

BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Hearing/Special Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Dakota called the Public Hearing on Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 4:45 p.m. Circuit Courtroom, Baraga County Courthouse, L'Anse, Michigan 49946.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Chairman Dakota led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Dakota instructed Clerk Goodreau to take roll call with the following results:
Present: Commissioner Niemela, Commissioner Dakota, and Commissioner Menge.
Absent: Commissioner Kent and Commissioner DeLeon.

The purpose of the hearing was to receive comments on the proposed 2025/2026 General Fund Budget and Special Revenue Fund Budgets.

Chairman Dakota presented the Board with the highlights of the budget.

Commissioner Kent entered the Public Hearing at 4:49 p.m.

Chairman Dakota adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Dakota called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 P.M., Circuit Courtroom, Baraga County Courthouse, L'Anse, Michigan 49946.

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ROLL CALL:

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Present: Commissioner Niemela, Chairman Dakota, Commissioner Kent, and Commissioner Menge. Absent: Commissioner DeLeon.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Niemela made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to approve the Agenda, as presented. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT-Agenda Items Only:

There was no Public Comment offered.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Commissioner Kent made a motion, supported by Commissioner Niemela to approve the payment of the Claims and Accounts for the period of September 9, 2025 through September 26, 2025 in the amount of \$118,847.54. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to approve the Prepaid Bills for the period of September 9, 2025 through September 26, 2025. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to approve Budge Amendments for General Fund #202-003:

BARAGA COUNTY

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

BA # 03-2025

For the Fiscal Year Ending 09/30/2025

Account Name	Account Number	Revenue Increase - (Decrease)	Expense - Increase- (Decrease)
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GENERAL FUND - REVENUES

Tribal Contributions	101-000-420.00	\$ 19,115.00	
Public Safety- CPE	101-000-550.00	\$ 7,000.00	
Elections Reimbursement	101-000-677.02	\$ 1,030.00	
Fund Balance Surplus	101-000-699.99	\$ 66,810.00	

**GENERAL FUND -
EXPENDITURES**

Legal Fees	101-101-807.00	\$ 3,000.00	
Misc Exp	101-101-955.00	\$ 200.00	
BIS Recording Maintenance Contract	101-131-805.00	\$ 100.00	
Juror and Witness Fees	101-136-803.00	\$ (2,000.00)	
BIS Recording Maintenance Contract	101-136-805.00	\$ 75.00	
Travel Expense	101-136-860.00	\$ 1,400.00	
Law Books	101-136-981.00	\$ 150.00	
Salary and Wages	101-137-703.00	\$ 3,000.00	
Social Security / Medicare	101-137-715.00	\$ 250.00	
MERS Pension	101-137-718.00	\$ 150.00	
MERS Pension	101-148-718.00	\$ 400.00	

Probate court guardian Adlitem expense	101-148-806.00	\$	6,700.00
Telephone	101-148-850.00	\$	360.00
Misc Exp	101-148-955.00	\$	150.00
Telephone	101-170-850.00	\$	710.00
Audit	101-170-960.03	\$	(600.00)
Record Copying - Xerox	101-170-960.43	\$	100.00
Record Copying - Paper	101-170-960.46	\$	500.00
Operating and Office Supplies	101-191-727.00	\$	700.00
Travel Expense	101-191-860.00	\$	30.00
Advertising	101-191-901.00	\$	300.00
Salary and Wages	101-225-703.00	\$	5,400.00
Social Security / Medicare	101-225-715.00	\$	1,100.00
MERS - Retirees	101-225-718.01	\$	2,500.00
Operating and Office Supplies	101-225-727.00	\$	(1,000.00)
Education & Training	101-225-820.00	\$	(1,500.00)
Telephone	101-225-850.00	\$	(1,000.00)
Travel Expense	101-225-860.00	\$	500.00
Salary and Wages	101-229-703.00	\$	1,700.00
Social Security / Medicare	101-229-715.00	\$	460.00
Subscription & Dues	101-229-802.00	\$	3,000.00
Trial Expense	101-229-804.00	\$	(7,000.00)
Salary and Wages	101-236-703.00	\$	1,810.00
Social Security / Medicare	101-236-715.00	\$	140.00
Salary and Wages	101-253-703.00	\$	275.00
Social Security / Medicare	101-253-715.00	\$	440.00
BS&A support	101-253-810.00	\$	900.00
Printing & Binding	101-261-728.00	\$	(6,000.00)
Salary and Wages	101-265-703.00	\$	1,910.00
Social Security / Medicare	101-265-715.00	\$	155.00
Utilities- Courthouse	101-265-920.00	\$	(3,950.00)
Utilities- Administration Building	101-265-920.01	\$	(3,400.00)
Repairs and Maintenance	101-265-930.00	\$	3,300.00
Repairs and Maintenance- Admin Building	101-265-932.00	\$	200.00
Salary and Wages	101-301-703.00	\$	(90,000.00)
Operating and Office Supplies	101-301-727.00	\$	400.00
Vehicle Expense	101-301-742.00	\$	7,300.00
Uniforms & Dry Cleaning	101-301-745.00	\$	400.00
Public Safety- CPE	101-301-863.00	\$	825.00
MERS Pension	101-333-718.00	\$	920.00
Salary and Wages	101-351-703.00	\$	41,200.00

