MINUTES

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday, August 11, 2026 – 12:00 p.m.
Hearing Room 704, Guardian Building, 500 Griswold, Detroit, MI 48226 and via Zoom

A. Roll Call: 12:09 p.m.

Jonathan C. Kinloch (Chair)	-	Present
Sam Baydoun (Vice-Chair)	-	Present
Glenn S. Anderson	-	Present
Cara A. Clemente	-	Present
Terry Marecki	-	Present
Monique Baker McCormick	-	Present
Martha G. Scott	-	Present

Chair Bell and Commissioners Peterson-Mayberry and Wilson were also present.

B. Chairman's Remarks

C. Scott/Clemente — Minutes from the August 6, 2026 meeting.

At this point in the proceedings, the Committee moved to Item E.

E. New Business

4. Discussion regarding the Project Cannoli Enterprise Data Center in Van Buren Township

Kevin McNamera, Van Buren Township Supervisor, supported the proposed Public Act 198 agreement for the Google data center. He emphasized that data centers are a legal industrial use and argued that the agreement provides stronger community protections, including noise and landscaping requirements, water-rate protections, traffic controls and enforcement provisions. He also highlighted the project's economic benefits, including nearly 2,000 union jobs and significant Wayne County contractor involvement. He then urged the Commission to acknowledge the agreement so the township can ensure the data center is a clean, quiet asset to the community.

Project Cannoli / Panattoni representatives presented the proposed Google data center in Van Buren Township, highlighting its estimated $2 billion investment, approximately 2,500 union construction jobs, and more than $2 billion in contracts

for Wayne County companies. The project is expected to generate significant tax revenue, including approximately $25 million for Wayne County over 13 years, while providing community investments in infrastructure, education, clean energy, and recreation. The presentation also emphasized efforts to limit community impacts through noise controls, landscaping, preservation of 45% of the site as open space and minimal traffic and public-service demands. Wayne County approval of the PA 198 property tax benefit is required for the state Sales and Use Tax exemption process to move forward, but does not represent final approval of the project or Google's final investment decision

At this time in the proceedings the Committee moved to Item E. 1.

Item Nos. 1 and 2 were considered under one motion.

1. Clemente/Marecki

Forwarded to receive and file. The 3rd Quarter Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. (2026-69-062) Motion Carried.

Yeas -- Commissioners Kinloch, Baydoun, Anderson, Clemente, Baker McCormick, Marecki, Scott -- 7

John Kravitz, Investment Manager with the Treasurer's Office, reported that the County earned approximately $54.6 million in interest during the first nine months of Fiscal Year 2026-2027, including $1.3 million in reserve interest, and is on track to exceed $70 million in interest earnings for the fiscal year. He noted that approximately 80% of the investment portfolio is held in United States Treasury obligations and agencies, with 10% in local bank certificates of deposit and 10% in money market funds. The Treasurer's Office currently manages approximately $1.7 billion in General Fund investments and $48 million in reserve funds, with an average return of just over 4.15%.

2. Clemente/Marecki

Approved. A proposed amendment to the 2025-2026 Appropriations Ordinance (Enrolled Ordinance No. 2025-659) in accordance with Budget Adjustment No. 2026-35-079 certifying revenue in the amount of $50,000 in the County Park Fund (208); the Executive's Office advises that the budget adjustment submitted on behalf of the Department of Public Services, Parks Division, serves to certify funds received from the Community Preservation Grant. (2026-35-

079) Motion Carried.

Yeas -- Commissioners Kinloch, Baydoun, Anderson, Clemente, Baker McCormick, Marecki, Scott -- 7

3 Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget presentations
• Economic Development

Anthony Cartwright, Economic Development Director, provided an overview of the Economic Development Department's work across Wayne County's 43 communities. He highlighted efforts to support business growth, workforce development, affordable housing, infrastructure, sustainability, neighborhood revitalization, and redevelopment. The department is managing 132 projects representing more than $214 million in County investment, with 56 projects expected to close by the end of 2026, while 77 projects totaling approximately $64 million are anticipated in 2027. He also reported on the Community and Business Impact Initiative, sustainability and resilience programs, federal housing and community development funding, and the Wayne County Land Bank's efforts to eliminate blight and return vacant properties to productive use. The recommended Fiscal Year 2027 budget is approximately $57.9 million, with $49 million supported by federal and state funding and approximately $5.4 million in General Fund administrative costs. Looking ahead, the department will focus on filling critical positions, completing American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 investments, expanding affordable housing and workforce programs, strengthening compliance and leveraging outside funding to improve quality of life throughout Wayne County.

At this point in the proceedings, the Committee returned to Item D.

D. Unfinished Business

1. Clemente/Marecki

Passed for the Day. The recommended two-year Comprehensive Executive Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028, including the operating budget plans for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and the Projected Budget for Fiscal Year 2027-2028. (2026-31-030) Motion Carried.

Yeas -- Commissioners Kinloch, Clemente, Baker McCormick, Marecki, Scott -- 5

At this point in the proceedings, the Committee proceeded to the order of the agenda

F. Such other matters as may be properly submitted before the Committee - None

G. Public Comments –

Comments were offered by Chris Girdwood and Justin Robinson

H. Adjournment

Baker McCormick/Clemente
The Committee adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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