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CHARTER COUNTY OF WAYNE
STATE OF MICHIGAN
NO. 18

Commission Chambers, Mezzanine, Guardian Building, Detroit, MI and online via Zoom.us

Thursday, September 3, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

The Commission was called to order by the Chair of the Commission, Alisha R. Bell, at 10:14 a.m.

The roll of the Commission was requested by Pamela Fordham, Acting Clerk:

Ahmad	- present	Killeen	- present	Scott	- present
Anderson	- excused	Kinloch	- present	Wilson	- present
Clemente	- present	Marecki	- excused	Baydoun	- present
Daub	- present	Baker McCormick	- present	Palamara	- present
Garza	- present	Peterson-Mayberry	- present	Bell	- present

13 present, a quorum

III. INVOCATION

Chair Bell called upon Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, who introduced Father Halim Shukair, Priest-in-Charge, Christ Episcopal Church, Dearborn, and Mother of the Savior Church:

“Father God, thank you for the gentle reminder that we do not walk alone. Your love surrounds us, and Your hand upholds us. Quiet our anxious thoughts and replace them with peace. Help us to see today as a gift and to walk through it with confidence in Your care. Grant us wisdom, clear minds, and open hearts to Your guidance. Help us to listen with respect, speak with kindness, and work together for Your glory. May all that we do be pleasing to You and beneficial to the citizens of Wayne County. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

IV. READING, CORRECTING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, supported by Vice-Chair Palamara, moved approval of the Journal for the meeting held on August 20, 2026.

The Commissioners voted as follows:

Yea -- Commissioners Ahmad, Clemente, Daub, Garza, Killeen, Kinloch, Baker McCormick, Peterson-Mayberry, Scott, Wilson, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 13
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Absent -- Commissioners Anderson, Marecki -- 2

At this point in the proceedings, Char Bell allowed remarks from Commissioner Baker McCormick who requested that her remarks from the August 20, 2026 Full Commission meeting be included in the Journal. The remarks were as follows:

“Madam Chair, thank you for allowing me the time to place this important matter on the record. I respectfully ask that I be allowed to complete my remarks without interruption. This is an important issue, and I believe my colleagues deserve to hear the full context.

I recently sat down with Commissioner Wilson, and I appreciate him taking the time to understand why I am fighting so hard for our young people. For me, it is very simple: **I love our young people, and I want them to have the opportunity to thrive—not simply survive.**

This has been the work of my entire adult life. Before I became a Commissioner, I was a parent leader and PTA president. When I became a Commissioner, I brought that same commitment to this body. For nearly eight years, we built a Youth Council that gave young people an opportunity to learn government, participate in civic engagement, develop leadership skills and, most importantly, have a voice.

I was told that one of the concerns surrounding youth programming was the Washington, D.C. trip in 2025. So I want to put something on the record.

Commission Counsel, Ms. Johnson, did your office send a letter to the parents of the youth regarding their participation in the Washington, D.C. trip?

If the answer is yes:

Thank you. That letter made clear that the students could attend only in their personal capacity and that I would participate only in my personal capacity. Parents were informed. Permission forms were signed. The students traveled. They visited the Smithsonian, participated in the National Association of Counties conference, met county leaders from across the country and advocated for the creation of a national youth council.

These young people weren't simply sightseeing. **They were learning democracy by participating in it.** They talked about mental health, gun violence, economic opportunity, food and water insecurity and the issues affecting young people in their communities. Their parents supported them. The students were proud. And I am proud that they had that opportunity.

So I have repeatedly asked a simple question: **What specific rule or law did I violate?** I have asked for the rule. I have asked for the policy. I have asked for documented wrongdoing. I have yet to be shown one. When this Commission eliminated the Countywide Youth Council in 2025, I accepted that decision. I moved forward. I continued serving young people through my own office because **you cannot tell me what the needs of my district are, just as I cannot tell you what the needs of yours are.**

And that is why this proposed policy concerns me.

Today it may be my youth program. Tomorrow it could be a veteran program, a senior program, a neighborhood initiative or another service that your constituents need.

Our districts are different. Our constituents are different. Our needs are different. That is why we were elected by individual districts.

And we have to ask ourselves: Why are we creating barriers to proactive youth programming when Wayne County spends hundreds of millions of dollars dealing with youth problems after they occur?

I believe we should be investing earlier—in leadership, mentoring, civic engagement and opportunity.

We should not eliminate the opportunity and then spend millions responding to the consequences. So I am asking my colleagues to look beyond me personally. Do the right thing for our youth. This is not about Monique Baker McCormick. It is about the independence of every Commissioner and the future of every young person in Wayne County.

Please vote **NO** on these restrictions of a one-time-youth event each year, our youth deserve more and need more resources not less, **vote no** on rules that restrict office budgets to be used for youth programs in our districts and send these rules back to committee so we can work together to make them fair, reasonable and workable for every district.

