

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION
CHARTER COUNTY OF WAYNE
STATE OF MICHIGAN
NO. 23

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

Thursday, November 20, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

The Commission was called to order by the Chair of the Commission, Alisha R. Bell, at 10:04 a.m.

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

Anderson	- present	Kinloch	- present	Scott	- present
Clemente	- excused	Knezek	- present	Wilson	- present
Daub	- present	Marecki	- present	Baydoun	- present
Garza	- excused	Baker McCormick	- present	Palamara	- present
Killeen	- present	Peterson-Mayberry	- EDS 10:05 a.m.	Bell	- present

12, present, a quorum

INVOCATION

Chair Bell introduced Pastor QuanTez Pressley of Third New Hope Baptist Church, who provided the following invocation:

“God, we pause with a spirit of gratitude, thanking You first for another day. We are grateful for the blessed privilege You give us to be endowed, equipped, and empowered to serve Your people. Times like these demand strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands. We ask that Your wisdom, Your guidance, and Your divine direction lead us in every way as we work to best serve the citizens of Wayne County. We pray that this meeting is conducted in decency and in order, and that You are pleased with all of the business handled in this place today. It is in Your all sufficient name we pray and give thanks. Amen.”

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 November 6, 2025.

The Commissioners voted as follows:

Yea -- Commissioners Anderson, Daub, Killeen, Kinloch, Knezek, Marecki, Baker McCormick, Peterson-Mayberry, Scott, Wilson, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 13

Nay -- None

Abstain -- None

Not Voting -- None

Excused -- Commissioners Clemente, Garza -- 2

Absent -- None

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair advised that there was no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Acting Clerk advised that there were no unfinished business items.

OFFERING OF ALL PETITIONS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Acting Clerk advised that there were none listed.

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.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

A. Report from the COMMITTEE ON AUDIT:

1. Recommending receive and file of the Office of Legislative Auditor General's Performance Audit report on the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, Controls Over Sheriff's Revenue Contract. (2025-57-004)

Commissioner Daub, supported by Commissioner Killeen, moved approval of foregoing Report A, 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 Anderson, Daub, Killeen, Kinloch, Knezek, Marecki, Baker McCormick, Peterson-Mayberry, Scott, Wilson, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 13
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- Commissioners Clemente, Garza -- 2
Absent -- None

[Resolution No. 2025-782]

B. Report from the COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS:

1. Recommending approval of the reappointment of Dr. Isaiah McKinnon (of Detroit) to the Detroit-Wayne County Stadium Authority Board of Directors; pursuant to Public Act 31 of 1948, First Ex. Session, MCL 123.955 et seq., Stadia or Convention Facility Financing Act, Public Act 180 of 1991, MCL 207.751 et seq.; the term of the reappointment will commence upon Commission approval for four years. (2026-96-003)
2. Recommending approval of Amendment No. 3 to a three-year comparable-source professional services contract with a one-year option to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and SourceBlue, LLC (of Detroit), with no change in the dollar amount, extending the term to accommodate the completion of the intended procurement of furniture, fixtures and equipment projects as a result of the construction and transition to the Criminal Justice Complex; the total contract not-to-exceed amount remains \$22,000,000; Amendment No. 3 extends the term of the contract through December 1, 2026; the term of the original contract and the previous amendments is from December 2, 2021 through December 1, 2025; the cost of the contract will continue to be charged to Account No. 467 46700 979000 (2018A - Jail Construction Proje). (2021-40-057M3)

Firm: SourceBlue, LLC
Address: 535 Griswold Street, Suite 1525, Detroit, MI 48226
Contact: Kelly O'Connor (313) 596-0500

Commissioner Killeen, supported by Commissioner Peterson-Mayberry, moved approval of foregoing Report B, 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 Anderson, Daub, Killeen, Kinloch, Knezek, Marecki, Baker McCormick, Peterson-Mayberry, Scott, Wilson, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 13
- Nay -- None
- Abstain -- None
- Not Voting -- None
- Excused -- Commissioners Clemente, Garza -- 2
- Absent -- None

[Resolution Nos. 2025-783 and 2025-784]

