



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Democratic Caucus Minutes

September 19, 2024 at 8:30 AM

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Angela Powell called the meeting of the Democratic Caucus to order at 8:38 AM in Committee Room A, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Woodward, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Marcia Gershenson, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Brendan Johnson, Ann Erickson Gault, Linnie Taylor (11)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Ajay Raman, Kristen Nelson (2)

3. Public Comment

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #1.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated September 5, 2024

William Miller III moved **approval of the Minutes Approval of Minutes dated September 5, 2024, as presented.** Seconded by Brendan Johnson.

Motion Passed.

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

5. Discussion Items

Commissioner Johnson addressed the Caucus regarding Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee item entitled: Office of Sustainability - Donation of Surplus County Office Supplies Pilot Program.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Markham addressed the Caucus regarding Board of Commissioners - Public Hearing - FY 2025 – 2027 Oakland County Budget and thanked everyone for their hard work.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding amendments being offered to

Finance Committee item entitled: Executive's Office - FY 2025 – 2027 Oakland County Recommended Budget. He stated that there are 3 amendments for road repair programs and 1 amendment for the CEED Small Business Program.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Luebs addressed the Caucus regarding Public Health and Safety Committee item entitled: Sheriff's Office - Acceptance of Donation for Two Support Canine Dogs - Maggie and Chip and the item entitled: Sheriff's Office - Grant Acceptance from the State of Michigan for the FY 2025 Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) Program.

Discussion followed

Commissioner Luebs addressed the Caucus regarding Public Health and Safety Committee item entitled: Health & Human Services - Neighborhood and Housing Development - Amendment #1 to the Unlocking Doors Oakland County Policy and Reduce the Allocated American Rescue Plan Local Coronavirus Recovery Funds as well as the item entitled: Health & Human Services - Neighborhood and Housing Development - Reallocation of American Rescue Plan Act - Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for Emergency Shelter Capacity and Operations.

Discussion followed.

Khadija Walker-Fobbs, Oakland County Neighborhood and Housing Development Officer addressed the Caucus regarding information on shelter operations and their immediate needs.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Spisz addressed the Caucus regarding an amendment he will introduce to approve a reallocation of the American Rescue Plan Act – Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the amount of \$100,000 to Oakland Hope Food Pantry.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Gingell addressed the Caucus to discuss an amendment he will introduce regarding Finance Committee item entitled: FY 2025 General Appropriations Act and 2025 County General Property Tax Rates.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Johnson addressed the Caucus regarding Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee item entitled: Human Resources - Hybrid Work Policy Amendment.

Discussion followed.

Chair Angela Powell informed the Caucus that she attended the Congressional Black Caucus Conference. She announced she has been elected to the Board of NOBCO, The

National Organization of Black County Officials.

Chair Angela Powell addressed the Caucus to review the Caucus Memo of announcements.

6. Public Comment

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #2.

7. Adjournment

The meeting recessed at 9:48 AM and adjourned at 12:00 noon.