We may disagree about the method, but I hope we can agree on the mission: our young people deserve opportunity. They deserve a voice. And they deserve us to fight for them.” *(Remarks provided in writing)*

V. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

“I just want to note that, back in 2020, when we were going through COVID, we were very accommodating for members and the public who could not come down to the chambers for obvious reasons. We began meeting by Zoom, and that was important to make sure that the work of the County was continuing to happen. And as we worked with Zoom, we also began recording the meetings. We had not done that prior to COVID. And then, as we got out of COVID, we continued to use Zoom to record our meetings. However, as you all know, that meetings have not taken to Zoom and not been recorded, and then, you know, we've had instances where we've been hacked as well, and we've had some obscene items come through our meetings. So, those things happen with technology,

unfortunately. But rest assured that our staff always takes great notes, as they did prior to COVID and then after COVID, to make sure that everything that happens in our meetings are accurately recorded and put into the minutes. So, even though we do have the technology to record, it's a courtesy, but we have our staff that takes notes to make sure that we have accuracy in our meeting minutes."

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Acting Clerk advised that there was none.

VII. OFFERING OF ALL PETITIONS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Acting Clerk advised that there were none

VIII. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

At this point in the proceedings, Chair Bell informed the audience that items are thoroughly vetted in committees and come to the full Commission for final disposition.

A. Report from the COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

1. Forwarding without recommendation, communications from Flannery Georgalis, LLC, on behalf of the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) concerning its fact-finding investigation of a DWIHN board member and requesting the Commission in its capacity as the appointing authority review the board member's conduct and take any action deemed appropriate under applicable governing authorities. (2026-69-048)

Chair Bell allowed remarks by Kenya Ruth at this time.

Commissioner Garza, supported by Commissioner Wilson, moved to remove Kenya Ruth as a DWIHN board member, and adoption of the resolution.

There being no discussion, Chair Bell requested a vote to adopt the resolution, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted as follows:

Yea -- Commissioners Ahmad, Clemente, Daub, Garza, Killeen, Kinloch, Peterson-Mayberry, Scott, Wilson, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 12
Nay -- None
Abstain -- Commissioner Baker McCormick -- 1
Not Voting -- None
Absent -- Commissioners Anderson, Marecki -- 2

[Resolution No. 2026-621]

B. Report from the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES:

1. Recommending approval of Amendment No. 1 to a three-year professional services contract with a two-year option to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and Rogue Industrial Services, LLC (of Bloomfield Hills) not to exceed \$1,000,000, changing the option to renew to two, one-year options and exercising the first option to renew, to continue providing catch basin cleanout, jetting of storm sewer piping, blockage removal and disposal of non-hazardous sludge and liquids to a Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy-approved facility on an as-needed basis; per the total contract amount, it will subcontract 4.17%/\$75,000 to LJ, Inc. (of Swartz Creek) for catch basin cleaning; the term is from April 20, 2026 through April 19, 2027; the term of the original contract was from April 20, 2023 through April 19, 2026; the total amount is increased from \$800,000 to \$1,800,000; the cost will be charged to Account No. 20101 449060 8170010 (DPS Road Maintenance Repair). (2023-33-011M1)

Firm: Rogue Industrial Services, LLC
Address: 1250 Fox Chase Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301
Contact: Scott Gilliam (313) 468-8888

2. Recommending approval of an intergovernmental agreement between the Charter County of Wayne and the Charter Township of Redford not to exceed \$105,048 for improvements to Handy and Claude Allison parks; the Executive's Office advises that funding for this project is identified in the Fiscal Years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Commission's park millage allocations; the term will commence upon Commission approval through September 30, 2028; the cost will be charged to Account No. 20801 449350 8170010 (DPS Parks Millage Capital Improv). (2026-60-051)
3. Recommending approval of an intergovernmental agreement between the Charter County of Wayne and the Charter Township of Brownstown not to exceed \$700,000 for a Local Paving Initiative Program; the Executive's Office advises that concrete repair is needed on various roads due to joint failures, spalling and alkali silica reaction; the term will commence upon Commission approval through September 30, 2030; the cost will be charged to Account No. 20101 449070 8180010 (DPS Road Administration). (2026-30-045)
4. Recommending approval of a contract between the Charter County of Wayne and the Michigan Department of Transportation in the estimated amount of \$3,019,095 for road improvements along Greenfield Road from Ford Road/M-153 to Warren Road in the cities of Dearborn and Detroit; the Executive's Office advises that funding will consist of \$2,471,129 in Federal STP-U Funds, \$119,123 from the City of Dearborn, \$119,123 from the City of Detroit and the County will contribute \$309,720; the term will commence upon Commission approval through September 30, 2030; the revenue will be deposited into Account Nos. 20101 449050 5110250 (\$2,471,129 Fed STP-U Funds), 20101 449050 5830010 (\$119,123 City of Dearborn) and 20101 449050 5830010 (\$119,123 City of Detroit); the cost will be charged to Account Nos. 20101 449080 9710100 (\$2,625,300 Construction Cost) and 20101 449080 7020010 (\$393,795 Construction Engineering Cost). (2026-30-043)
5. Recommending approval of a contract between the Charter County of Wayne and the Michigan Department of Transportation in the estimated amount of \$1,082,219, with no County match, for preliminary engineering of the Pennsylvania Road grade separation at the CSX Railroad crossing in Huron Township and the City of Romulus; the Executive's Office advises that funding will consist of \$865,775 in Federal Earmark Funds, \$63,288 from the Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corporation, \$76,578 from Huron Township and \$76,578 from the City of Romulus; the term will commence upon Commission approval through September 30, 2029; the revenue will be deposited into Account Nos. 20101 449050 5110250 (\$865,775 Fed Funds), 20101 449050 5830010 (\$63,288 Aerotropolis), 20101 449080 9710100 (\$76,578 Huron Twp) and 20101 449080 9710100 (\$76,578 City of