C. Report from the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES:

1. Recommending approval of Amendment No. 5 to a two-year professional services contract with a one-year option to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and Tenmile Creek Excavating, LLC (of Detroit) not to exceed \$2,500,000.04 to resurface an additional 50 lane miles in 2025 as part of the Heavy Maintenance Program and for pavement removal within Wayne County road rights-of-way and Michigan Department of Transportation freeways and trunklines; Amendment No. 5 increases the total contract not-to-exceed amount from \$15,996,244.52 to \$18,496,244.56; the term of the contract remains from May 24, 2022 through May 23, 2026; the cost of Amendment No. 5 will be charged to Account No. 201 44906 817000 (Roads-Road Maintenance). (2022-33-006M5)

Firm: Tenmile Creek Excavating, LLC
Address: 407 East Fort Street, Suite 407, Detroit, MI 48226
Contact: Judd Lickert (419) 466-7917

2. Recommending approval of Amendment No. 2 to a three-year professional services contract with two, one-year options to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and Florence Cement Company (of Shelby Township) not to exceed \$4,000,000, exercising the second option to renew, to continue to perform concrete patching and drainage structure repairs throughout the County on an as-need basis; the Executive's Office advises that this increase is due to the renewal and the increase in rates for two repair line items; per the total contract not-to-exceed amount, Florence Cement Company will continue to subcontract 2.71%/\$226,625 to American Pavement Sawing (of Garden City) for concrete saw cutting; Amendment No. 2 increases the total contract not-to-exceed amount from \$4,375,000 to \$8,375,000; the term of Amendment No. 2 is from May 24, 2026 through May 23, 2027; the term of the original contract and Amendment No. 1 is from May 24, 2022 through May 23, 2026; the cost of Amendment No. 2 will be charged to Account No. 201 44906 817000 (Roads-Road Maintenance). (2022-33-029M2)

Firm: Florence Cement Company
Address: 51515 Corridor, Shelby Township, MI 48315
Contact: Doreen Lanni (586) 997-2666

3. Recommending approval of Amendment No. 1 to a three-year professional services contract with a one-year option to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and 22nd Century Technologies, Inc. (of McLean, VA) not to exceed \$366,646.56, exercising the option to renew, for on-site staffing and management services for the Department of Public Services' centralized call center activities; Amendment No. 1 increases the total contract not-to-exceed amount from \$1,089,000 to \$1,455,646.56; the term of Amendment No. 1 is from

February 16, 2026 through February 15, 2027; the term of the original contract is from February 16, 2023 through February 15, 2026; the cost of Amendment No. 1 will be charged to Account No. 201 44906 817000 (Roads-Road Maintenance). (2023-33-009M1)

Firm: 22nd Century Technologies, Inc.
Address: 8251 Greensboro Drive, Suite 900, McLean, VA 22102
Contact: Isha Sharma (888) 998-7284

4. Recommending approval of Amendment No. 6 to a one-year purchase order (PO) with a one-year option to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and Cadillac Asphalt, LLC (of Detroit) not to exceed \$5,000,000 for the purchase and delivery of hot mix asphalt to various job sites for the resurfacing of an additional 50 lane miles in 2025 as part of the Heavy Maintenance Program; Amendment No. 6 increases the total PO not-to-exceed amount from \$47,396,000 to \$52,396,000; the term of the PO remains from January 20, 2022 through January 19, 2026; the cost of Amendment No. 6 will be charged to Account No. 201 44906 778000 (Roads-Road Maintenance). (2022-33-003M6)

Firm: Cadillac Asphalt, LLC
Address: 670 South Dix Street, Detroit, MI 48217
Contact: Jason Teper (248) 228-6281

