

OAKLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS MINUTES

December 8, 2022

Meeting called to order by Caucus Chairperson Kristen Nelson at 8:43 a.m. in the Courthouse Committee Room A, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Michigan.

Roll called.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Cavell, Charles, Gershenson, Jackson, Luebs, Markham, McGillivray, Miller, Nelson, Woodward. (10)
COMMISSIONERS-ELECT PRESENT: Raman. (1)
EXCUSED ABSENCE WITH NOTICE: Powell. (1)

Quorum present.

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #1.

Moved by McGillivray seconded by Markham the minutes of the November 30, 2022 Caucus be approved.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding the expiring Road Commission Appointment. The Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee will move forward with posting the application and conducting interviews.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Cavell addressed the Caucus to discuss Public Health and Safety Committee item entitled: Sheriff's Office – Grant Acceptance from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan for the Community Policing Innovations Initiative.

Hillarie Chambers, Oakland County Deputy Executive addressed the Caucus to provide clarification regarding the funding for the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan Grant.

Gaia Piir, Fiscal Officer, Oakland County Sheriff's Office addressed the Caucus regarding the use of simulators for training Deputies.

Discussion followed.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus to discuss the Communications item entitled: Grant Exception – Medical Marijuana Operation and Oversight Grants.

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Discussion followed.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding Legislative Affairs and Governmental Operations Committee item entitled: Board of Commissioners – Board Resolution with Rochester Hills Public Library Services Agreement Extension. She also added the resolution will provide a two-month services extension.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Miller addressed the Caucus regarding Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee item entitled: Economic Development – Resolution Creation of the Oakland County Transit Division.

Commissioner Markham addressed the Caucus to announce there will be a request for suspension of the rules to add two Finance Committee items entitled: Equalization – Resolution Amend Fiscal Year 2022 Apportionment of Local Tax rates and Health & Human Services – Health Division – Resolution Authorize Waiving of Polio Vaccination Fees and Associated Administration Fees to the Consent Agenda during the upcoming Board of Commissioners meeting. She added Oakland County has no deficit leading into 2023.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Charles and Commissioner Markham addressed the Caucus to thank Commissioner Kowall and Commissioner Moss for their knowledge and assistance during their time on the Finance Committee.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Board to announce the Finance Committee will recommend the reappointment of Jamele Hage to the Oakland County Building Authority and the reappointment of Amanda Herzog to the Parks & Recreation Board.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Luebs addressed the Caucus regarding Public Health and Safety Committee items entitled: Sheriff's Office – Interlocal Agreement – Amendment #1 to the 2022-2024 Law Enforcement Services Agreement with the Charter Township of Lyon and Health & Human Services – Neighborhood and Housing Development – Grant Application with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Developments for the FY 2021 HOME Investment Partnership – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Program.

Discussion followed.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus for an update on the Social Isolation Taskforce Lifeline Pilot Program. She added that 100 smart devices with screens were distributed to senior citizens to assist in face-to-face communications during COVID-19 isolation.

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Commissioner Jackson addressed the Caucus to discuss the need for community policing training for school safety.

Discussion followed.

Chairperson David Woodward addressed the Caucus to discuss Resolution – Adopting Supplemental Compensation Adjustments for County Commissioners for the 2023/2024 Term of Office.

Discussion followed.

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #2.

The Caucus recessed at 9:39 a.m. until January 12, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

FRED MILLER
Deputy Clerk

KRISTEN NELSON
Caucus Chairperson