

# 2022 TRI-COUNTY SUMMIT

MACOMB OAKLAND WAYNE



NOVEMBER 18, 2022

DETROIT ZOO

# THANK YOU

The Chairs of the Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne County Commissions thank you for your attendance and participation in the Tri-County Summit. Topics presented here today have an impact not only on our local communities, but our state and region as well.

## 2022 PREMIER SPONSORS

EnTrust Global *plante moran*





# AGENDA

- |              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 8:00-9:00a   | Continental Breakfast   |
| 9:00-9:15a   | Welcome Remarks   |
| 9:15-9:30a   | Intro to Detroit Zoo  |
| 9:30-11:00a  | Broadband Equity Study<br>Group Presentation<br>Overview, Panel Discussion,<br>Q&A, NACo Presentation |
| 11:00-12:30p | Water Infrastructure Study<br>Group Presentation<br>Presentation, Speakers,<br>Q&A, Challenge         |
| 12:30-1:15p  | Lunch   |
| 1:30-1:45p   | SEMCOG Water<br>Infrastructure Survey<br>Results & Comments   |
| 1:45-2:30p   | Economic Forecast and Q&A   |
| 2:30-2:45p   | Legislative Update  |
| 2:45-3:00p   | Closing & Outcome<br>Announcement   |

# PARTNERSHIPS

These work groups were created as an outcome of the 2021 Tri-County Summit to establish a framework for dealing with a wide range of internet and broadband accessibility and water infrastructure challenges facing the Southeast Michigan region and to craft desired goals which result in sound solutions for a successful future.

## REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE AND EQUITY

### COMMISSIONERS

- MONIQUE BAKER MCCORMICK, WAYNE COUNTY
- MELISSA DAUB, WAYNE COUNTY
- GWEN MARKHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY
- DON VANSYCKEL, MACOMB COUNTY
- PHIL WEIPERT, OAKLAND COUNTY
- MAI XIONG, MACOMB COUNTY

## REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

### COMMISSIONERS

- SAM BAYDOUN, WAYNE COUNTY
- YOLANDA SMITH CHARLES, OAKLAND COUNTY
- TERRY MARECKI, WAYNE COUNTY
- JULIE MATUZAK, MACOMB COUNTY
- MICHAEL SPISZ, OAKLAND COUNTY
- BARB ZINNER, MACOMB COUNTY

# SPEAKER BIOS

PRESENTED IN EVENT ORDER



## **ALISHA BELL**

*CHAIR, WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION*

Alisha Bell is chair of the Wayne County Commission. She was first elected to the Commission in November 2002 as the youngest African American woman to serve on a county commission in the country and is serving her ninth two-year term. She also served for nine months in 2000, succeeding her mother, who had served since 1991.

As an active member of the community, Commissioner Bell has served as chair of the National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence and the Detroit Recovery Project. She currently serves as the chair of Wayne County Zoological Authority and Wayne County HealthChoice. She is a member of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and Jack and Jill of America, Inc. and a past member of the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority. She volunteered with Junior Achievement and was founder and charter president of the Metro Detroit Optimist Club, a young adult chapter of the Optimist Club International. She is also a former precinct delegate.

On a national level, Commissioner Bell is very active with the National Association of Counties (NACo), where she was a presidential appointee for three consecutive NACo presidents. She is the immediate past chair of the Justice and Public Safety Committee, immediate past president of the National Association of Black County Officials, past president of Women of NACo and founding member and former executive board member of NextGen NACo.

Commissioner Bell grew up in the Wayne County Commission's 7th District, which covers part of Detroit's far west side. She is a graduate of Cass Technical High School and received her bachelor's degree in business administration from Florida A&M University, graduating cum laude. She also earned a master's degree in education from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She and her husband, Kranston Young, have a son, Kranston II, and a daughter, Morgan. She is the daughter of James and Edna Bell and has a younger sister, Sonja Johnson.



## **DON BROWN**

*CHAIR, MACOMB COUNTY COMMISSION*

Board Chair Don Brown represents new District 1, serving Shelby, Washington, Bruce, Ray, Armada and Richmond townships, the villages of Romeo and Armada and the cities of Memphis and Richmond.