5. Recommending approval of a three-year intergovernmental agreement with a one-year option to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and the Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corporation in the estimated amount of \$1,038,930, with no County match required, for a preliminary engineering analysis for the Pennsylvania Road Grade Separation Project in the City of Romulus and the Charter Township of Huron; the Executive's Office advises that this analysis will provide needed information related to the Grade Separation that will serve to significantly enhance the road system for the citizens of the County and the municipalities that surround Detroit Metropolitan Airport; the term of the agreement will commence upon Commission approval for three years; the revenue from the agreement will be deposited into Account Nos. 201 44905 511250 (\$865,775 Roads-Rev-County Road Fund) and 201 44905 583340 (\$173,155 Roads-Rev-County Road Fund); the cost of the agreement will be charged to Account No. 201 44908 818080 (\$1,038,930 Roads-Engineering/Architecture). (2025-30-038)
6. Recommending approval of an intergovernmental agreement between the Charter County of Wayne and the Charter Township of Redford not to exceed \$525,415.50 for the Local Partnering Initiative for Township Roads for the Local Road Improvements Program; the Executive's Office advises that Wayne County will waive the permit application, plan review fees and inspection charges; the term of the agreement will commence upon Commission approval through September 30, 2029; the cost of the agreement will be charged to Account No. 20101 449070 8180010 (Roads-Administration). (2025-30-044)
7. Recommending approval of an intergovernmental agreement between the Charter County of Wayne and Plymouth Township not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the Local Partnering Initiative for Township Roads for the Local Road Improvements Program; the Executive's Office advises that Wayne County will waive the permit application, plan review fees and inspection charges; the term of the agreement will commence upon Commission approval through September 30, 2029; the cost of the agreement will be charged to Account No. 20101 449070 8180010 (Roads-Administration). (2025-30-046)
8. Recommending approval of a cooperative agreement between the Charter County of Wayne and Vermeer of Michigan, Inc. (of Fowlerville) not to exceed \$159,664.48, through Sourcewell contract No. 010925-VRM, for the purchase of two stump cutters; the term of the agreement will commence upon Commission approval through September 30, 2026; the cost of the agreement will be charged to Account No. 201 44900 978020 (Roads-Equipment). (2025-17-026)

Firm: Vermeer of Michigan, Inc.
Address: 940 Garden Lane, Fowlerville, MI 48336
Contact: Suzanne Collier (517) 915-0555

9. Recommending approval of Amendment No. 3 to an agreement, which consists of an addendum and master subscription agreement, with two, one-year options to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and Brightly Software, Inc. (of Raleigh, NC) not to exceed \$218,578.25, exercising both options to renew, to continue using a computerized management maintenance system for County facilities and to implement an Energy Management Dashboard to support tracking energy consumption and costs for County-owned and -operated facilities; the Executive's Office advises that the County does not have an energy management system in place, and having a database will be a valuable tool in managing the utility budget and identifying and tracking new energy-saving projects and opportunities; Amendment No. 3 increases the total agreement not-to-exceed amount from \$237,570.38 to \$456,148.63; the term of Amendment No. 3 is from May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2028; the term of the original contract and previous amendments is from October 20, 2022 through April 30, 2026; the cost of Amendment No. 3 will be charged to Account Nos. 101 17401 817000 (\$50,672.48 Sustainability and Innovation) and 631 26512 817000 (\$167,905.77 CJC Operations & Management). (2022-91-018M3)

Firm: Brightly Software, Inc.
Address: 4242 Six Forks Road, Suite 1400, Raleigh, NC 27609
Contact: Brian Benfer (866) 455-3833

10. Recommending approval of an intergovernmental agreement between the Charter County of Wayne and the City of Woodhaven not to exceed \$17,342 for improvements to Civic Center Park; the Executive's Office advises that funding for this project is identified in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Commission's park millage allocation; the term of the agreement is from August 7, 2025 through September 30, 2027; the cost of the agreement will be charged to Account No. 208 44935 817000 (Parks – Millage Capital Improv). (2025-60-061)
11. Recommending approval of a contract between the Charter County of Wayne and the Michigan Department of Transportation in the estimated amount of \$827,678 for road improvements on Northline Road from Telegraph Road to Racho Road in the City of Taylor; the Executive's Office advises that funding will consist of \$677,454 in STP-U funds and Wayne County will contribute \$150,224; the term of the contract will commence upon Commission approval through September 30, 2030; the revenue from the contract will be deposited into Account No. 201 44905 511250 (\$677,454 Federal STP-U funds); the cost of the contract will be charged to Account No. 201 44908 818080 (\$827,678 Construction Cost). (2025-30-041)
12. Recommending approval of a contract between the Charter County of Wayne and the Michigan Department of Transportation in the estimated amount of \$1,748,701 for road improvements on Evergreen Road from Michigan Avenue (US-12) to Hubbard Road in the City of Dearborn; the Executive's Office advises that funding will consist of \$1,431,311 in Federal STP-U funds, \$158,695 from the City of Dearborn and Wayne County will contribute \$158,695; the term of the contract will commence upon Commission approval through September 30, 2030; the revenue from the contract will be deposited into Account Nos. 201 44905 511250 (\$1,431,311 Federal STP-U funds) and 201 44905 583340 (\$158,695 City of Dearborn); the cost of the contract will be charged to Account Nos. 201 44908 818080 (\$1,520,610 Construction Cost) and 201 44908 702000 (\$228,091 Construction Engineering Cost). (2025-30-039)
13. Recommending approval of a contract between the Charter County of Wayne and the Michigan Department of Transportation in the estimated amount of \$2,682,375 for road improvements on Inkster Road from West Chicago Road to Schoolcraft Road in the City of Livonia; the Executive's Office advises that funding will consist of \$2,195,523 in STP-U funds, \$243,426 from the City of Livonia and Wayne County will contribute \$243,426; the term of the contract will commence upon Commission approval through September 30,