Romulus); the cost will be charged to Account No. 20101 449080 9710100 (\$1,082,219 Fed Earmark Funds Const Costs). (2026-30-048)

6. Recommending approval of a three-year professional services contract with a one-year option to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and Alfred Benesch & Company (of Detroit) not to exceed \$236,766.78 for construction engineering services for the rehabilitation of approximately 0.97 miles of Allen Road between King and Sibley roads in Brownstown Township; the Procurement Division advises that eight responses were received in response to 1,093 direct solicitations and a 28-day posting on BidNetDirect.com; after review, the Procurement Division recommends award to Alfred Benesch & Company as receiving the highest evaluation score and meeting the qualifications; it will subcontract 4.83%/\$11,440.19 to Hennessey Engineers (of Southgate) for materials testing and surveying; the term will commence upon Commission approval for three years; the cost will be charged to Account No. 20101 449080 8010100 (DPS Engineering Construction). (2026-30-041)

Firm: Alfred Benesch & Company
Address: 1155 Brewery Park Boulevard, Suite 240, Detroit, MI 48207
Contact: Colin Forbes (313) 234-0326

7. Recommending approval of a three-year sole-source professional services contract between the Charter County of Wayne and MacAllister Machinery, Co., Inc. dba Michigan CAT (of Novi) not to exceed \$2,200,000 to provide original equipment manufacturer Caterpillar equipment and repairs on an as-needed basis; the term is from October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2029; the cost will be charged to Account Nos. 20101 449000 7450010 (\$1,500,000 DPS Equipment Inventory) and 20101 449000 9330000 (\$700,000 DPS Equipment Inventory). (2026-17-017)

Firm: MacAllister Machinery, Co., Inc. dba Michigan CAT
Address: 24800 Novi Road, Novi, MI 48375
Contact: Michael Gramlich (734) 479-5800

8. Recommending approval of a four-year sole-source professional services contract between the Charter County of Wayne and Spartan Turf Products, LLC (of Elm Grove, WI) not to exceed \$500,000 to provide original equipment manufacturer Toro mower replacement parts and repairs on an as-needed basis; the term is from December 1, 2026 through November 30, 2030; the cost will be charged to Account Nos. 20101 449000 7450010 (\$300,000 DPS Equipment Inventory) and 20101 449000 9330000 (\$200,000 DPS Equipment Inventory). (2026-17-028)

Firm: Spartan Turf Products, LLC
Address: 13400 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove, WI 53122
Contact: Rob Rumptz (248) 373-8800

9. Recommending approval of a three-year sole-source professional services contract between the Charter County of Wayne and AIS Construction Equipment Corporation (of Grand Rapids) not to exceed \$500,000 to provide original equipment manufacturer Gradall parts and repairs, on an as-needed basis; the term is from October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2029; the cost will be charged to Account Nos. 20101 449000 7450010 (\$300,000 DPS Equipment Inventory) and 20101 449000 9330000 (\$200,000 DPS Equipment Inventory). (2026-17-023)

Firm: AIS Construction Equipment Corporation
Address: 600 44th Street Southwest, Grand Rapids, MI 49548
Contact: Greg Doyal (248) 437-8121

Note: Approval is contingent upon an amendment to the contract language regarding pricing.

Vice-Chair Palamara, supported by Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, moved approval of foregoing Report B, and adoption of the nine resolutions.

There being no discussion, Chair Bell requested a vote to adopt the resolutions, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted as follows:

Yea -- Commissioners Ahmad, Clemente, Daub, Garza, Killeen, Kinloch, Baker McCormick, Peterson-Mayberry, Scott, Wilson, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 13

Nay -- None

Abstain -- None

Not Voting -- None

Absent -- Commissioners Anderson, Marecki -- 2

[Resolution Nos. 2026-622 through 2026-630]

Commissioner Garza requested to be the Maker of the Motion on Report B, Items 3 and 6.

Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun requested to be the Maker of the Motion on Report B, Item 4.

Commissioner Wilson requested to be the Maker of the Motion on Report B, Item 5.

C. Report from the COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS:

1. Recommending receive and file of a report on all County-owned vehicles that are being taken home, used outside of Wayne County, the reason the vehicles are being taken home and used outside of Wayne County and comparing the results from Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to Fiscal Year 2025-2026 from the Department of Public Services, pursuant to Enrolled Ordinance No. 2025-659, page 20, item 8. (2026-17-031)
2. Recommending receive and file of a notice from the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority regarding the 2026 ad valorem tax, in accordance with Section 7 of Public Act 147 of 1939. (2026-69-056)
3. Recommending approval of a resolution to levy the County's full, Headlee-reduced, current maximum, statutorily- and voter-authorized millage rate line items upon the Winter 2026 (December 1, 2026) tax rolls of the forty-three Wayne County cities and townships at the aggregate rate of 2.1354 mills, as enumerated in specific detail upon the Michigan Department of Treasury Form L-4029 (614) – 2026 Tax Rate Request: Millage Request Report to County Board of Commissioners. (2026-34-010)
4. Recommending approval of a proposed amendment to the 2025-2026 Appropriations Ordinance (Enrolled Ordinance No. 2025-659) in accordance with Budget Adjustment No. 2026-35-080 reallocating expenditures in the amount of \$10,000 in the County Health Fund (221); the Executive's Office advises that the budget adjustment submitted on behalf of Health, Human and Veterans Services Department serves to reallocate funds from Miscellaneous Professional Services to Miscellaneous Operating. (2026-35-080)
5. Recommending approval of a proposed amendment to the 2025-2026 Appropriations Ordinance (Enrolled Ordinance No. 2025-659) in accordance with Budget Adjustment No. 2026-35-097 reallocating expenditures in the amount of \$100,000 in the Juvenile Justice Abuse/Neglect Fund (292); the Executive's Office advises that the budget adjustment submitted on behalf of the Juvenile and Youth Services Department serves to reallocate

funds needed for the construction project on the 20th floor of the Guardian Building. (2026-35-097)

6. Recommending approval of a proposed amendment to the 2025-2026 Appropriations Ordinance (Enrolled Ordinance No. 2025-659) in accordance with Budget Adjustment No. 2026-35-085 certifying revenue in the amount of \$2,719,539 in the County Health Fund (221); the Executive's Office advises that the budget adjustment submitted on behalf of Health, Human and Veterans Services Department serves to certify funds for the Federally Qualified Health Center Health Resources and Services Administration Grant for the term of June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027. (2026-35-085)

Commissioner Kinloch, supported by Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, moved approval of foregoing Report C, and adoption of the three resolutions and three ordinances.

There being no discussion, **Chair Bell requested a vote to adopt the resolutions and ordinances, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted as follows:**

Yea -- Commissioners Ahmad, Clemente, Daub, Garza, Killeen, Kinloch, Baker McCormick, Peterson-Mayberry, Scott, Wilson, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 13
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Absent -- Commissioners Anderson, Marecki -- 2

[Resolution Nos. 2026-631 through 2026-633 and Ordinance Nos. 2026-634 through 2026-636]

D. Report from the COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:

1. Recommending approval of retroactive Amendment No. 5 to a two-year comparable-source contract with three, one-year options to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and Spectrum Juvenile Justice Services (of Highland Park) not to exceed \$18,461,335, exercising the third option to renew, amending the scope, and to continue providing secure detention and residential treatment services for juvenile offenders; per the amendment amount, it will subcontract 2.67%/\$492,992 to Kyle Smith (of Beverly Hills) for child psychiatric care, assessment and consultation, 1.59%/\$292,784.63 to Curtis Longs (Behavioral Associates) (of Southfield) for child psychiatric care, assessment and consultation, 0.26%/\$47,250 to Marvin Wheeler (of Redford Township) for a barber and 1.07%/\$196,875 to Angela Eburche (of Bingham Farms) for a nurse practitioner; the term is from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; the term of the original contract and previous amendments was from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026; the total amount is increased from \$54,397,468.40 to \$72,858,803.40; the cost will be charged to Account No. 29201 356370 8170010 (JYS JUV Comm Based Service). (2022-06-006M5)

Firm: Spectrum Juvenile Justice Services
Address: 1961 Lincoln, Highland Park, MI 48203
Contact: Rachel Janiga (313) 868-8300

Commissioner Scott, supported by Commissioner Killeen, moved approval of foregoing Report D, and adoption of the resolution.

