell, Chuck Moss, Marcia

Gershenson, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Penny Luebs, Janet Jackson, Gary McGillivray, Robert Hoffman, Adam Kochenderfer
No: Kristen Nelson
Abstain: None

e. Health & Human Services - Neighborhood and Housing Development - Grant Application with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Program Year (PY) 2022 Annual Action Plan

Michael Gingell moved to adopt the attached Grant Application: with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Program Year (PY) 2022 Annual Action Plan. Seconded by Angela Powell.

Motion Passed.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #22-278

Sponsored By: Penny Luebs

IN RE: with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Program Year (PY) 2022 Annual Action Plan

WHEREAS the Oakland County Department of Health and Human Services/Neighborhood and Housing Development Division (N&HD) plans to submit a Program Year (PY) 2022 Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS the PY 2022 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 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (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

WHEREAS the PY 2022 Annual Action Plan estimates Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Home Improvement Program (HIP) Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) at \$1,000,000 and HOME Investment Partnerships Act Grant Program Income (PI) at \$1,200,000; and

WHEREAS HUD, by letter dated May 13, 2022, transmitted to the N&HD Division a PY 2022 consolidated allocation of \$8,444,530 including \$5,202,154 for CDBG, \$2,914,808 for HOME and \$327,568 for ESG, for the program year period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS total program revenue for the PY 2022 CDBG Program is \$6,202,154, including \$5,202,154 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 2022 HOME Program is \$4,734,205 including \$2,914,808 HOME grant allocation, \$619,397 grant match and \$1,200,000 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 2023-FY2025 County Executive Recommended Budget; and

WHEREAS total program revenue for the PY 2022 ESG Program is \$327,568; 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) FTE SR funded N&H 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 2022 Annual Action Plan was unanimously endorsed by the Citizen Advisory Council; and

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

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 the Program Year 2022 Annual Action Plan application totaling \$11,263,927 to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (CDBG \$5,202,154, \$1,000,000 Revolving Loan Funds, HOME \$2,914,808, Program Income \$1,200,000, General Fund Match \$619,397, and ESG \$327,568) 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.

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.

Vote Summary (18-1-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Michael Gingell, Michael Spisz, Karen Joliat, Eileen

Kowall, Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Angela Powell, Chuck Moss, Marcia Gershenson, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Penny Luebs, Janet Jackson, Gary McGillivray, Robert Hoffman, Adam Kochenderfer
No: Kristen Nelson
Abstain: None

Attachments:

1. Grant Application Sign-Off 2022
2. AAP PY 22
3. FY22 Formula Announcement Oakland County
4. REVISED SF 424s and Certifications for signature 070622

f. Board of Commissioners - Resolution Appropriating American Rescue Plan Act – Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Address Safety Concerns in the School District of the City of Pontiac

Michael Gingell moved to adopt the attached Resolution: Appropriating American Rescue Plan Act – Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Address Safety Concerns in the School District of the City of Pontiac. Seconded by Angela Powell.

Motion Passed.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #22-268

Sponsored By: Angela Powell

IN RE: Appropriating American Rescue Plan Act – Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Address Safety Concerns in the School District of the City of Pontiac

WHEREAS the United States Treasury allocated Oakland County \$244,270,949 of Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (LFRF) established under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021; and

WHEREAS under the guidance of the Department of Treasury's Final Rule, the County may use these funds at their discretion to support eligible investments in public health expenditures, address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency; replace lost public sector revenue; provide premium pay for essential workers; and invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS if students and educators are to achieve their full potential, schools must be safe and feel safe; and

WHEREAS students who report feeling safe in school are more engaged in class, have higher academic achievement, and have lower rates of absenteeism, truancy, and behavioral issues; and

WHEREAS many communities seek the help of law enforcement to promote school safety and protect schools from violence; and

WHEREAS while the pandemic impacted millions of American households and

businesses, some of its most severe impacts fell on low-income and underserved communities, where pre-existing disparities amplified the impact of the pandemic and where the most work remains to reach a full recovery; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Treasury Department, in *the Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds: Overview of the Final Rule*, states that communities experiencing a surge in gun violence as a result of the pandemic may use the American Rescue Plan's funds for purposes such as: "hiring law enforcement officials – even above pre-pandemic levels – or paying overtime where the funds are directly focused on advancing community policing strategies in those communities experiencing an increase in gun violence associated with the pandemic"; and