Before being elected chair by his peers in 2021, Brown served as chairman of the Government Oversight Committee and has served as chairman of the Finance Committee. Over the course of his years on the Board, he has also served as chairman of the Budget and Planning and Economic Development Committee.

He holds an Executive Certificate in State and Local Government from Harvard University and earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Oakland University. He recently managed former Commander of Selfridge Air National Base, Ret. Brigadier General Doug Slocum's campaign for Congress. He previously worked with Congressman Paul Mitchell as his director of community outreach, was deputy district director for Congresswoman Candice Miller, has served as the Southeast Michigan liaison for the Michigan Department of State, and as associate director of Governor John Engler's southeast Michigan office. He is also on the Board of the State of Michigan Agriculture Preservation Fund.

Brown is involved in the community in numerous ways, serving as a member of the Romeo-Washington Chamber of Commerce, Washington Lions Club, Macomb County Farm Bureau, North Macomb Sportsmen Club, National Rifle Association, Right to Life of Michigan, St. Clement of Rome Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Some of Brown's accomplishments and honors include:

- Receiving the Taubman Fellowship for State and Local Government.
- Receiving the Outstanding Joint Public Services Award for Macomb Multi-Jurisdictional Agribusiness by SEMCOG / Metropolitan Affairs Coalition for his work on Farmland Preservation.
- Recognized as the Conservation Leader of the Year by the Macomb County Farm Bureau.
- Serving as a Life Member of the Washington Lions Club.
- Active in multiple Chambers of Commerce and service organizations in the county.
- North Macomb Sportsman's Club's representative to Michigan United Conservation Clubs.
- He has the honor of being the longest continually serving elected official in Macomb County.

Brown is married to his wife Lisa and has triplet sons, one daughter and a cat named Tiger. Brown has lived in Washington Township for more than 30 years.



**DAVID T. WOODWARD**  
*CHAIR, OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSION*

David T. Woodward is the chairman of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. He was first elected to the Board in November 2004 and served as Democratic Caucus chairperson for six years. From 1999 to 2004, Chairman Woodward was a member of the Michigan House of Representatives.

With a focus on advancing social and economic justice, Chairman Woodward's 20-year political and public service career includes senior leadership roles in candidate and political training programs, as well as policy advocacy and leadership development organizations.

Chairman Woodward holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Wayne State University. He and his wife Stacie live in Royal Oak, Michigan, with their two daughters.



**DR. HAYLEY W. MURPHY**  
*DIRECTOR & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DETROIT ZOO*

Dr. Hayley Weston Murphy, graduated from Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1992. Dr. Murphy then worked full time as a small animal and equine veterinarian for 3 years after graduation. She was accepted into a veterinary internship at Zoo New England (Boston, MA) in 1995, where she eventually became the Director of Veterinary Services.

Dr. Murphy started at Zoo Atlanta in 2009 as the Director of Veterinary Services and held progressively more management roles until becoming the Deputy Director in charge of life sciences, facilities and operations, education, human resources, and the senior leadership team.

*DR. HAYLEY MURPHY, CONTINUED*

She is a 2018 graduate of the Executive Leadership Development program of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and is also founder and director emeritus of the Great Ape Heart Project, which transitioned with her to the DZS in 2022 and receives funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Dr. Murphy is a veterinary advisor to the Gorilla Species Survival Plan (SSP) and the Great Ape Taxonomic Advisory group and past chair of the Veterinary Advisors for the AZA Scientific Advisory Group. Dr. Murphy serves as the Vice Chair of the AZA Ethics Board and serves as a committee member on the AZA Professional Development Committee.

In 2019, Hayley was thrilled to lecture at a special symposium at the Karolinska Institute and Nobel Forum in Stockholm, Sweden on heart disease in great apes and in 2020 to be recognized by the AZA when the Great Ape Heart Project received the first ever AZA Research Award. When not at work- she is the mother of two children and wife to Dr. David Murphy, a small animal veterinarian.



