HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LABOR AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

REP. NANCY JENKINS-ARNO

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025 | 9:00 AM | Room 307, 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, Cavitt and Martus.
Absent: Rep. VanWoerkom.
Excused: Rep. VanWoerkom.

Representative Cavitt moved to adopt the meeting minutes from June 11, 2025. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative BeGole and Chief Trent Atkins of Perry Area Fire Rescue testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for the Southwest Shiawassee Emergency Services Alliance to facilitate the acquisition of two ambulances and associated equipment. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Bohnak testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for the City of Ishpeming Fire Department to facilitate the purchase of a frontline fire truck. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Borton and Mayor Craig Ardis, City of Lake City, testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for transportation and infrastructure projects in the City of Lake City along the M-66 and M-55 highway corridor. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Frisbie; Kristine Parsons, Calhoun County Road Department Managing Director; and Supervisor Richard Porter, Sheridan Township, testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for bridge infrastructure projects in Sheridan Township. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Johnsen, Chief Chad Perkins of the Lake Odessa Fire Department, and Sharon Rohrbacher, Odessa Township Treasurer, testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item to support construction of a new fire station in Odessa Township. Questions and discussion followed.

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Representative Kelly testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item to support construction of a new fire hall for the Breckenridge-Wheeler Township Fire and Rescue Department. Questions and discussion followed.

At 9:47 AM, the Chair laid the subcommittee at ease.

At 10:13 AM, the Chair called the subcommittee back to order.

Jon Mieczkowski, Legislative Director, Office of State Representative David Martin, and Andrea Schroeder, City of Davison City Manager, testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item to support road and infrastructure projects in the City of Davison. Questions and discussion followed.

Dennis Borchard, Saginaw County Road Commission Managing Director, testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item to support construction of protective structures to safeguard equipment and materials. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Roth testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item to support costs of road projects for Essex Road in Antrim County. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Steele and Chris Barnett, Orion Township Supervisor, testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for paving of East Clarkston Road in Orion Township. Questions and discussion followed.

Emma Paddock, Legislative Director, Office of State Representative Jamie Thompson, and Chief Derrick Welton of the Flat Rock Fire Department testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item to support the Flat Rock Fire Department's acquisition of a frontline fire truck. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Robinson and Chief Matt Kaluzny of the Utica Police Department testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item to support the purchase of police equipment, including new tasers, a drone, and protective equipment. Questions and discussion followed.

At 11:02 AM, the Chair laid the subcommittee at ease.

At 11:16 AM, the Chair called the subcommittee back to order.

Representative Fairbairn testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item to offset a portion of the cost of a new aerial platform fire truck for the Charlevoix Township Fire Department. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Kelly testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for repairs to the Maple Street Bridge in Maple Rapids. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Frisbie testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item support construction of a carport to protect law enforcement vehicles in the City of Springfield. Questions and discussion followed.

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Representative Roth testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for the Kalkaska Road Commission to support road projects in Kalkaska County. Questions and discussion followed.

Phillip Eckert, Legislative Director, Office of State Representative Gina Johnsen, and Linda Pigue, Ionia County Road Department Managing Director, testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for the Ionia County Road Department to fund repairs to 54 of Ionia County's 67 public bridges. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Kelly testified in support of a legislatively directed spending item for the Tri-Township Fire Department (located in Saginaw County) to support equipment needs. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Robinson moved to excuse Representative VanWoerkom from the meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Denise Hartsough, representing the League of Women Voters of Michigan, submitted a testimony card opposing a legislatively directed spending item for Wakefield Township for infrastructure associated with the Copperwood Mine, but did not wish to speak.

Yarrow Brown, representing Housing North, submitted a testimony card in support of a legislatively directed spending item for the Housing North Rapid Response Housing Fund, but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Chair Jenkins-Arno adjourned the meeting at 11:48 AM.

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Representative Nancy Jenkins-Arno, Chair

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