

News Release

Oakland County Board of Commissioners unanimously approves additional \$1 million for coronavirus emergency response efforts, confirms extension of Executive Coulter's state of emergency declaration

March 20, 2020, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – In response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners unanimously authorized an additional \$1 million to help combat the pandemic at its meeting on March 18.

“Oakland County is ready to do whatever is necessary to protect residents, help ‘flatten the curve’ and reduce exposure to COVID-19 to minimize straining our healthcare system,” said Board Chairman **David T. Woodward** (D-Royal Oak). “The confirmed infections number is larger here than any other county in Michigan, and we speak with a united voice in our support to use every available resource in addressing this situation.”

The funds are in addition to \$500,000 approved at the Board's previous meeting. The total \$1.5 million will be used for emergency response related to the COVID-19 outbreak under the direction of County Executive David Coulter in collaboration with the Board.

“The implications of this pandemic are evolving rapidly,” said Commissioner **Michael J. Gingell** (R-Lake Orion). “We need our county government to have resources available to help our citizens in real-time as the situation unfolds.”

The Board also voted to continue the countywide state of emergency declared by Executive Coulter through April 17. By declaring a state of emergency, the county executive is empowered to shift resources quickly to assist residents, businesses and communities affected by the spread of COVID-19, plus open a path for any federal funds that become available.

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