Longevity	101-351-708.00	\$	2,100.00
Social Security / Medicare	101-351-715.00	\$	3,300.00
Health Insurance	101-351-716.00	\$	2,000.00
Cleaning and laundry	101-351-832.00	\$	1,200.00
Misc Exp	101-400-955.00	\$	(150.00)
Homeland Security Program	101-400-960.04	\$	130.00
Boarding of Animals	101-430-813.00	\$	(1,800.00)
Disposal Fees	101-430-937.00	\$	(500.00)
Miscellaneous Expense	101-430-955.00	\$	(2,500.00)
Health Services- Assist	101-600-835.02	\$	13,800.00
Materials Management Planning	101-600-965.00	\$	33,500.00
Veteran's Burial	101-681-833.00	\$	6,300.00
Salary and Wages	101-750-703.00	\$	(1,600.00)
Social Security / Medicare	101-750-715.00	\$	(115.00)
Patrol Car	101-900-960.86	\$	62,570.00
Office Computers	101-900-965.00	\$	360.00

GENERAL FUND – JOURNAL TOTALS

\$ 93,955.00 \$ 93,955.00

On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to approve the following Resolution, with the indication that the budget will be reviewed and the County Board maintains the option to amend any or all departments within the FY 2025-2026, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the monies be appropriated and adopted as the 2025-2026 budget for the Baraga County General Fund and Baraga County Special Revenue Funds in accordance with the General Appropriations Act, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 16(2) of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act “the truth in budgeting act” the Board hereby authorizes the levying of the following number of mills of ad valorem property taxes: 8.529 mills for General Fund Operating; 1.9846 mills for County Road Fund Operating; and Senior Citizens Fund Operating, .9923 mills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby appropriates monies from the various County revenues and authorizes the expenditures in the various finds in accordance with the following details:

BARAGA COUNTY

GENERAL FUND
2025/26 BUDGET

ANTICIPATED
REVENUES:

Current Tax Collection	\$ 3,132,078.00
Delinquent Personal Property	\$ 2,500.00
Delinquent Building Leased	\$ 100.00
Tribal Contributions	\$ 35,000.00
CFR Withdrawal Fees	\$ 1,000.00
Commercial Forest	\$ 60,000.00
Township Commercial Forest Tax	\$ 60,000.00
Swamp Land	\$ 183,000.00
Payment in Lieu	\$ 106,000.00
Local Community Stabilization	\$ 35,000.00
Interest on Taxes	\$ 4,500.00
Property Tax Admin Fee	\$ 150.00
Marriage License	\$ 250.00
Marriage License Family Counseling	\$ 400.00
Dog License	\$ 500.00
Soil Erosion Permit	\$ 10,000.00
Emergency Services Program	\$ 6,520.00
Marine Safety Program	\$ 5,480.00
Federal CRP - Prosecutor	\$ 22,000.00
Federal Performance Incentive IVD	\$ 7,500.00
State FOC Incentive	\$ 1,800.00
State Reimbursement RDSS	\$ 7,000.00
Circuit Court	\$ 10,975.00
District Judge	\$ 11,431.00
Probate Judge	\$ 180,745.00
Snowmobile Grant	\$ 4,250.00
Sheriff Road Patrol	\$ 81,450.00
Stonegarden Grant-Homeland	\$ 86,400.00
ORV-Off road Vehicle Grant	\$ 11,000.00
Case Flow Assistance	\$ 4,000.00
PA 302- State Officer Training	\$ 500.00
Juror Compensation State	\$ 4,000.00
Court Equity Fund	\$ 25,000.00
Public Safety - CPE	\$ 3,500.00
Court Juvenile Officer	\$ 27,317.00