There being no discussion, **Chair Bell requested a vote to adopt the resolution, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted as follows:**

Yea -- Commissioners Ahmad, Clemente, Daub, Garza, Killeen, Kinloch, Baker McCormick, Peterson-Mayberry, Scott, Wilson, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 13
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Absent -- Commissioners Anderson, Marecki -- 2

[Resolution No. 2026-637]

E. Report from the COMMITTEE ON AUDIT:

1. Recommending receive and file of the Office of Legislative Auditor General's Financial Assessment – Limited Review report for the Wayne County Land Bank Corporation audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025. (2026-57-903)
2. Recommending receive and file of the Office of Legislative Auditor General's Financial Assessment – Limited Review Report for the HealthChoice of Michigan audited financial statements for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2025, and 2024. (2026-57-904)

Commissioner Daub, supported by Commissioner Peterson-Mayberry, moved approval of foregoing Report E, and adoption of the two resolutions.

There being no discussion, **Chair Bell requested a vote to adopt the resolutions, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted as follows:**

Yea -- Commissioners Ahmad, Clemente, Daub, Garza, Killeen, Kinloch, Baker McCormick, Peterson-Mayberry, Scott, Wilson, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 13
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Absent -- Commissioners Anderson, Marecki -- 2

[Resolution Nos. 2026-638 and 2026-639]

F. Report from the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, JUDICIARY AND HOMELAND SECURITY:

1. Recommending receive and file of a report comparing the results from Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 to FY 2025-2026 on all County-owned vehicles under the Sheriff's authority that are being taken home, used outside of Wayne County and municipality location, and the reason the vehicles are being taken home and used outside of Wayne County from the Sheriff's Office, pursuant to Enrolled Ordinance No. 2025-659, page 14, item 2. (2026-69-063)

2. Recommending approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Fiscal Year 2022 Sexual Assault Kit Initiative grant agreement between the Charter County of Wayne and the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, with no change in the dollar amount, extending the term to continue funding the cost of seven full-time Wayne County Sexual Assault Kit Task Force detectives; the term is extended through September 30, 2027; the term of the original agreement and previous amendment is from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2026; the total amount remains \$1,500,000, with no County match; the revenue will continue to be deposited into Account No. 10110 228040 5290000 (SAKI 2022). (2023-93-001M2)
3. Recommending approval of Amendment No. 2 to a two-year grant agreement between the Charter County of Wayne and the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, with no change in the dollar amount, extending the term for the Fiscal Year 2023 Upholding the Rule of Law and Preventing Wrongful Convictions Program Grant Award that funds two Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys, maintenance/upgrade of the Conviction Integrity Unit's database and the costs of conducting a sentinel review in the Prosecutor's Office; the term is extended through September 30, 2027; the term of the original agreement and previous amendment is from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026; the total amount remains \$599,988, with no County match; the revenue will continue to be deposited into Account No. 10110 228070 5290000 (Preventing Wrongful Conviction). (2024-93-001M2)
4. Recommending ratification of the Chair's exigent approval of a Fiscal Year 2025 and Fiscal Year 2026 Local Prosecutor Support grant agreement between the Charter County of Wayne and the Michigan Department of Treasury, Revenue Sharing and Grants Division, in the amount of \$13,141,432, with no County match, to support hiring of assistant prosecuting attorneys, detectives, victim advocates and support staff for the Prosecutor's Office to reduce staff caseloads; the Fiscal Year 2025 term is from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2029 and the Fiscal Year 2026 term is from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2030; the revenue will be deposited into Account No. 10110 228120 5690010 (High Crime Community Support). (2026-93-013)

Note: Chair Bell granted exigent approval on August 6, 2026.

5. Recommending approval of a grant agreement between the Charter County of Wayne and the Michigan Department of State Police, Emergency Management & Homeland Security Division, in the amount of \$121,875, with no County match, for the Fiscal Year 2025 Homeland Security Grant Program-Operation Stonegarden grant; the Executive's Office advises that the County receives federal pass-through funds to enhance coordination among agencies to secure the United States-Canada border; the term is from September 1, 2025 through July 31, 2028; the revenue will be deposited into Account No. 10110 426030 5290000 (HMLS Stone Garden Grant). (2026-02-016)
6. Recommending approval of an interlocal funding agreement between the Charter County of Wayne and Macomb County not to exceed \$953,957 to allow for reimbursement of Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management expenses under the 2025 Homeland Security Grant Program; the Executive's Office advises that the funding includes Urban Area Security Initiative grant funding of \$919,447 and State Homeland Security Program grant funding of \$34,510, with no match for either amount; the term begins upon the latter of the approval of the Wayne County Commission and the Macomb County Board of Commissioners and ends May 31, 2031, and the grant expense period is from September 1, 2025 through May 31, 2028; the revenue will be deposited into Account No. 10110 426380 5290000 (2024 UASI). (2026-02-018)

Commissioner Garza, supported by Commissioner Peterson-Mayberry, moved approval of foregoing Report F, and adoption of the six resolutions.

