

NEWS RELEASE

Board of Commissioners approves 2021-2023 Oakland County budget

Budget supports public health and economic recovery; secures new investments for infrastructure improvements, community policing, environmental cleanup and affordable housing

September 24, 2020, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – At its meeting on September 23, 2020, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners approved the triennial county budget resolution for fiscal years 2021 through 2023. Adoption of the FY 2021 balanced budget was the result of an extensive, collaborative and bipartisan effort.

“With this budget, we secure the funding to maintain our COVID-19 public health response, continue efforts to help our economy recover and help vulnerable residents and families as we work to get through this pandemic together,” Board Chairman **David T. Woodward** (D-Royal Oak) said. “This bipartisan budget funds priorities essential to helping working families get ahead and for the future prosperity for all.”

The three-year budget was first proposed by County Executive David Coulter to the Board of Commissioners on July 1, 2020. The Finance and Infrastructure Committee conducted an in-depth review of the plan and hosted 21 budget hearings with department heads in the months following the original proposal.

The total budget funds for 2021, 2022 and 2023 are \$908,837,356; \$916,254,528 and \$922,115,865, respectively.

“We approved a fiscally responsible budget that tightens our belt, ensures we live within our means, practices truth in budgeting, and guarantees our fund balance remains healthy and robust,” said Commissioner **Helaine Zack** (D-Huntington Woods), chair of the Board’s Finance and Infrastructure Committee. “These budget reforms and outcome-based budgeting demonstrate Oakland County’s financial strength.”

The bipartisan vote was the result of a budget agreement that plans to utilize county resources to fund public health, economic recovery efforts, public safety and new efforts including:

- \$4 million for match funding for local and county roads across Oakland County.
- \$1 million to create a public-private partnership supporting Oakland County communities interested in the adoption and implementation of community policing initiatives.
- \$1 million to obtain architectural and design plans associated with a county public safety training facility and Emergency Operations Center.
- \$400,000 to assist in the clean-up of the green ooze waste site in Madison Heights.
- \$105,000 to create a landlord risk mitigation fund to increase access to affordable housing programs.

For more information about the Board of Commissioners, please visit www.oakgov.com/boc or call 248-858-0100.

#