



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Democratic Caucus Minutes

February 29, 2024 at 5:00 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Chair called the meeting of the Democratic Caucus to order at 5:09 p.m. in Committee Room A, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Woodward, Penny Luebs, Kristen Nelson, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Marcia Gershenson, William Miller III, Charles Cavell, Brendan Johnson, Ajay Raman, Ann Erickson Gault, Linnie Taylor (12)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Yolanda Smith Charles (1)

3. Public Comment

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #1.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated February 7, 2024

William Miller moved **approval of the Minutes dated February 7, 2024, as presented**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

A sufficient majority voted in favor, the Minutes dated February 7, 2024, were approved as presented.

5. Discussion Items

Walt Herzig, Deputy Oakland County Executive, addressed the Caucus to introduce Brian Lefler, the nominee for Oakland County Chief Financial Officer.

Brian Lefler addressed the Caucus.

Discussion followed.

Brendan Johnson addressed the Caucus regarding Finance Committee item entitled: Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of the Farmington Bicentennial Timeline Public Art Installation.

Discussion followed.

Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee item entitled: Facilities Planning and Engineering - Owner Representative Services for Renovations to 31 E. Judson and 51111 Woodward in Pontiac.

Discussion followed.

David Woodward stated that he will be offering an amendment to the resolution.

Charlie Cavell addressed the Caucus regarding Public Health and Safety Committee item entitled: Sheriff's Office - Three Year Extension with Nye Uniform for Uniform Services.

Discussion followed.

Marcia Gershenson addressed the Caucus to suggest an updated training on contracts and budgets for the Commissioners.

Discussion followed.

Marcia Gershenson addressed the Caucus regarding the BOC Special Projects Budget and a volunteer corp for water testing of lakes. She stated that the Health Department may take over this testing. She also discussed the rescue of a 100 year old barn in Bloomfield Township.

William Miller addressed the Caucus to report on the National Association of Counties conference and stated that construction has begun on the Pontiac Skate Park project.

Gwen Markham addressed the Caucus regarding the regional review from SEMCOG. She stated that SEMCOG does have federal funding available for qualifying projects.

Discussion followed.

David Woodward addressed the Caucus about the need for a policy to establish rates for interlocal/intergovernmental agreements.

Chair Angela Powell addressed the Caucus to inform the Commissioners that there will be an extra Caucus meeting scheduled for March 12, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

David Woodward addressed the Caucus to inform the Commissioners that the State of the County address will take place on April 4, 2024, from Farmington Hills.

Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding the Affordable Connectivity Program for Oakland County.

Ajay Raman addressed the Caucus regarding the extra Caucus meeting scheduled for March 12, 2024.

Discussion followed.

Chair Angela Powell requested a more appropriate amount of warning time for extra

meetings.

Discussion followed.

6. Public Comment

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #2.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.