



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Democratic Caucus Minutes

April 11, 2024 at 5:00 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Angela Powell called the meeting of the Democratic Caucus to order at 5:03 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, Brendan Johnson, Charles Cavell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Ajay Raman, Ann Erickson Gault, Linnie Taylor (12)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: William Miller III (1)

3. Public Comment

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #1.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated March 12, 2024

Penny Luebs moved **approval of the Minutes dated March 12, 2024, as presented**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the Minutes dated March 12, 2024, were approved.

b. Board of Commissioners - dated March 14, 2024

Penny Luebs moved **approval of the Minutes dated March 14, 2024, as presented**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the Minutes dated March 14, 2024, were approved.

5. Discussion Items

Yolanda Smith Charles addressed the Caucus regarding Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee item entitled: Economic Development - Grant Agreement with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) for the Pontiac Redevelopment Grant. She informed the Caucus that this will be a fifty million dollar grant, and urged support for the resolution.

Discussion followed.

Marcia Gershenson addressed the Caucus regarding New and Miscellaneous Business item entitled: Sponsorship of Trinity Gun Disposal's 2024 Safe Surrender and Buyback Events.

David Woodward addressed the Caucus to inform the Commissioners that the next Board of Commissioners meeting has been rescheduled. It will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. He also discussed the White Lake Corridor Improvement Authority Plan and the Pontiac Project.

Discussion followed.

Gwen Markham addressed the Caucus to inform the Commissioners that the SEMCOG offices in Detroit will be available to them on April 25th, the first day of the NFL Draft.

Discussion followed.

James Ryan, Public Affairs Associates, addressed the Caucus to introduce Joe Recknagel, Assistant Athletic Trainer for the Detroit Lions.

Joe Recknagel, Assistant Athletic Trainer, Detroit Lions, addressed the Caucus.

Discussion followed.

Charlie Cavell addressed the Caucus to give an update on the progress of the 2024 County Commission Policy priorities list. Other Commissioners spoke on various work groups' discussions, including Commissioners Gershenson (gun safety), Erickson Gault (democracy), and Nelson and Raman (parks).

Discussion followed.

6. Public Comment

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #2.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.