2030; the revenue from the contract will be deposited into Account Nos. 201 44905 511250 (\$2,195,523 Federal STP-U funds) and 201 44905 583340 (\$243,426 City of Livonia); the cost of the contract will be charged to Account Nos. 201 44908 818080 (\$2,332,500 Construction Cost) and 201 44908 702000 (\$349,875 Construction Engineering Cost). (2025-30-040)

Commissioner Marecki, supported by Commissioner Anderson, moved approval of foregoing Report C, and adoption of the thirteen 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 Anderson, Daub, Killeen, Kinloch, Knezek, Marecki, Baker McCormick, Peterson-Mayberry, Scott, Wilson, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 13
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- Commissioners Clemente, Garza -- 2
Absent -- None

[Resolution Nos. 2025-785 through 2025-797]

Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun requested to be the Maker of the Motion on Report C, Item No. 12.

D. Report from the COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS:

1. Recommending approval of a retroactive one-year comparable-source professional services contract between the Charter County of Wayne and Korn Ferry (US) (of Los Angeles, CA) not to exceed \$329,000 to identify, review and screen candidates for up to six director-level positions for the Department of Management and Budget; the term of the contract is from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; the cost of the contract will be charged to Account No. 101 20210 817000 (M & B Budget Div). (2025-31-030)

Firm: Korn Ferry (US)
Address: 1900 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 1225, Los Angeles, CA 90067
Contact: Julie Strassel (800) 633-4410

Note: Approval is contingent upon receiving the contract with the corrected term. The updated contract was received.

2. Recommending approval of a resolution to revise the format of the Wayne County Appropriations Ordinance and Comprehensive Budget to a line-item structure, itemized by fund, object, major function (division code), and any other pertinent details as required by the Home Rule Charter for the County of Wayne and state law. (2025-66-040)
3. Recommending approval of a proposed amendment to the 2024-2025 Appropriations Ordinance (Enrolled Ordinance No. 2024-664) in accordance with Budget Adjustment No. 2025-35-181 reallocating expenditures in the amount of \$128,650 in the County Health Fund (221); the Executive's Office advises that the budget adjustment submitted on behalf of the Health, Human and Veteran Services Department serves to reallocate funds in various Michigan Department of Health and Human Services grant-funded programs within Public

Health & Clinical Care Services programs to align funds with expenditures for grant-funded programs. (2025-35-181)

4. Recommending approval of a proposed amendment to the 2024-2025 Appropriations Ordinance (Enrolled Ordinance No. 2024-664) in accordance with Budget Adjustment No. 2025-35-188 certifying revenue in the amount of \$394,465 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 certify funds received for the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program grant. (2025-35-188)
5. Recommending approval of a proposed amendment to the 2024-2025 Appropriations Ordinance (Enrolled Ordinance No. 2024-664) in accordance with Budget Adjustment No. 2025-35-204 reallocating expenditures in the amount of \$1,125 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 to pay for the software licenses to accompany the in-services training for staff. (2025-35-204)

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

Following discussion among Commissioners with Felicia Johnson and Jeanet Kulcsar, **Chair Bell requested a vote to adopt the resolutions and ordinances, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted as follows.**

Yea -- Commissioners Anderson, Daub, Killeen, Kinloch, Knezek, Marecki, Baker McCormick, Peterson-Mayberry, Scott, Wilson, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 13

Nay -- None

Abstain -- None

Not Voting -- None

Excused -- Commissioners Clemente, Garza -- 2

Absent -- None

[Resolution Nos. 2025-798 and 2025-799, and Ordinance Nos. 2025-800 through 2025-802]

Commissioners Peterson-Mayberry and Wilson voted no on Report D, Item No. 1.

