HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LABOR AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

REP. NANCY JENKINS-ARNO

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 24, 2025 | 9:00 AM | Room 327, House Office Building

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity was called to order by Chair Jenkins-Arno.

The Chair requested attendance to be called:

Present: Reps. Jenkins-Arno, Robinson, VanWoerkom, Cavitt and Martus.
Absent: None.
Excused: None.

Representative Robinson moved to adopt the meeting minutes from July 23, 2025. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative BeGole testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for the City of Owosso for water and sewer infrastructure. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Beson testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item to address flooding issues in Kawkawlin Township. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Borton and Jason Sheppard testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for the Otsego Economic Alliance for infrastructure repairs at a waste treatment facility at Treetops Resort in Otsego County. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Bruck testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for a sanitary sewer project in Erie Township. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Fox testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for a sewer improvement project through the Lake Mitchell Sewer Authority. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Harris and Chief Matthew Covey of the Springfield Township Fire Department testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for the installation of fire protection wells throughout the Charter Township of Springfield. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Johnsen and Andrew Dymczyk, Portland City Manager, testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for water infrastructure improvements in the City of Portland. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Meerman and Greg Golembiewski, Blendon Township Manager, testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for water infrastructure projects in Blendon Township. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Pavlov, James Freed, Port Huron City Manager, and Michael Davenport, Port Huron Harbormaster, testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for infrastructure projects (including replacement of a tainter gate) along the Black River Canal in Port Huron. Questions and discussion followed.

At 10:11 AM, the Chair laid the subcommittee at ease.

At 10:19 AM, the Chair called the subcommittee back to order.

Representative Roth testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for sewer upgrades in the Village of Beulah. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Robinson testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for an odor and corrosion control project through the Oakland-Macomb Interceptor Drain Drainage District. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Schmaltz and Kyle Lewis, Jackson County Parks Director, testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for improvements and restoration at The Cascades in Jackson County. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Thompson and Mayor Troy Cox of Rockwood testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for repairs and modernization of wastewater treatment components in the City of Rockwood. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Tisdel and Ken Elwert, Rochester Hills Parks and Natural Resources Director, testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for road infrastructure and a community room at Nowicki Park in Rochester Hills. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative VanderWall testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for a community pool in Shelby Township (Oceana County). Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Wortz and Brandon Mersman, Bronson City Manager, testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for an ultraviolet disinfection system at the City of Bronson's wastewater treatment facility. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Schuette testified in support of legislatively directed spending items for dam restoration of the Four Lakes System and projects to mitigate the flood risk in the City of Midland. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Cavitt testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item to support a clear well replacement project in the City of Alpena. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Fox testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for culvert repairs near Business 131 in the City of Cadillac. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Borton, Sue Cooper, Mancelona Area Water and Sewer Authority (MAWSA) Office Manager, and Jim MacQuarrie, MAWSA Field Manager, testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for water and infrastructure improvements through MAWSA. Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Chair Jenkins-Arno adjourned the meeting at 11:32 AM.

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Representative Nancy Jenkins-Arno, Chair

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