**JOE LARUSSA**

*MAYOR PRO TEM, CITY OF FARMINGTON*

I am a Husband, Father, and Farmington Resident since 2005, and I serve on City Council to connect and serve all Farmington neighborhoods. As an engineer, I possess a skill set that can help Farmington grow responsibly, solve real problems for residents, and use technology to improve operations and engagement of residents. Most of all, I want to help Farmington residents live at the intersection of history and the future.





**JASON DIXON**  
*CEO, STRATEGIC ALLIANCE CDC*

Strategic Alliance Community Development Corporation (Strategic Alliance CDC) is a 501(c)(3) organization headquartered in Detroit, Michigan under the leadership of Jason Dixon as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). We are a sustainable community development organization and fiber optic service provider. Our “Route to a Smart City” initiative will bring 1G fiber to the home and 10G Fiber to businesses providing internet services in urban communities across the nation.



**ERIC FREDERICK**  
*CHIEF CONNECTIVITY OFFICER, MICHIGAN  
OFFICE OF BROADBAND*

Eric Frederick serves as the State of Michigan’s first Chief Connectivity Officer. In this role, Mr. Frederick leads the Michigan High-Speed Internet Office (MIHI) with the goals of achieving universal broadband access and creating a more digitally equitable state. Mr. Frederick is a state and community broadband policy and planning expert and a sought-after speaker on broadband and technology issues with experience working with local to international stakeholders to improve the access, adoption, and use of broadband. Mr. Frederick’s long-term and comprehensive approach to technology-related community development provides wide-ranging insights, education, and solutions to create digitally inclusive and equitable communities.

Over the last decade, Eric served as the Executive Director and Vice President of Broadband Planning for Connected Nation Michigan where he advised several state agencies and was a steadfast advocate and resource for expanding broadband in Michigan. During this time, Eric advised the Michigan 21st Century Infrastructure Commission, was the principal author of the 2018 Michigan Broadband Roadmap, (and its 2021 update), created the Connecting Michigan Taskforce, and developed and administered the Connecting Michigan Communities grant program.

Eric has advised the Obama and Biden Administrations, Federal Communications Commission, Michigan’s Congressional delegation, the last three Michigan gubernatorial administrations, and the Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation, among many others, on issues of connectivity and digital inclusion, and is one of the longest tenured members of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration’s State Broadband Leaders Network. Eric is an alumni board member for Michigan State University’s Urban and Regional Planning Program and consultative panel member for MSU’s EDA Center for Regional Economic Innovation. Eric holds a Bachelor of Science degree in planning from Northern Michigan University and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree from Michigan State University.



## **BEN FINEMAN**

*FEDERAL PROGRAM OFFICER, MICHIGAN  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, NTIA*

Ben Fineman joined the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) in August 2022 as the federal program officer (FPO) for the State of Michigan. In this role, Ben coordinates partnerships and outreach with the state and local governments, community groups, and other entities with a vested interest on NTIA's high-speed internet grant programs and policy issues. Ben works directly with Michigan's broadband office, the state-level county and municipal associations, and other groups to ensure comprehensive engagement from all stakeholders in the state on the State's high-speed internet planning and funding process.

Prior to joining the NTIA, Ben spent 18 years at the advanced networking consortium Internet2, where he led programs to enable transformational outcomes for research and education institutions using massive bandwidth. Ben also has grass-roots experience in the broadband space, beginning with leading his own Lyndon Township through the passage and construction of a township-wide municipal fiber network. Following this success, Ben helped to form and lead a broadband taskforce for Washtenaw County, resulting in funding for 100% of the unserved households in the County. Ben also co-founded and served as President of the Michigan Broadband Alliance, where he provided advocacy and consulting for Michigan communities working to close their own broadband gaps.

Ben holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from the University of Michigan and a Master of Business Administration from Eastern Michigan University.



## **JAMEKA WILLIAMS**

*MERIT NETWORK, DIRECTOR OF MEMBER ENGAGEMENT  
BROADBAND*

Jameka's responsibilities at Merit include leadership of the member engagement team, responsible for ongoing member relationship management, member support & advocacy, sales engagement, and account management for community members. Her team is directly responsible for member retention, revenue generation, and membership growth. Her tenure in the technology industry spans more than eight years and includes a breadth of knowledge in network technology, cybersecurity, and the federal, state, and local broadband landscape. During her time at Merit, she's had the privilege of supporting Merit's community members from large scale research universities to small rural townships with their Network, Security, and Community service needs.



