Wayne County Commission honors hospital personnel, first responders

Wayne County Commissioners on Tuesday, April 14 paused to honor hospital personnel, first responders and all other essential employees who have kept the county – and nation – going during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commissioners gave unanimous approval to a resolution of Commissioner Sam Baydoun (D-Dearborn), citing doctors, nurses, medical personnel, police officers, fire fighters, emergency medical technicians and a host of others, ranging from public works staff to communications personnel to grocery store workers.

“We have all witnessed in the last three weeks, as our doctors, nurses, healthcare professionals, EMS, police, fire, grocery store employees and all employees who are deemed essential during this pandemic, work around the clock to fight this invisible enemy and keep us all safe,” Commissioner Baydoun said.

The resolution noted that many of these workers continue to lack adequate protective equipment.
The resolution calls on “all members of the community and organizations throughout Wayne County to collectively show their appreciation,” especially by following social distancing and other health related orders and procedures.

“These brave men and women, from all backgrounds and from all parts of our county, clearly deserve whatever support we can give them,” commission chair Alisha Bell (D-Detroit) said.

As they passed the resolution, commissioners also approved a county grant that will reopen a closed Lincoln Park hospital as an overflow facility to house as many as 440 COVID-19 patients to ease space restrictions at existing hospitals.