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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

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June 23, 2021

Gwen Markham
Charlie Cavell
Michael Spisz

Chairperson Miller called the meeting of the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee to order at 9:40 a.m. in Committee Room A of the Commissioners' Auditorium Wing, County Service Center in Pontiac, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

William Miller, Yolanda Charles, Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, Charlie Cavell, Michael Spisz

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Miller led the Committee in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Markham moved approval of the minutes of June 9, 2021, as presented. Seconded by Cavell.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Spisz moved approval of the agenda, as presented. Seconded by Charles.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

a. Oakland County Airport Committee Minutes Dated April 8, 2021

Weipert moved to receive and file the Communications item. Seconded by Charles.

Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT/HEALTH - AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE A NEW LEASE FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT HARM PROGRAM

Spisz moved to authorize Facilities Management to proceed with the negotiation of a new lease for office space to support the Health Department HARM Program. Seconded by Charles.

Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

2. FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS/PARKS AND RECREATION – REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF INTENT – “TURTLE WOODS” PROPERTY – TROY

Markham moved to authorize Facilities Management to proceed with the negotiation of a property acquisition and to execute a Letter of Intent regarding the “Turtle Woods” property in Troy, Michigan. Seconded by Charles.

Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND VETERANS SERVICES DIVISION – REORGANIZATION OF DIVISIONS

Charles moved to recommend approval of the attached suggested resolution. Seconded by Spisz.

Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – 2021 MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES AND ENERGY (EGLE) BROWNFIELD DEVELOPMENT GRANT – GRANT APPLICATION

Charles moved to recommend approval of the attached suggested resolution. Seconded by Spisz.

Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – AUTHORIZATION OF OAKLAND TOGETHER SKILLED AND EDUCATED WORKFORCE PROGRAM FUNDING AND APPROPRIATION OF LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

Charles moved to recommend approval of the attached suggested resolution. Seconded by Cavell.

Cavell moved to amend the resolution as follows:

1. Amend the 7th WHEREAS clause as follows:

WHEREAS the Task Force is requesting the Board of Commissioners approve ~~\$5,424,000~~ **\$6,624,000** to be invested for immediate workforce training and education needs related to the pandemic administered as follows:

- \$2,874,000 to fund 6-12 Oakland80 Career Navigators, embedded in communities throughout Oakland County. Navigators would help individuals understand their skills and the potential education and training paths to gain access to high quality, in demand jobs with pathways to advancement,

- \$1,050,000 to continue and build on partnership with OLHSA to deploy three Success Coaches in support of the Oakland County Business Resource Network (BRN). BRN supports businesses and their employees to address issues related to workforce retention. Coaches guide the development of joint strategies to increase employee retention, provide supportive services, and share best practices. Topics include childcare, transportation, employee health and wellness, education/training, and other employee-focused needs,
- \$1,500,000 to provide assistance to individuals facing financial barriers limiting access to career credential and higher education programs. Flexible workforce financial assistance would be administered by Michigan Works! and mirror aid provided through federal funding for barriers to employment, including support for transportation, childcare, work clothing, books and supplies, housing, utilities and training/education opportunities.
- ***\$1,200,000 to provide an equitable recovery related to childcare for disproportionately impacted individuals and families seeking a return to work. A childcare scholarship would be administered by the workforce development division for families who are presented with barriers to employment opportunities. The aid would be granted on a \$1,200 per household basis. A limit to 1,000 households who qualify at up to 300% of the U.S. federal poverty guidelines or meet Oakland County Michigan Works! Agency's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Dislocated Worker, Adult, or Youth Program Eligibility guidelines. The childcare scholarship would support families with coverage costs which include co-pays, applications fees, direct care costs, and more.***

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners approves the creation of the Oakland Together Skilled & Educated Workforce Program and authorizes the appropriation of up to ~~\$5,424,000~~ **\$6,624,000** in Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to be utilized as follows:

- \$2,874,000 to fund the Oakland80 Career Navigators project,
- \$1,050,000 to fund Oakland County Business Resource Network Success Coaches in partnership with the Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency (OLSHA),
- \$1,500,000 to provide flexible financial assistance to individuals facing barriers to access further education and professional certification programs.
- ***\$1,200,000 to provide enhanced services for child welfare-involved families facing the negative economic impacts of the pandemic.***

3. Amend the 1st BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland Together Skilled & Educated Workforce Program and associated projects shall be for a period of three years and administered by the Workforce Development Division of the Economic Development Department. ***The Workforce Development Division will evaluate the childcare scholarship project on an annual basis and make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners on the continuation of the project for future years.***

4. Amend the 6th BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED statement as follows:

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

ARP LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND (#21285)

FY 2021

Project: 100000003457 ARP Skilled and Educated Workforce
Bud Ref: 2021 Activity: GLB Analysis: GLB

Revenue

9010101-133095-610313	Federal Operating Grants	<u>\$5,424,000</u>
	<u>\$6,624,000</u>	
	Total Revenue	<u>\$5,424,000</u>
	<u>\$6,624,000</u>	

Expenditures

9010101-133095-731885	Supportive Services	<u>\$5,424,000</u>
	<u>\$6,624,000</u>	
	Total Expenditures	<u>\$5,424,000</u>
	<u>\$6,624,000</u>	

Seconded by Spisz.

Motion carried on a roll call vote with Markham voting no.

Main motion, as amended, carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Chairperson Miller indicated that this item will be placed on the Regular Agenda at the full board meeting. There were no objections.

OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.



Tracy Stolzenfeld, Committee Coordinator



Megan C. Sellers, Operations Supervisor

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.