WHEREAS to incentivize programs that provide support to communities with the greatest needs and hit hardest by the health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 emergency, the U.S. Treasury Department has created a list of activities and investments that will be deemed presumptively eligible when they are provided in a Qualified Census Tract. The City of Pontiac is the community with the highest number of Qualified Census Tracts in Oakland County; and

WHEREAS Oakland County Sheriff's Office is requested to add one (1) School Resource Officer for the School District of the City of Pontiac for one (1) year period from August 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes a one-time appropriation not to exceed \$200,000 in American Rescue Plan Act - Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office budget to address safety concerns by creating one (1) Deputy II position to be assigned to the School District of the City of Pontiac.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one (1) marked patrol vehicle with cell phone, mobile radio, prep radio, MDC, and Video Camera be added to the County fleet.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this position will be sunset on August 31, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that approval of appropriation of 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 that a budget amendment appropriating funds for the costs associated with adding one (1) School Resource Officer in the School District of the City of Pontiac will be included in a subsequent quarterly forecast resolution.

Vote Summary (18-1-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Michael Gingell, Michael Spisz, Karen Joliat, Eileen Kowall, Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Angela Powell, Chuck Moss, Marcia

Gershenson, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Penny Luebs, Janet Jackson, Gary McGillivray, Robert Hoffman, Adam Kochenderfer
No: Kristen Nelson
Abstain: None

REGULAR AGENDA

13. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE – WILLIAM MILLER

There were no items to report on the Regular Agenda for the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee.

14. FINANCE COMMITTEE – GWEN MARKHAM

a. Management and Budget - Staffing Modification Appointment of County Equalization Director

Charles Cavell moved to adopt the attached Staffing Modification : Appointment of County Equalization Director. Seconded by Robert Hoffman.

Motion Passed.

Committee Report

Sponsored By: Gwen Markham

IN RE: Appointment of County Equalization Director

Motion to recommend to Board the appoint Michael Lohmeier County Equalization Officer position as required by state statute (MCL 211.34(3)).

Vote Summary (19-0-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Michael Gingell, Michael Spisz, Karen Joliat, Kristen Nelson, Eileen Kowall, Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Angela Powell, Chuck Moss, Marcia Gershenson, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Penny Luebs, Janet Jackson, Gary McGillivray, Robert Hoffman, Adam Kochenderfer

No: None

Abstain: None

Attachments:

1. equalization officer memo
2. lohmeier application

15. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – KRISTEN NELSON

There were no items to report on the Regular Agenda for the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee.

16. PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – PENNY LUEBS

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

17. Reports of Special Committees

- 18. **Special Order of Business**
- 19. **Unfinished Business**
- 20. **New & Miscellaneous Business**

- a. **Board of Commissioners - Resolution Approving Language for an Oakland County Public Transportation Millage to Appear on the November 8, 2022, Ballot**

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #22-279

Sponsored By: David Woodward

IN RE: Approving Language for an Oakland County Public Transportation Millage to Appear on the November 8, 2022, Ballot

WHEREAS there is growing need to provide safe, affordable and reliable public transport for workers to reach jobs, for patients to access health care, for students to connect to colleges and universities, and for the general public to have more transportation options; and

WHEREAS an Oakland County public transportation millage will support operating, maintaining, improving and expanding transit services across Oakland County; and

WHEREAS funding from an Oakland County public transportation millage will support current public transportation services in Oakland County, create and extend new routes to connect local communities and increase transportation service for seniors, veterans and people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS an Oakland County public transportation millage will replace the current local public transportation millage for the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART), and could replace other transit millages for the North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA) and the Older Person's Commission (OPC) Transportation, and would provide additional funding to expand public transportation services across Oakland County; and

WHEREAS revenue generated from an Oakland County public transportation millage would be disbursed only to the County of Oakland to be used solely for the purpose of funding transportation services to improve public transit for Oakland County, with external audits and oversight from the Oakland County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS Oakland County Corporation Counsel has reviewed and approved the proposed ballot language; and

WHEREAS the Oakland County Board of Commissioners approves of placing the millage question before Oakland County voters on the November 2022 ballot to approve funding for public transportation services servicing seniors,

veterans, those with disabilities and the general public in Oakland County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, hereby authorizes for the purpose of placing before all voters in Oakland County the proposition of establishing a .95 mill rate for the years 2022 through 2031 to support public transportation in Oakland County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners recommends the proposition language on Addendum A be placed on the November 8, 2022, election ballot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Clerk's Office is directed to perform all action required for the placing of this question on the ballot as required by law.

