



QUARTERLY NEWS & UPDATES

FROM YOUR OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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FEDERAL E-VERIFY NOW A REALITY IN OAKLAND COUNTY

Businesses seeking contracts with Oakland County Government must use the Federal E-verify program to demonstrate that they are employing only legal workers. This requirement became a part of the county's purchasing policy after the Oakland County Board of Commissioners established the policy by resolution on July 30, 2009.

E-verify is an internet-based system operated by the Department of Homeland Security in partnership with the Social Security Administration. The system allows participating employers to verify electronically the employment eligibility of a prospective new employee. For more information about the E-verify program, call 248-858-0511 or go online to www.oakgov.com/purchasing. Register to use E-verify here: <https://e-verify.uscis.gov/enroll/>.

SMALL BUSINESS LOANS ARE POSSIBLE WITH COUNTY PROGRAM

This April, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, in partnership with the county administration, have been successful in its efforts to provide micro loans for small businesses. This initiative will help small businesses and entrepreneurs who qualify to secure loans ranging from \$500 to \$35,000.

As an alternative to traditional lending institutions, this program will help those businesses who may not quite fit traditional loan guidelines, by offering greater flexibility and opportunity for those seeking a loan. For more information, call the Oakland County MicroLoan Program at 248-460-3973 or download an application at www.miceed.org.

OAKLAND COUNTY RECEIVES STIMULUS MONEY

Last year, Oakland County was designated a Recovery Zone and received \$103 million in stimulus funds to help jump start private businesses. Economic development bonds totaling \$155.8 million were obtained for public infrastructure projects.

With recommendations from the Oakland County Administration and the County's Planning and Economic Development Division, the Board approved the Recovery Zone designation. This special designation enabled Oakland County to secure stimulus funds for projects like Oakland County's International Airport in Waterford. Amounts ranging from \$800,000 to \$1.2 million were set aside for use in building a smaller, more energy efficient, state-of-the-art, green-build airport terminal and administrative offices.

These funds, in conjunction with a \$200,000 Bureau of Aeronautics Grant and airport user fees, will pay for the airport's modernization cost, estimated to be more than \$5 million.

Commissioner Gosselin Honors Late Colleague



Commissioner Robert Gosselin (2nd from right) honored his late colleague Jeff Potter, who passed away in late June, by naming Ten Mile Road in South Lyon the Jeff Potter Highway. Board Chairman Bill Bullard, Jr. holds the sign. Commissioner Gosselin had just presented Mr. Potter's widow, Andra, with a bouquet of flowers.

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Unemployment Benefits Running Out?

We can help. The page below provides information for unemployed/displaced workers within Oakland County.

Click on:
www.oakgov.com/health/program_service/community_resources.html
or call (866) 500-0017.



Watch the Board in Action

The new, more visible Board has taped two of four board meetings to be cablecast countywide this summer.

To view the meetings, tune to the **Comcast Demand Channel**, or view online at: <http://swocstudios.pegcentral.com> or www.civiccentertv.com.

Looking for Something Fun?

Check out this website for a host of things to do outdoors in the great weather expected this summer. There are many activities available for the enjoyment of all age groups in our county. www.destinationoakland.com or call: **1-888-OC-PARKS**.

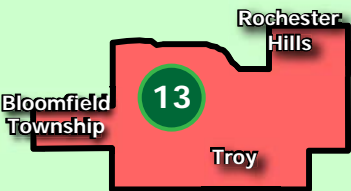


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Dear Neighbors,

Oakland County is a great place to live, work and play.

This newsletter shares just a few of the great services that your county government provides.

As your commissioner, I value your input on how to make the county better.

Please contact me with any of your suggestions.

Best Wishes,

Bob Gosselin
Commissioner

Oakland County Commissioner Robert Gosselin serves District #13 representing Rochester Hills, Troy and Bloomfield Township.