



# QUARTERLY NEWS & UPDATES

FROM YOUR OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## SMALL BUSINESS LOANS ARE POSSIBLE WITH COUNTY PROGRAM

Earlier this year, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners created the Oakland County Microloan Program. This initiative will help small businesses and entrepreneurs get access to capital to start and grow small businesses in Oakland County.

"At a time when banks have made it hard for small business to get access to credit, the Oakland County Microloan is a tool to help small businesses protect and create jobs," said Oakland County Commissioner Dave Woodward. "Small businesses not only can use this credit to make payroll and purchase equipment, but the program also provides other training tools to help small businesses succeed."

The Oakland County Microloan Program is the result of a partnership with the federal Small Business Administration, a local nonprofit, Center for Empowerment and economic Development (CEED), and the county. The initiative will make a half million dollars in lending capital to Oakland County small businesses, resulting in the protection or creation of 100 jobs.

For more information, call the Oakland County MicroLoan Program at 248-460-3973 or download an application at [www.miceed.org](http://www.miceed.org).

It is the hope of Commissioner Woodward that small businesses will take advantage of this program and also utilize the services provided by Oakland County's Planning and Economic Development's One Stop Shop and business series programs. For more information, visit the [www.oakgov.com/oss](http://www.oakgov.com/oss) or call 248-858-0720.



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## 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 was 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.

## 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](http://www.oakgov.com/health/program_service/community_resources.html)  
or call (866) 500-0017.



### Watch the Board in Action

The new, more visible Board 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](http://www.civiccentertv.com).

### Looking for Something Fun?

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

## Commissioner Woodward Welcomes Students



Students participating in this year's Youth in Government Day joined Commissioner David Woodward as he prepared to give the invocation and to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. YIG Day participants learned how their county government works, and had a chance to participate in an actual Board of Commissioners meeting.

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,

Dave Woodward  
Commissioner

*Oakland County Commissioner Dave Woodward serves District #18 – The City of Royal Oak*