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

Attachment:

1. ADDENDUM A

b. **Board of Commissioners - Resolution Appropriating American Rescue Plan Act – Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Support Oakland Together Senior Initiatives**

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #22-280

Sponsored By: Kristen Nelson

IN RE: Appropriating American Rescue Plan Act – Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Support Oakland Together Senior Initiatives

WHEREAS the United States Treasury allocated Oakland County \$244,270,949 of Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (LFRF) established under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021; and

WHEREAS under the guidance of the Department of Treasury's Final Rule, the County may use these funds at their discretion to support eligible investments in public health expenditures, address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency; replace lost public sector revenue; provide premium pay for essential workers; and invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS it became evident early in the coronavirus pandemic that older age is a risk factor for becoming severely ill with COVID-19. But the virus's impact on older adults went beyond a higher risk for serious infection. It also included limited access to care for all health conditions, as well as considerable social and economic hardships; and

WHEREAS this pandemic has had detrimental impacts on the social and emotional well-being of seniors. Most of them reported experiencing feelings of loneliness and sadness due to self-isolation and being away from friends and family. The inability to go to social events, attend exercise classes, and meet up

with friends has made some seniors feel detached from the world; and

WHEREAS despite becoming more computer savvy than ever, seniors continue to lag behind younger Americans when it comes to technological adoption. According to Pew Research Center, many seniors still remain largely unattached from regular online life—25% of adults ages 65 and older do not use the internet at all; and

WHEREAS one of the worst consequences of COVID-19 lockdowns was the increase in elder abuse. In many cases, the increased dependency of seniors on their caregivers has led to an increase in financial, physical, and verbal abuse; and

WHEREAS since 2015, the Oakland County senior population has been greater than our population of children, and that trend is projected to continue through 2045; and

WHEREAS the Oakland County Board of Commissioners recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic disproportionately affected senior residents and is committed to bettering their lives and experiences.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners supports Oakland Together Senior Initiatives by authorizing an appropriation in the amount not-to-exceed \$3,555,000 and assignment in the amount not-to-exceed \$3,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act - Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriation of up to \$3,555,000 will be allocated as follows:

- up to \$3,000,000 to offer funding opportunities for Oakland County senior centers for capital, technology, infrastructure, equipment improvements and/or professional development;
- up to \$500,000 to fund a series of educational/COVID-19 communication pieces for Oakland County seniors;
- up to \$50,000 to offer funding opportunities to non-profit organizations that provide senior centered services in Oakland County and are interested in leveraging evidence-based volunteer management practices;
- up to \$5,000 to help with administration costs to reinstate the Oakland County Elderly Abuse Prevention Coalition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the assignment of up to \$3,000,000 will fund development of a three-year Oakland County Chore Pilot Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Healthy Aging Ad Hoc Committee will serve as an oversight body for all Oakland County Senior Initiatives and will approve senior center applications and mini-grants applications, the design of communication pieces and develop a three-year Oakland

County Chore Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, or his designee, shall act as contract administrator for the Oakland County Chore Pilot Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that approval of appropriations of 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 that the FY 2022 budget shall be amended as reflected in the attached Schedule A – Budget Amendment.

The Chairperson referred the resolution to the Public Health and Safety Committee. There were no objections.

c. **Board of Commissioners - Resolution Opposing the Biden Administration's Policies on Addressing the Human Trafficking Crisis at the Southern Border**

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #22-281

Sponsored By: Eileen Kowall

IN RE: Opposing the Biden Administration's Policies on Addressing the Human Trafficking Crisis at the Southern Border

WHEREAS the Biden Administration's policies on the human trafficking crisis at the Southern Border is expediting the flow of migrants over the U.S.- Mexico border; and

WHEREAS human traffickers, under this policy, are busier than ever and the Southwest border continues to serve as the largest point of illegal entry into the U.S., largely because traffickers have the ability to cross aliens without documents; and

WHEREAS the policy, which places pressure on border agents to release families and unaccompanied minors into the U.S. within 72 hours, incentivizes impoverished Latin Americans to send their kids on the perilous journey up north — which many of them do not survive; and

WHEREAS the southwest border has essentially become a "feeding zone" for traffickers, as the Administration's policy allows traffickers easier access to these children; and

