

News Release

Board of Commissioners unanimously adopts 2022-2024 Oakland County triennial budget

Board ensures essential investments in public health, criminal justice reform, infrastructure and efforts to protect the environment

September 30, 2021, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. –The Oakland County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the triennial county budget for fiscal years 2022-2024, which includes \$961 million for fiscal year 2022, at its meeting on September 29, 2021.

“With this budget, Oakland County proves we’re in our best fiscal position ever, while also making critical investments to protect our public health, keep us safe, and ensure economic opportunity for all,” said Board Chairman **David T. Woodward** (D-Royal Oak). “It is our most transparent budget ever adopted, and it demonstrates to the world how bipartisan collaboration can produce the best results for residents.”

Adoption of the FY 2022 balanced budget follows an extensive, collaborative and bipartisan effort. The three-year budget was first proposed by County Executive David Coulter to the Board of Commissioners on July 1, 2021. The Finance Committee conducted an in-depth review of the plan and hosted 22 budget hearings with department heads in the months following the original proposal.

“This balanced budget places Oakland County in a strong position to support our residents and businesses as we face a future full of change,” said Commissioner **Gwen Markham** (D-Novi), chair of the Finance Committee. “Our funding priorities include new investments in environmental sustainability, increased access to health services, and criminal justice reforms, while we continue leading our economic recovery and support of residents, businesses, and local governments.”

The total budget funds for 2022, 2023 and 2024 are \$961,599,567; \$954,816,424 and \$969,412,199, respectively.

“It was good to see the Board of Commissioners come together and unanimously approve the 2022 county budget,” Minority Caucus Chair **Michael Spisz** (R-Oxford) said. “Both sides worked diligently to be good stewards of taxpayer money while continuing a long-standing Oakland County tradition of a

three-year balanced budget. Even with an approved budget, we must continue to watch our spending with the ongoing pandemic and the unknown longer-term effects to the economy.”

With the 2022-2024 budget, the county prioritizes public health, workforce development, sustainability efforts and more, including:

- \$4 million to match funding for local and county roads across Oakland County
- \$150,000 to partner with local communities to support lake safety sheriff patrols
- \$250,000 to combat invasive species attacking oak and other trees
- Increased investment to improve literacy rates in the county
- New social work services embedded in the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office
- Creation of a Conviction Integrity Unit in the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office

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