## **SEAMUS DOWDALL**

*ASSOCIATE LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR -  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY, NACO*

Seamus is the associate legislative director for telecommunications & technology policy issues at NACO. In this role, Seamus serves as the liaison to NACO's Telecommunications & Technology Policy Steering Committee. Seamus works with county officials from across the country to set organizational priorities and policies for telecommunications & technology issues that affect local governments.

Prior to joining NACO, Seamus held several positions with POLITICO, including roles as customer success manager and account manager for POLITICO's state news networks. Seamus holds a bachelor's degree in political science and economics from Bucknell University, and is currently pursuing a Master in Public Policy at American University.



## **SARAH GIMONT**

*ASSOCIATE LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR - ENVIRONMENT,  
ENERGY & LAND USE, NACO*

Sarah is the associate legislative director for environment, energy and land use policy. In this role, she serves as the liaison to NACO's Environment, Energy and Land Use (EELU) Policy Steering committee and works with county officials across the nation to set organizational priorities and policies for environment, energy and land use issues that affect counties. Prior to joining NACO, Sarah worked as government relations coordinator at a small firm in Washington, D.C., representing local governments and other public entities on infrastructure and related issues.

Sarah received her undergraduate degree in International Relations and Modern History from the University of St Andrews in Scotland and is currently a masters of public administration (MPA) candidate at George Washington University.



## **AMY O'LEARY**

*EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SEMCOG)*

Amy O'Leary is the executive director of SEMCOG, a membership and regional planning organization with over 170 local government and education members. SEMCOG develops regional plans and local implementation in the areas of transportation, economic development and environment. Amy holds a master's in planning from Eastern Michigan University and attended Harvard University's Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at the John F. Kennedy School of Government. She is a Certified Association Executive, holds a certificate in Diversity and Inclusion from Cornell University, and is involved with the National Association of Regional Councils. She holds leadership positions at Six Rivers Regional Land Conservancy and the Michigan Chapter of Women in Transportation.



## **MARTIN LAVELLE**

**SENIOR BUSINESS ECONOMIST AT FEDERAL RESERVE  
BANK OF CHICAGO**

Martin Lavelle is a senior business economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's Detroit Branch. Mr. Lavelle is heavily involved in the formulation of the Chicago Fed's Beige Book submission by moderating roundtables of key business contacts and regional stakeholders across Michigan and Indiana. His work revolves around understanding the workings of the real economy, specifically, but not limited to the auto industry, consumer spending, construction & real estate, rural economic development and the city of Detroit.



## **STEPHAN CURRIE**

*EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION  
OF COUNTIES (MAC)*

Stephan Currie became MAC's fourth executive director since 1968 on Jan. 1, 2017.

Currie began his service at MAC as deputy director in 2011. As deputy director, Currie led MAC's daily operations, plus spurred new initiatives such as CoPro+, a collaborative purchasing program for public entities. Currie also has led a new program where MAC is assisting Wayne County with modernizing its procurement efforts.

In September 2017, Currie was named the strategic association leader for 2017 by the Michigan Society of Association Executives.

Prior to joining MAC, Currie was operations manager at Comfort Research in Grand Rapids. He graduated from Hope College with a degree in business administration and has an MBA from Michigan State University.



## **DEENA BOSWORTH**

*DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, MICHIGAN  
ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (MAC)*

Deena Bosworth joined MAC in 2011 and became director of governmental affairs in December 2013. Bosworth previously served as director of legislative relations for the Michigan Attorney General's Office, as assistant county administrator with the Charlotte County Board of Commissioners in Florida and as legislative director and senior policy adviser for the Michigan House Republican Caucus. She has a B.A. in anthropology from Western Michigan University.

# NOTES





# OUR SPONSORS

## PREMIER



## SPONSOR



## SUPPORTER