Commissioner Baker McCormick abstained on Report D, Item No. 1.

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

1. Recommending approval of Amendment No. 1 to a one-year comparable-source contract between the Charter County of Wayne and The National Partnership for Juvenile Services (NPJS) (of Lexington, KY) not to exceed \$749,723, extending the term to complete training and technical assistance services to the youths in custody at the Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF); NPJS will subcontract 11%/\$82,512 to Carol Cramer Brooks (of Kalamazoo) for project management, training and education program consulting services, 39.2%/\$293,643 to Willie Fullilove (of Fulshear, TX) and 39.2%/\$293,643 to Mark Hamlett (of Pasadena, MD) for CHOICES staff training, unit observations, modeling desired techniques and skills, providing real-time coaching and implementing accountability measures at the JDF, respectively; Amendment No. 1 increases the total not-to-exceed contract amount from \$771,198 to \$1,520,921; Amendment No. 1 extends the term of the contract by one year through November 6, 2026; the term of original contract is from November 7, 2024 through

November 6, 2025; the cost of Amendment No. 1 will be charged to Account No. 292 35607 815000 (Juvenile Detention Facility). (2024-06-018M1)

Firm: National Partnership for Juvenile Services
Address: 2220 Nicholasville Road, Lexington, KY 40503
Contact: Michael A. Jones (859) 333-4209

2. Recommending approval of a retroactive three-year sole-source professional services contract with a two-year option to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and Southeastern Michigan Health Association (SEMHA) (of Detroit) not to exceed \$19,741,283 to provide personnel and fiduciary services to support staffing and operational needs for health programs in the Departments of Health, Human and Veterans Services and Juvenile and Youth Services; SEMHA will subcontract 2.38%/\$469,843 to Dr. Pamela Bradford (of Detroit) to provide dental services for Juvenile Detention Facility residents; the term of the contract is from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2028; the cost of the contract will be charged to Account Nos. Various. (2025-08-011)
3. Recommending approval of the appointment of Dr. Avani Sheth (of Bloomfield Hills) to the position of Medical Health Officer for the Health, Human and Veterans Services Department, pursuant to the State of Michigan's Public Health Code (Public Act 268 of 1978); the Executive's Office advises that Dr. Sheth has been serving in this capacity on an interim basis since April 4, 2025; the term of the appointment is effective December 1, 2025. (2026-20-001)
4. Recommending approval of the appointment of Kennyle Johnson (of Franklin) to the position of Director of the Health, Human and Veterans Services Department; Ms. Johnson will be paid an annual salary of \$180,000 and all benefits will be provided in accordance with the Executive Benefit Plan for executive branch employees, as amended; the appointment is effective upon Commission approval; the salary will be charged to Account No. 101 70100 702000 (DHCWS CENTRAL ADM). (2026-40-006)

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

Following discussion among Commissioners with Genelle Allen, Kennyle Johnson and Dr. Avani Sheth, **Chair Bell requested a vote to adopt the resolutions, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted as follows.**

Yea -- Commissioners Anderson, Daub, Killeen, Kinloch, Knezek, Marecki, Baker McCormick, Peterson-Mayberry, Scott, Wilson, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 13

Nay -- None

Abstain -- None

Not Voting -- None

Excused -- Commissioners Clemente, Garza -- 2

Absent -- None

[Resolution Nos. 2025-803 through 2025-806]

Commissioner Peterson-Mayberry requested to be the Maker of the Motion on Item E.1.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

In Hearing Room 704, unless otherwise specified:

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Thursday, November 20, 2025, 12:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, JUDICIARY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Tuesday, November 25, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday, November 25, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES

Tuesday, November 25, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Tuesday, November 25, 2025, 12:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday, November 25, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Immediate Consideration

1. Dated November 6, 2025 (received November 6th) requesting Commission approval of the reappointment of Commissioner Allen R. Wilson (of Romulus) to the Wayne County Land Bank Corporation Board of Directors, pursuant to the Land Bank Fast Track Act of 2003 (Public Act 258 of 2003; MCL 124.773 (4)) and Article IV, Section 4.01 (c) of the intergovernmental agreement with the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority; the term of the reappointment is from October 20, 2025 through October 19, 2027. (2025-66-044)

