

# 2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT



## A MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL J. GINGELL CHAIRMAN



This year has been a great year for Oakland County as property values have continued to rise and more companies have decided to make Oakland County their home!

As the legislative branch of government, the Board of Commissioners has worked to maintain strong fiscal policies and has been proactive in driving efficiencies into County processes and services. We have worked closely with our County Executive, L. Brooks Patterson, to balance the budget over the next three years, a feat rarely seen in governmental organizations!

During 2015, the Board of Commissioners addressed several important issues, including facilitating road improvements in conjunction with the Road Commission for Oakland County, focusing on establishing the Great Lakes Water Authority, assisting with anti-bullying efforts in our schools, addressing the need for a new Animal Control facility and adopting a three-year-rolling balanced budget.

However, it is clear that there is more work to do! Over the next year, the Board of Commissioners will focus on a number of areas, including expanding our economic development efforts, ensuring that we have a safe and sustainable water supply, while continuing to invest in County facilities and providing the parks and recreation amenities that make us unique.

Serving the residents of Oakland County and working to provide world-class services is a great responsibility and an honor. I thank you for your trust and for the opportunity to make Oakland County a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Michael J. Gingell, Chairman



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# COMMISSIONERS AWARDS & UPDATES

**BOARD CHAIRMAN  
MICHAEL J. GINGELL**



**2015 GOLDEN RING OF HOPE**  
Michael J. Gingell was honored with a Golden Ring of Hope Award at Homes for Autism's 19th Annual Golden Ring of Hope Dinner. He was selected for this distinctive honor due to his outstanding commitment to community service and ongoing involvement with organizations that support autism.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
MARCIA GERSHENSON**



**2015 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S FORUM - JOHANNESBURG**  
Marcia Gershenson was honored with an invitation to the 2015 IWF in Johannesburg. The annual event brings accomplished women from across the world together to network and discuss ways they can positively impact their communities.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
SHELLEY GOODMAN TAUB**



**MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (MAC) BOARD**  
MAC elected Shelley G. Taub as First Vice President of their 2015-2016 Board.

**GOVERNING MAGAZINE**  
Shelley G. Taub was selected as a member of the Governing Institute's Women in Government Leadership Class of 2016.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
HELAINA ZACK**



**2015 TAUBMAN SCHOLAR**  
In recognition of her strong leadership within local government, Commissioner Helaina Zack was selected as a 2015 Taubman Fellow and attended the prestigious program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at Harvard University last summer.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
ADAM L. KOCHENDERFER**



**COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #15**  
Rochester Hills Councilman Adam L. Kochenderfer was appointed by the Board of Commissioners to fill the District #15 vacancy created when Judge Jeff Matis was appointed to the 6th Circuit Court. Commissioner Kochenderfer was sworn in by his predecessor on December 7, 2015.

**JUDGE JEFF MATIS  
6TH CIRCUIT COURT**



**CIRCUIT COURT APPOINTMENT**  
Former Commissioner and Vice Chairman of the Board Jeff Matis was appointed to the 6th Circuit Court of Oakland County by Michigan Governor Rick Snyder. Judge Matis, who began his term in November, was honored by the Board for his years of service as the Commissioner of District #15.

# NEW ANIMAL CONTROL & ADOPTION CENTER COMING IN 2017

Groundbreaking for the new Oakland County Animal Control & Adoption Center is planned for 2016, with an expected completion date in 2017. After much planning by county officials from the administration and the Animal Control Division, the Oakland County Board passed a series of resolutions paving the way for the project. In October 2015, the Board approved funding of \$15.5 million in bonds that were issued by the Oakland County Building Authority.



The new state-of-the-art Animal Control facility will maximize the health and safety of animals, increase energy efficiency by approximately 25% and provide a modern heating, cooling and ventilation system. The new facility will be located on the Oakland County Campus in Pontiac. Plans to sell the current 40-year-old Auburn Hills Animal Control facility and property are underway. For more information about the new Animal Control & Adoption Center go to [www.oakgov.com/petadoption](http://www.oakgov.com/petadoption) or call 248-391-4100.

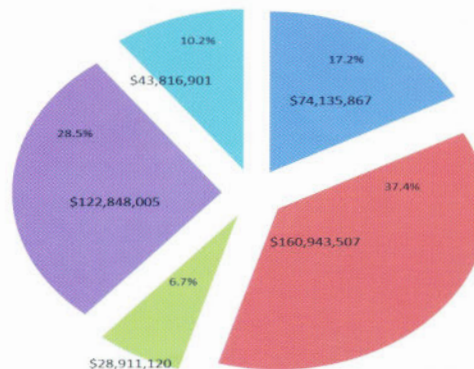
# BOARD APPROVES TRIENNIAL BUDGET

In the fall of 2015, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners continued its tradition of passing a balanced budget by approving the Triennial Budget for the following fiscal years in the amounts of \$825 million for FY 2016; \$832 million for FY 2017 and \$835 million for FY 2018. The annual review of recommended department budgets by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and the efforts of elected officials working together will maintain Oakland County's financial good standing and ensures that all budget priorities are achieved. For more information, go to [www.oakgov.com/fiscal](http://www.oakgov.com/fiscal).

The budget priorities are in the following areas:

**Expenditures by Category, 2016 Adopted Budget  
General Fund/ General Purpose Only**

FY 2016 General Fund/General Purpose Budget \$430,655,400



- **Administration of Justice (17.2%)**  
*includes Circuit, District and Probate courts*
- **Law Enforcement (37.4%)**  
*includes Sheriff's Department and Prosecutor's Office*
- **General Government (6.7%)**  
*Board of Commissioners, Treasurer, County Clerk and Water Resources Commissioner*
- **County Executive (28.5%)**  
*includes administrative departments and divisions*
- **Non-Departmental (10.2%)**  
*maintains funds not earmarked for county departments*

# MILESTONE OF YOUTH PROGRAM

For 35 years, since the first Youth in Government Day was organized under the first County Executive and the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, the mission of the event has been to develop area youth into future leaders. To this day, the program's focus continues to be connecting young people with the workings of county government.



