



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Democratic Caucus Minutes

September 21, 2023 at 8:30 AM

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Janet Jackson called the meeting of the Democratic Caucus to order at 8:39 a.m. in BOC Committee Room A, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, Michigan 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Woodward, Kristen Nelson, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Marcia Gershenson, Janet Jackson, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Brendan Johnson, Ajay Raman (10)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Penny Luebs, Gary McGillivray, William Miller III (3)

3. Public Comment

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #1.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated September 14, 2023

Brendan Johnson moved **approval of the Minutes dated September 14, 2023, as presented.** Seconded by Ajay Raman.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (10-0-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Kristen Nelson, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Marcia Gershenson, Janet Jackson, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Brendan Johnson, Ajay Raman

No: None

Abstain: None

5. Discussion Items

David Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding Finance Committee item entitled: Fiscal Services - FY 2024 General Appropriations Act and 2024 County General Property Tax Rates. The following three amendments will be offered:

Township Special Assessment District (SAD) Road Repair Partnership with Road Commission for Oakland County

Animal Control License Fee Schedule

Suspension of Drain Fees Paid by Oakland County for the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC)

Discussion followed.

David Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding Performance Audits for vendors contracted with Oakland County.

Discussion followed.

Chair Janet Jackson addressed the Caucus regarding contractor management firms contracted by Oakland County.

Discussion followed.

David Woodward addressed the Caucus to inform the Commissioners that any contracts attached to the Budget Resolution will be approved by this vote unless removed prior to the vote.

Discussion followed.

David Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding the appointments to the County Board of Canvassers. He explained how the list of nominees is created and gave examples of questions asked on the questionnaire submitted to the nominees.

Discussion followed.

Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding New and Miscellaneous Business item entitled: Extending the Hybrid Work Policy. She stated that the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee has not received any official report on the success of the Hybrid Work Policy. This resolution will only extend the policy until October 31, 2023.

Discussion followed.

Charlie Cavell addressed the Caucus regarding Finance Committee item entitled: Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of the Greater Detroit Comedy Festival Presented by the City of Pontiac. He stated that he will abstain from this vote as he knows one of the festival organizers.

Ajay Raman addressed the Caucus to inform the Commissioners that healthcare benefits are changing for next year.

David Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding the following issues:

The Oakland County Transit Forum being held on September 29th at Waterford Oaks
Moving the date of the October Board of Commissioners meeting
The Detroit Institute of Arts property tax
Support of the UAW.

Discussion followed.

Chair Janet Jackson addressed the Caucus to remind the Commissioners of two

upcoming tours being offered to the Commissioners. The Oakland County International Airport tour will be on Friday, October 13th. The Clinton River Water Resources Recovery Facility tour is being offered on Monday, October 16th and Monday, October 26th.

6. Public Comment

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #2.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.