Commissioner Marecki, supported by Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, moved approval of foregoing New Business, X. A. No. 1, 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 Anderson, Daub, Killeen, Kinloch, Knezek, Marecki, Baker McCormick, Peterson-Mayberry, Scott, Wilson, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 13

Nay -- None

Abstain -- None

Not Voting -- None

Excused -- Commissioners Clemente, Garza -- 2

Absent -- None

[Resolution No. 2025-807]

2. Dated July 18, 2025 (received November 14th) requesting Commission approval of a twenty-four month grant services contract between the Charter County of Wayne and Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association (of Ann Arbor) not to exceed \$1,000,000 to purchase and manage specialized fire and hazardous materials equipment; the term of the contract will commence upon Commission approval for twenty-four months; the cost of the contract will be charged to Account No. 101 92501 952027 (Non Departmental). (2025-31-020)

Firm: Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association
Address: 5967 Bedford Place, Ann Arbor, MI 48105
Contact: Joseph Murray (313) 943-2841

Commissioner Knezek, supported by Commissioner Marecki, moved approval of foregoing New Business, X. A. No. 2, and adoption of the resolution.

Following discussion among Commissioners with Phil Hall, **Chair Bell requested a vote to adopt the resolution, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted as follows:**

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

[Resolution No. 2025-808]

Testimonial Resolutions and Certificates of Appreciation

1. By Commissioner Baker McCormick honoring **Mama Mia Restaurants** in celebration of 60 years of serving the community
2. By Commissioner Clemente honoring the **Ecorse Public Library** upon receiving the Citations of Excellence award from the Michigan Library Association
3. By Commissioner Clemente honoring the **Melvindale Public Library** in celebration of its 75th anniversary
4. By Commissioner Peterson-Mayberry honoring the **Marygrove Community Association** upon its ribbon-cutting of the new MCA Arboretum and the launch of the "MCA Arboretum: From Memory to Monument – Paving and Planting a Living Legacy" fundraiser
5. By Commissioner Kinloch honoring **Clarence Hunter** for his decades of dance instruction, cultural stewardship and positive impact on seniors and families
6. By Commissioner Kinloch honoring **Dennis Miller** for his dedicated service as a ballroom dance instructor
7. By Commissioner Kinloch honoring **Glenn Gaddis** for his exemplary service as a ballroom dance instructor and winning first place in a ballroom couples competition this year

Commissioner Peterson-Mayberry, supported by Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun, moved approval of foregoing Testimonial Resolutions and Certificates of Appreciation.

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

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

C. Memoriams

1. By Commissioner Bell in memory of **Sonya Spencer**
2. By Commissioner Peterson-Mayberry in memory of **Ida Mae Patton**
3. By Commissioner Peterson-Mayberry in memory of **Linda Bostic**
4. By Commissioner Peterson-Mayberry in memory of **Kimberly Mapp**
5. By Commissioner Kinloch in memory of **William Griggs**
6. By Commissioner Kinloch in memory of **Lloyd Chenier Crews**
7. By Commissioner Bell in memory of the **Honorable Fred Durhal Jr.**

Following discussion among Commissioners, Chair Bell requested all to stand for a moment of silence in memory of the foregoing individuals.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pursuant to the Wayne County Commission's Rules of Procedure, Chair Bell invited comments from the public. Comments were offered by Terrance Prewitt.

RECONSIDERATIONS

The Chair advised that there were no reconsiderations.

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

Remarks from Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun and Commissioner Knezek were requested to be added to the record. The remarks are as follows:

Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Baydoun remarks

This past Tuesday, a group of right-wing extremists came to Dearborn to protest something they called “Shariah law in Dearborn.” These agitators came and entered my district in military-style gear, as though they were preparing for a war that exists only in their imagination. This so-called law exists only in certain newsrooms in this country and in the minds of bigots who continue to spread hatred toward a peaceful religion followed by more than 2 billion people. Here are some facts for those individuals who came to Dearborn to intimidate my community. When they first arrived in Dearborn, they walked right through a Nativity scene proudly displayed by the City of Dearborn for the Christmas season. They passed a couple of bars and even a strip club on their way to protest a law that does not exist. Then they entered Dearborn City Hall, where they insulted members of the City Council and basically told everyone to go back home -- you do not belong here. And, keep in mind that many of the Council members who were there were United States citizens and were born and raised in this country. So, they went to City Hall and stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, like we do here every meeting, and they listened to an invocation delivered by a local Dearborn Christian pastor. Dearborn is a city where mosques stand proudly alongside church steeples. So, with all of that in mind, we ask one simple question: Where exactly is the Shariah law they claim to be fighting? If there was Shariah law in Dearborn, you cannot have a liquor store, you cannot have a strip club, you cannot sell pork products.