# COMBATTING GUN VIOLENCE EFFORTS CONTINUE IN OAKLAND COUNTY



*Pictured with law officers and speakers are (from left to right) Commissioners Bill Dwyer (Public Services Chair), County Clerk Lisa Brown, Commissioners Thomas F. Middleton, Nancy Quarles, David Bowman, Marcia Gershenson, Janet Jackson, Robert Gosselin, Wade Fleming, Jeff Matis, Eileen Kowall, Shelley Goodman Taub, Helaine Zack, John Scott, Hugh D. Crawford and Michael Spisz (Board Vice Chairman).*

Each June, the Annual Gun Safety Awareness Day news conference brings together county officials and law enforcement agencies from across Oakland County. Members of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Public Services Study Group on Preventing Gun Violence hosted the 2015 event and brought the National Shooting Sports Foundation's Senior Communications Director, Bill Brassard, and Michigan State Senator Tonya Schuitmaker to speak at the June 2, 2015 news conference. The Oakland County Sheriff's Division and more than 30 law enforcement agencies supported the effort. The National Shooting Sports Foundation's Project Childsafe provided 3,000 free cable-style gun locks that were given to agencies for distribution across the County. Next year's gun safety lock giveaway will take place on June 10, 2016.

## THE OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD PLACES THIRD IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners and the Oakland County Information and Technology Digital Editorial Team received the 2015 Golden Post Award for the Board's Human Trafficking Committee's 2014 "Learn About the Impact of Human Trafficking" two-day forum. The Board placed third in the category of "Best Government Social Media Campaign" out of 171 nominations in the national competition. The national award was presented by the Government Social Media and Archive Social Government Technology organization at the 2015 Conference & Expo in Reno, Nevada.



*Oakland County's Digital Editorial Team and the Board's Human Trafficking Committee with Commissioners Shelley Goodman Taub, Janet Jackson and Board Chairman Michael J. Gingell are pictured.*

### OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD STAFF



*Pictured from left to right:*

- Julia Ruffin, Senior BOC-Community Liaison
- Connie Srogi, BOC Analyst
- Kate Layton, BOC Community Liaison
- Chris Ward, Senior BOC Analyst
- Jo Ann Stringfellow, Secretary
- Pam Worthington, Committee Coordinator
- Tracy Stolzenfeld, Committee Coordinator
- Jim VerPloeg, Administrative Director
- Jami Monte, Committee Coordinator

## IMPORTANT COUNTY PHONE NUMBERS

Area Agency on Aging 1-B	800-852-7795
Board of Commissioners	248-858-0100
Common Ground	248-451-2600
Community Mental Health	248-858-1210
County Clerk	248-858-0581
County Executive	248-858-0480
County Health Division	248-858-1280
County Library	248-858-0012
County Sheriff's Office	248-858-5000
County Treasurer	248-858-0611
Discount Dental Program	866-498-7914
Farmer's Market	248-858-5495
Great Lakes Water Authority	844-455-4592
MI Works!	248-858-5520
One Stop Shop Business Center	248-858-0783
Parks & Recreation	888-627-2757
Veterans' Services	248-858-0785
Road Commission	248-645-2000
Water Resources Commissioner	248-858-0958

### \$2.6 MILLION SAVED IN DRUG COSTS

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### COMMISSIONERS SERVE ON NATIONAL LEVEL

#### Shelley Goodman Taub - NACo

- Subcommittee Chair, Human Services & Education
- Vice Chair, Geospatial Information Systems Subcommittee
- Member, Arts & Culture Commission
- Member, Information Technology Standing Committee
- Member, Large Urban County Caucus Steering Committee

#### Michael Spisz, Vice Chairman - NACo

- Member, Telecommunications & Technology Steering Committee

#### David Woodward - NACo

- Member, Next Generation NACo Network

#### David Bowman - NACo

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#### Janet Jackson - National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

- Member, Diversity Advisory Committee

### WATCH YOUR GOVERNMENT AT WORK

Access and transparency is what the Oakland County Board of Commissioners continues to make available to residents with webcasting of all commission meetings. To view a meeting, go to [www.oakgov.com/boc](http://www.oakgov.com/boc) or [www.oakland.michiganliveevents.com](http://www.oakland.michiganliveevents.com)



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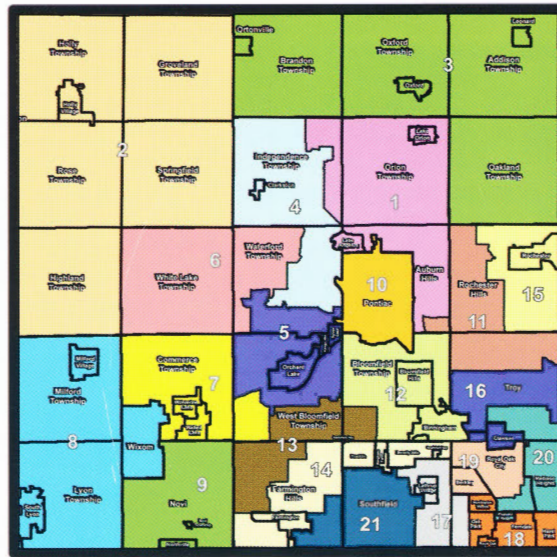
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