WHEREAS since the Administration has taken office, there has been an unprecedented 2 million illegal apprehensions along the southwest border during 2021, the largest number ever on record. The volume of unaccompanied children also broke records with more than 150,000 (U.S. Border Patrol) children entering the U.S. in 2021, an increase of 339 percent over 2020 figures (American First Policy Institute)

WHEREAS when effective border security measures were eliminated early in the Biden Administration, smugglers effectively persuaded migrant children and parents that there is a higher prospect of being allowed to stay in the U.S. and traffickers now pose as the parents of these children to slip them into the U.S.; and

WHEREAS a record 18,890 unaccompanied minors crossed the U.S. - Mexico border illegally in March of this year compared to 9,380 in March of 2019; and

WHEREAS the Director of the Latin American branch of the Coalition Against Trafficking International, estimates that a shocking “60 percent” of Latin American children who set to cross the border alone or with smugglers “have been caught by the cartels and are being abused in child pornography or for drug trafficking”; and

WHEREAS children as young as 14 years of age are shipped from the Southwest border to New York City and are forced into prostitution with 15 to 20 men a night (New York Post) while the traffickers collect their profits; and

WHEREAS the Administration’s policy has eliminated key protective measures to combat the heinous crime of human trafficking by eliminating (Associated Press):

- FBI fingerprint background checks for staff and volunteers directly caring for children at the border, which allows traffickers to easily use false identities to access children at emergency sites and lure them into trafficking, and
- FBI fingerprint background checks of caregivers at its rapidly expanding network of emergency sites to hold thousands of immigrant teenagers, alarming child welfare experts who say the waiver compromises safety, and
- DNA testing on adults and children to make sure they are related, has made the problem worse; and

WHEREAS the fight against modern slavery-human trafficking was a priority of the previous two Administrations and every day that the Biden Administration fails to combat human trafficking, it endangers more and more lives, especially those of the most vulnerable.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners is committed to combating human trafficking and strongly opposes the Biden Administration’s policies on the human trafficking crisis at the southern border.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners urges President Biden to prioritize the crisis at the southern border and enact the “concrete” policies pledged in 2020 to combat this heinous crime of human trafficking that will protect those who are vulnerable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Clerk is requested to forward a copy of this adopted resolution to the President of the United States, Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, the House Speaker and Minority Leader, the Michigan Association of Counties, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

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

21. Announcements

Chairperson David Woodward addressed the Board to announce budget hearings for the Finance Committee will begin next week.

Commissioner Angela Powell addressed the Board to announce Jim Nash, Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner, will be hosting a Pontiac town hall meeting to address water affordability on August 11th, at 7 p.m., at Pontiac City Hall and Mikal Goodman, City of Pontiac Councilman, will be hosting a transit town hall located at the Crofoot Ballroom on August 10th, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Commissioner Christine Long addressed the Board to request the resolution entitled: Board of Commissioners - Resolution Approving Language for an Oakland County Public Transportation Millage to Appear on the November 8, 2022 Ballot be made available to the local community leaders.

Commissioner Yolanda Smith Charles addressed the Board to announce the Oakland County International Airport open house and airshow will be held on August 14, 2022. Additional information is located at the web address oakgov.com/aviation.

Commissioner Michael Gingel addressed the Board to announce the following resolution entitled: Resolution Approving Language for an Oakland County Public Transportation Millage to Appear on the November 8, 2022 Ballot will have revised language before the November 8, 2022 elections.

Commissioner Marsha Gershenson addressed the Board to remind the Commissioners that the Chaldean Community has invited them to visit their museum on Monday, August 15th, 2022.

22. Public Comment (three minutes max per speaker, any topic)

The following people addressed the Board during Public Comment #2: Larry Gray, Diane Scheib-Snyder, Don Green, Connie Johnson, Kim Viener, Angelina Maher, Pat Hammer, Ryan Dinkgrave, Thomas Yazbeck, Mike Mrozovich, Alex Selsly, Gerry Riley, Steven James, Lucas Lasecki, Rick Hamill, Thomas Zerafa, Sherry Wells, Megan Owens, Joseph - Resident, City of Ferndale, Doug Floury, Rebecca Lasecki and Tasha Schurgin.

23. Adjournment to August 17, 2022 or the Call of the Chair

The meeting adjourned at 07:47 PM.