So, the Dearborn community is tired -- tired of outsiders showing up to demean us, target our Muslim neighbors and try to incite fear in a place we call home. We are extremely disheartened by individuals who come into our city to provoke and disrespect its residents, especially our Muslim community. While burning a holy book is protected under the First Amendment right, it is deeply offensive and quite frankly frightening for our community to witness the Quran being burned and even struck with bacon as some twisted display of hostility. Keep in mind that if I see someone burn the Bible, it is my duty as a Muslim, as a decent human being, to peacefully stop that person from desecrating the holy books of God. We must remember that this type of rhetoric has been directed at Muslims since September 11. For more than two decades, Muslims have endured harmful stereotypes and inflammatory attacks. Islam is a faith practiced by over 2 billion people worldwide, and the small minority with twisted ideology who commit violence do not define us and do not represent what we stand for.

Finally, I can say this with 100 percent certainty: There is no Shariah law in Dearborn. Dearborn, like all the cities in our great country, is governed by the highest law, the Constitution of the United States of America. However, I can say this: we have shawarma law. We make the best shawarma outside the Middle East, and many of you who tasted our shawarma in Dearborn can attest to this.

Commissioner Knezek’s remarks

When we learned about the protests that were taking place in Dearborn, I’ve had this additional default to don’t say anything. Don’t give these folks the attention they so desperately want by coming here and inciting violence and inciting hate in our community. But when you pause and you see what’s being said, see the actions that are being taken, purely to come here to incite and to paint an entire group of with such broad brush, I really feel like being silent is giving a pass to that type of behavior, and so I first want to commend my colleague Sam Baydoun for standing up and saying what’s right, for pointing out that hate and ignorance has no place in our community.

And, what he said resonated so deeply with me, that Dearborn is tired. Dearborn Heights is tired -- anywhere that has a large Arab American, a large Muslim community is so damn tired of having to defend who we are, our place in America, our status as equals with everybody else. And I want to call attention to something that happened earlier this week. The very gentleman who sought to hold this protest in the first place, folks from our community reached out to him and said you clearly have a misunderstanding about who we are and what we stand for. Come to Dearborn, meet with us, talk to us, let us take you out to dinner, let's have a cup of coffee. And the very gentleman who sought to host this protest in the first place stood at the mosque days later and said I've been lied to my entire life. There's nothing here that's anti-American. There's nothing here that is promoting one religion over another, and I think that takes great courage, and I think we as a community uplift, respect and appreciate that.

I don't begrudge if you live in a community that looks entirely like you, that prays entirely like you, that you've never once left and you only get your news and your information from news sources that paint our community in a negative light. I understand why you have come to those conclusions, but our community understands our role in our place in changing those mentalities, in changing any of those mindsets. So, we're actively in doing so and we're going to continue to remain active in doing so.

And for folks, now I feel some type of way. Again, we open our arms to you. We don't respond to hate with hate. In Dearborn and in Dearborn Heights, we respond to hate with love. We're willing to bring folks in. We're willing to educate them. And frankly, I think it's not right that time after time after time we asked our Muslim brothers and sisters to fight this fight on our own, no matter who you are, no matter what faith you ascribe to, no matter what community you're from. It is the Arab and Muslim community today. It's going to be our community next. It's going to be your community next.

And so again, in times like this, I think it's important that we remind ourselves of shared humanity, remind ourselves of the importance of standing up and speaking out, and to remind our Muslim brothers and sisters that we stand with you, that we support you. And when someone with hate in their heart comes to our community and says go back to your country, go back to your home, that we remind our Muslim brothers and sisters that your country is right here and your home is right here, too, and those of us in this room are going to make sure that others never forget that.

Commissioner Baker McCormick, supported by Commissioner Peterson-Mayberry, moved to adjourn the meeting. The time being 11:00 a.m., Chair Bell declared the meeting adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 2, 2025.

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