There being no discussion, **Chair Bell requested a vote to adopt the resolutions, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted as follows:**

Yea -- Commissioners Ahmad, Clemente, Daub, Garza, Killeen, Kinloch, Baker McCormick, Peterson-Mayberry, Scott, Wilson, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 13
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Absent -- Commissioners Anderson, Marecki -- 2

[Resolution Nos. 2026-640 through 2026-645)

G. Report from the COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS:

1. Recommending receive and file of a detailed report regarding the County's Tech Refresh Initiative, including the current implemented Tech Refreshes, the projected completion timeline and the total cost of the Initiative from the Department of Information Technology, pursuant to Enrolled Ordinance No. 2025-659, page 39, item 2. (2026-53-063)
2. Recommending approval of Amendment No. 9 to a five-year contract between the Charter County of Wayne and Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. (of Troy) in the amount of \$6,004,025.09 to pay for property, commercial general liability, excess commercial general liability, pollution liability (underground storage tanks), excess workers' compensation, commercial crime and commercial property (movable bridges) insurance policy premiums; the term of the insurance policies is from July 1, 2026 through July 1, 2027; the term of the contract remains from May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2027; the total contract not-to-exceed amount is increased from \$28,715,774.19 to \$34,719,799.28; the cost will be charged to Account Nos. 67704 857040 9110040 (\$3,350,791.86 Self Ins General Liability), 67704 857040 9110030 (\$2,585,921 Self Ins General Liability) and 20101 449000 9110040 (\$67,312.23 DPS Equipment Inventory). (2022-38-002M9)

Firm: Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.
Address: 1050 Wilshire Drive, Suite 210, Troy, MI 48084
Contact: Justin Swarbrick (248) 205-2931

3. Recommending approval of retroactive Amendment No. 4 to a two-year legal services agreement between the Charter County of Wayne and Plunkett Cooney, P.C. (of Bloomfield Hills) not to exceed \$150,000 in the Nicole Harris, et al. v Wayne County and Corporal Terri Graham matter (U.S. District Court Case No.: 2:2023-cv-10986); the term remains from May 16, 2023 through May 15, 2027; the total amount is increased from \$285,000 to \$435,000; the cost will be charged to Account No. 10110 351010 8010150 (WCSO County Jail). (2023-40-053M4)

Firm: Plunkett Cooney, P.C.
Address: 38505 Woodward Avenue, Suite 100, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304
Contact: Audrey J. Forbush (810) 342-7014

4. Recommending approval of Amendment No. 5 to a two-year legal services agreement between the Charter County of Wayne and Zausmer, P.C. (of Farmington Hills) not to exceed \$70,000 to continue to provide legal consultation and representation in the Toxic Waste Matters case; the term remains from August 26, 2024 through August 25, 2027; the total amount is increased from \$735,000 to \$805,000; the cost will be charged to Account No. 10101 266010 8010150 (CorpC Legal Division). (2024-40-054M5)

Firm: Zausmer, P.C.
Address: 32255 Northwestern Highway, Suite 225, Farmington Hills, MI 48334
Contact: Michael L. Caldwell (248) 851-4111

Commissioner Clemente, supported by Commissioner Wilson, moved approval of foregoing Report G, and adoption of the four resolutions.

There being no discussion, **Chair Bell requested a vote to adopt the resolutions, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted as follows:**

Yea -- Commissioners Ahmad, Clemente, Daub, Garza, Killeen, Kinloch, Baker McCormick, Peterson-Mayberry, Scott, Wilson, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 13
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Absent -- Commissioners Anderson, Marecki -- 2

[Resolution Nos. 2026-646 through 2026-649)

At this point in the proceedings, the Commission moved to addenda item X.A.1.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Immediate Consideration

1. Communication dated August 19, 2026 (received September 2nd) requesting Commission approval of a development and loan agreement between the Charter County of Wayne and Wesson Avenue Apartments Limited Dividend Housing Association LLC (of Detroit) not to exceed \$1,400,000 for the construction of six County-funded units out of a 32-unit permanent supportive housing residential structure located at 5850 Michigan Avenue in Detroit for County residents experiencing chronic homelessness; the Executive's Office advises that Southwest Housing Solutions Corporation dba MiSide Housing is the project manager for the development; it will subcontract 100%/\$1,400,000 to O'Brien Construction Company (of Bloomfield Township) for construction of the building and parking lot; the term will commence upon Commission approval and shall remain in effect until the expiration of the HOME Affordability Period (20 years after project completion) and the Extended Commitment Period (repayment of the loan in full or 30 years after the HOME Affordability Period); the cost will be charged to Account Nos. 25101 691180 9541739 (\$1,394,936 Home Projects PY 18) and 25101 691220 9541739 (\$5,064 Home Projects PY 22). (2026-97-062)

Firm: Wesson Avenue Apartments Limited Dividend Housing Association LLC
Address: 3627 West Vernor Highway, Detroit, MI 48216
Contact: Timothy Thorland (313) 297-1323

Commissioner Clemente, supported by Vice-Chair Palamara, moved approval of foregoing item X. A, No. 1., and adoption of the resolution.

