

OAKLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS MINUTES

November 17, 2022

Meeting called to order by Caucus Chairperson Kristen Nelson at 5:07 p.m. in the Courthouse Committee Room A, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Michigan.

Roll called.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Cavell, Gershenson, Luebs, Markham, McGillivray, Miller, Nelson, Powell, Woodward. (9)
EXCUSED ABSENCE WITH NOTICE: Charles, Jackson. (2)

Quorum present.

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #1.

Moved by McGillivray seconded by Miller the minutes of the October 20, 2022, Caucus be approved.

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

The members of the Caucus discussed the Board Agenda.

Commissioner Gershenson addressed the Caucus regarding the Oakland County Gun Buyback Pilot Program. She stated that Oakland County was able to purchase over 300 guns and a full report on the program will be available soon.

Commissioner Miller addressed the Caucus regarding the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee item entitled: Water Resources Commissioner – Resolution to Adopt MDOT Performance Resolution.

Commissioner Markham addressed the Caucus regarding the Finance Committee item entitled: Equalization – Resolution 2022 Oakland County Public Transportation Property Tax Levy – Millage Rate Based on the November 8, 2022, Election. She informed the Caucus that the levy will appear on 2022 Winter Tax Bills and that the previous SMART millage ends December 31, 2022.

Discussion followed.

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Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus to give a quick summary of the four items on the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee Regular Agenda.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Luebs addressed the Caucus regarding the Public Health and Safety Committee item entitled: 52-3 District Court (Rochester Hills) – Grant Acceptance from the State Court Administrative Office for the FY 2023 Michigan Drug Court Grant Program.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus to introduce District 14 Commissioner-Elect Ajay Raman.

District 14 Commissioner-Elect Ajay Raman addressed the Caucus.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Gershenson addressed the Caucus regarding fund raising efforts by the Gun Safety Advocacy Group at Oxford High School. The funds will be used to assist with PTSD treatment for the students of Oxford High School and Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus to make the following announcements:

- The Tri-County Summit for Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties will be held on November 18, 2022, at the Detroit Zoo.
- The reorganization Caucus for the 2023-2024 session will be scheduled as soon as possible after the Thanksgiving holiday.
- A Caucus retreat is being organized to be held in January or February of 2023.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding the Healthy Aging Grants Program. She stated that there will be one more informational meeting for interested parties held on November 28, 2022 before the grant application deadline on December 9, 2022.

Commissioner Gershenson addressed the Caucus to inform the Commissioners of the death of Zhi “Ricky” Dong, owner of 168 Asian Mart in Madison Heights and local philanthropist who was presented a proclamation celebrating his many achievements in Oakland County just last month.

Commissioner Miller addressed the Caucus to request that the Reorganization Caucus not be scheduled for November 30th as that is the one-year anniversary of the Oxford school shooting.

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Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus and stated that there are two people being honored by proclamation and one presentation from OCHN on tonight's agenda. He also stated that work has already started on Oakland County Transit.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Powell addressed the Caucus regarding BOC sponsored funding programs for local road construction and repair.

Discussion followed.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus and stated that there will be a new proposed miscellaneous resolution introduced by Commissioner Markham entitled: Equalization – Resolution 2022 Oakland County Public Transportation Property Tax Levy – Millage Rate Based on the November 8, 2022 Election. She added that Suspension of the Rules for an immediate vote on the resolution will be requested.

Discussion followed.

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #2.

The Caucus adjourned at 7:07 p.m. until December 8, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

FRED MILLER
Deputy Clerk

KRISTEN NELSON
Caucus Chairperson