

OAKLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS MINUTES

May 13, 2021

Meeting called to order by Caucus Chairperson Kristen Nelson at 5:05 p.m. via Videoconference.

Roll called.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Cavell from Ferndale in Oakland County, Charles from Southfield in Oakland County, Gershenson from Bloomfield Township in Oakland County, Jackson from Southfield 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, Nelson from Waterford Township in Oakland County, Powell from Pontiac in Oakland County, Woodward from Royal Oak in Oakland County. (11)

EXCUSED ABSENCE WITH NOTICE: None. (0)

Quorum present.

The following people addressed the Caucus during Public Comment: Melissa Williams, Katherine Kennedy and Anthony Williams.

Moved by McGillivray seconded by Luebs the minutes of the April 20, April 26 and April 29, 2021 Caucus be approved.

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

The members of the Caucus discussed the Board Agenda.

Commissioner Markham addressed the Caucus regarding Finance Committee item a. entitled: Information Technology – Lease Agreement with the City of Novi for Public Safety Communications System at 26300 Lee Begole Drive. She stated that the Sheriff's Office is renting tower space for the new communications system.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus to give a synopsis of the items on the Consent Agenda for the Legislative Affairs and Government Operation Committee.

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Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding 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.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Luebs provided an update on the Public Health and Safety Committee Consent Agenda items.

Discussion followed.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus and stated that she would like to postpone 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 until the next Board of Commissioners meeting.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus and stated that he would 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.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Miller addressed the Caucus to give an update on the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee items on the Agenda.

Commissioner Charles addressed the Caucus regarding Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee item c. entitled: MR #21174 – Board of Commissioner – Authorization of "OAKSTEM 2021" Street Tree Enhancement Matching Grant Pilot Program and explained how the program is designed to work.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Markham addressed the Caucus regarding Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee item d. entitled: MR #21177 – Board of Commissioners – Endorsement of Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Goals and Creation of Environmental Sustainability Evaluation Standards.

Commissioner Miller addressed the Caucus regarding Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee item i. entitled: MR #21135 – Board of Commissioners – Support for the U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021.

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Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee item j. entitled: Board of Commissioners – Appointments to the Job Evaluation Review Panel.

Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus to inform the Commissioners that there will be five proposed new miscellaneous resolutions introduced tonight.

Discussion followed.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding the American Rescue Plan.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Gershenson addressed the Caucus to let the Commissioners know that she, along with Commissioners Miller, Jackson, Nelson, Luebs and Charles are planning to host an informational session with Chris Ward, Deputy County Executive on the American Rescue Plan.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Jackson addressed the Caucus regarding the reorganization of the One Stop Shop. She stated that she would like to see Sean Carlson, Deputy County Executive scheduled to give a presentation about the reorganization to the full Board of Commissioners.

Discussion followed.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus to inform the Commissioners that there will be a Veterans CARE Package Giveaway held at the Southfield Public Library on Saturday, May 15th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and the most recent Treatment Court graduation will be held on May 19th.

The Caucus adjourned at 7:34 p.m. until May 26, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

LISA BROWN
Clerk

KRISTEN NELSON
Caucus Chairperson