Following discussion among Commissioners with Betsy Palazzola, Kelly Vickers, Timothy Thorland and Felicia Johnson, **Chair Bell requested a vote to adopt the resolution, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted as follows:**

Yea -- Commissioners Ahmad, Clemente, Daub, Garza, Killeen, Kinloch, Baker McCormick, Peterson-Mayberry, Scott, Wilson, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 13

Nay -- None

Abstain -- None

Not Voting -- None

Absent -- Commissioners Anderson, Marecki -- 2

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2. Communication dated August 24, 2026 (received August 24th) requesting Commission approval of a request from Commissioner Baker McCormick for the full Commission to authorize independent outside counsel. (2026-66-052)

Commissioner Baker McCormick moved approval of foregoing item X.A, No. 2. There being no support, the motion failed.

At the request of Commissioner Baker McCormick, the following remarks were added to the record:

“Chair Bell and Colleagues,

Thank you, Chair, for allowing me to address the Commission regarding my formal request for independent outside counsel.

Before I begin, I want the record to reflect that my staff is recording my comments today, and I respectfully request that my comments be entered into and preserved in the Commission Journal.

I am making this request for a specific reason.

While reviewing the Commission Journals from the meetings concerning the elimination of the Civic Youth Council and my objections to those actions, I found that my opposition and the objections I raised are not reflected in the official Journal.

Even more concerning, I was informed by the Commission Clerk three days ago that the recording of the August 20, 2026 full-board meeting—during which I again publicly stated my objections to the elimination of youth programming—is unavailable or does not exist.

I am not alleging that anyone intentionally destroyed, removed, or withheld that recording. However, when my objections are not reflected in the official Journal, and the recording that would otherwise document what I stated publicly cannot be produced, I believe it is especially important that I clearly and formally place my position on the record today.

I am also formally requesting the preservation of all remaining records, documents, communications, and recordings concerning the July 28 Rules Committee meeting and the August 20 full-board proceedings.

Now, why am I requesting independent outside counsel?

For more than two years, I have requested independent legal review of matters directly affecting my office, my constituents, and the Civic Youth Council. I appreciate that this request is now before the full Commission.

But respectfully, this is something that should have been resolved before we reached this point.

Commission Counsel has stated that her office represents all Commissioners in their official capacities. At the same time, I have repeatedly challenged legal interpretations issued by that office concerning matters directly affecting my office and my programs.

Most recently, on August 19, Commission Counsel stated in writing that an individual Commissioner cannot create a “program or group, such as the Civic Youth Council.”

That statement is significant because I was the Commissioner operating the established Civic Youth Council.

Therefore, when measures were adopted by this Commission on August 20 that prohibit recurring district youth programming, restrict the use of resources and fundraising, and establish enforcement mechanisms, those measures directly affect my office and the Civic Youth Council program that I had already established and was operating.

That is precisely why I am asking for a neutral and independent legal assessment.

I am not asking Commission Counsel to agree with me.

I am not asking this Commission to simply accept my interpretation of the law over hers.

I am asking for neither side to grade its own paper.

Before the August 20 vote, an independent attorney selected by this Commission could have reviewed these issues and provided a neutral legal opinion.

Instead, the same legal office whose interpretations I had challenged continued to advise on the controversy and the underlying legal questions.

Now, after the rules have been adopted, we are still asking questions that should have been answered beforehand.

So, I want to place four specific questions on the record:

First: Does my October 1 meeting with the Civic Youth Council qualify as the permitted single-day youth activity, even though that meeting begins the previously established 2026–2027 Civic Youth Council year?

Second: If the August 20 restrictions apply to a program that was established and actively recruiting students before August 20, what is the legal authority for applying those newly adopted restrictions to that existing program?

Third: What specific law prohibits an individual Commissioner from using otherwise authorized office resources for lawful, recurring civic, educational, or leadership programming for youth constituents?

Fourth: What legal authority permits the Chairperson and Administrative Leadership Group to determine and impose financial or administrative consequences against an elected Commissioner, and how does that authority interact with the Commission's existing Ethics Ordinance and the authority of the Ethics Board?

These are serious legal questions.

They deserve an independent and neutral legal assessment—not an interpretation solely from the County's legal office when that office's position is itself part of the dispute.

Therefore, I am formally requesting that outside counsel of my choice be selected from the County's approved list of law firms to provide an impartial legal opinion on these matters.

Commissioners, I want to be very clear: approving independent counsel does not mean taking my side.

It means ensuring that all of us have confidence in the legal answer.

When there is a genuine legal disagreement involving an elected official, the Commission, and the interpretation of rules that directly affect the official's office and programs, independent review protects everyone—this Commission, the Commissioners individually, the administration, and ultimately the taxpayers of Wayne County.

We could have done this a year ago.

Let's do it now.

And again, I respectfully request that these comments be entered into the Commission Journal **word for word and in their entirety**. A copy of my prepared remarks has also been provided to the Commission Clerk.

Thank you, Chair." *(Remarks provided in writing)*

At this point in the proceedings, the Commission returned to agenda item IX.

IX. UPCOMING MEETINGS

In Hearing Room 704, unless otherwise specified:

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES

Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON WAY AND MEANS

Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 12:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 1:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, JUDICIARY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 12:00 p.m.

WAYNE COUNTY WOMEN'S COMMISSION

Thursday, September 10, 2026, 12:00 p.m. via Zoom

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, September 15, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

At this point in the proceedings, the Commission returned to Item X. B.

B. Testimonial Resolutions and Certificates of Appreciation

1. By Commissioner Scott honoring **Clara Rich** in celebration of her 100th birthday
2. By Commissioner Scott honoring **Elyton Missionary Baptist Church** in celebration of its 100th anniversary
3. By Commissioner Baker McCormick honoring **Doris Jean Topping** in celebration of her 90th birthday
4. By Commissioner Baker McCormick honoring **Faye Neely** for her 32 years of service to the Trade Union Leadership Council
5. By Commissioners Daub and Marecki honoring **Bill Keith** upon his retirement after 35 years as general manager of WSDP-FM (88.1)
6. By Commissioner Daub honoring **Jeff Nutting** upon his retirement after 31 years of distinguished service to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments

7. By Commissioner Bell honoring **Reverend Doctor John W. Marks** in celebration upon his retirement after 58 years of pastoral leadership, mental-health and substance-abuse work, community service and military service in the U.S. Navy and Air Force

Vice-Chair Palamara, supported by Commissioner Daub, moved approval of the foregoing Testimonial Resolutions and Certificates of Appreciation.

Following discussion among Commissioners, **Chair Bell requested a vote, which prevailed, the majority of Commissioners serving having voted as follows:**

Yea -- Commissioners Ahmad, Clemente, Daub, Garza, Killeen, Kinloch, Baker McCormick, Peterson-Mayberry, Scott, Wilson, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 13
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Absent -- Commissioners Anderson, Marecki -- 2

C. Memoriams

1. By all Commissioners in memory of **Nicholas Alexander Ryan**
2. By all Commissioners in memory of **Damone Mandel Lee**
3. By Commissioner Scott in memory of **Arthur Jacob Stewart Jr.**
4. By Commissioner Kinloch in memory of **Cynthia Elizabeth Jackson**
5. By Commissioner Kinloch in memory of **Vonzie Whitlow**

The following name was added to Memoriams:
By Commissioner Baker McCormick in memory of **Gloria Steinem**

Chair Bell requested all to stand for a moment of silence in memory of the foregoing individuals.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pursuant to the Wayne County Commission's Rules of Procedure, Chair Bell invited comments from the public. Comments offered by Anthony Brogdon and Paul Johnson III.

XII. RECONSIDERATIONS

At this point in the proceedings, the Commission returned to VIII, Report G, to consider Item 5.
Note: Item 5 was included in the report but was inadvertently omitted from the agenda.

5. Communication dated July 24, 2026 (received August 21st) requesting Commission approval of Amendment No. 2 to a five-year vision services contract between the Charter County of Wayne and Heritage Vision Plans, Inc. (of Detroit) not to exceed \$955,000, extending the term and modifying the rates to bring them in line with the current rates and to continue providing a vision and optical insurance plan for employees and retirees; the Executive's Office advises that this extension will allow for sufficient time for the County to issue a new request for proposals; the total is increased from \$1,150,000 to \$2,105,000; the term is extended through December 31, 2029; the term of the original contract and previous amendment is from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2026; the cost will be charged to Account No. 67701 857030 7100080 (Self Ins Health Insurance). (2021-32-007M2)

Firm: Heritage Vision Plans, Inc.
Address: 1 Woodward Avenue, Suite 2020, Detroit, MI 48226
Contact: Tracey Barnes (800) 252-2053

Commissioner Clemente, supported by Commissioner Ahmad, moved approval of foregoing Report G, Item 5., and adoption of the resolution.

There being no discussion, **Chair Bell requested a vote to adopt the resolution, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted as follows:**

Yea -- Commissioners Ahmad, Clemente, Daub, Garza, Killeen, Kinloch, Baker McCormick, Scott, Wilson, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 12
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- Commissioner Peterson-Mayberry -- 1
Absent -- Commissioners Anderson, Marecki -- 2
Absent -- None

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XIII. REMARKS BY MEMBERS

Remarks were made by Chair Bell and Commissioners Daub and Ahmad.

Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, supported by Vice-Chair Palamara, moved to adjourn meeting. The time being 11:40 a.m., Chair Bell declared the meeting adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 15, 2026.

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