Diverted Felons	\$ 1,500.00
Crime Victims Rights	\$ 21,442.00
Prison Inmate Services	\$ 13,000.00
Convention Facility Tax	\$ 41,607.00
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 255,305.00
State Revenue Sharing - Pub	\$ 4,500.00
Remonumentation Grant	\$ 65,280.00
Website Reimbursement Revenue	\$ 900.00
Circuit Court Costs	\$ 5,000.00
Probation Enhancement Fee	\$ 50.00
District Court Cost	\$ 100,000.00
District Court Supervision	\$ 5,500.00
Bond Cost	\$ 2,000.00
Probate Court Guardian AdLitem	\$ 500.00
Probation Screening	\$ 7,000.00
Circuit Court Service	\$ 1,500.00
Friend of the Court	\$ 4,000.00
Probate Court Service	\$ 3,000.00
Treasurer's Fees	\$ 12,000.00
Clerk's Service	\$ 9,000.00
Register of Deed's Service	\$ 55,000.00
Land Transfer Tax	\$ 40,000.00
Service Fees-Probate	\$ 100.00
Civil Court Fees	\$ 7,000.00
Sheriff Fees	\$ 8,000.00
Sheriff Transport Services	\$ 10,000.00
Reimbursement Witness Fees	\$ 200.00
Remonumentation Fees	\$ 80.00
Sex Offender Fee	\$ 200.00
PA-125 Corrections Booking Fee	\$ 2,000.00
Sheriff Co. App's Prints	\$ 1,200.00
Equalization Dept. Service	\$ 5,000.00
Property Maps Sales	\$ 2,940.00
Jail Reimbursement	\$ 10,000.00
Jail Bed Rental	\$ 75,000.00
Sale of Platbooks	\$ 4,000.00
Sale of Materials	\$ 50.00
911 Sign Applications	\$ 250.00
Ordinance Fine Cost	\$ 250.00
Bond Forfeiture	\$ 3,000.00
Lease Revenue	\$ 12,300.00
Interest Earned	\$ 2,000.00
Sale of Fixed Assets	\$ 2,000.00

MMMRA Grant	\$ 4,300.00
PA 2 Reimbursement	\$ 16,000.00
Refund/Reimbursement	\$ 5,000.00
Bond Fees	\$ 500.00
General Refunds & Reimbursement	\$ 100.00
Insurance Refunds - Claims	\$ 1,500.00
Total Revenues	\$ 4,952,400.00

ESTIMATED
EXPENDITURES:

LEGISLATIVE	Board of Commissioners	\$ 53,460.00
JUDICIAL	Circuit Court	\$ 78,375.00
	District Court	\$ 276,911.00
	District Court - Probation	\$ 13,500.00
	Friend of the Court	\$ 50,500.00
	Jury Commission	\$ 2,708.00
	Probate Court	\$ 349,850.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Elections	\$ 15,509.00
	County Clerk	\$ 201,336.00
	Equalization	\$ 200,666.00
	Prosecuting Attorney	\$ 269,149.00
	Register of Deeds	\$ 86,956.00
	County Treasurer	\$ 178,379.00
	Courthouse & Grounds	\$ 119,949.00
GENERAL GOVT MISC.	Audit	\$ 24,000.00
	MERS - Retirees	\$ 7,055.00
	Maximus Contract	\$ 10,000.00
	Telephone	\$ 6,700.00
	Technology	\$ 14,000.00

Record Copy - Machine Contracts	\$ 4,800.00
Record Copy - Paper	\$ 2,400.00
Record Copy - Supplies	\$ 150.00
Remonumentation	\$ 65,280.00

PUBLIC SAFETY	Sheriff	\$ 837,585.00
	Marine Law	\$ 5,480.00
	Snowmobile	\$ 4,250.00
	Road Patrol	\$ 81,450.00
	Off Road Patrol	\$ 11,000.00
	Stonegarden Grant Homeland	\$ 86,400.00
	County Jail	\$ 1,205,787.00
	Public Safety	\$ 5,000.00
	Emergency Preparedness	\$ 13,550.00
	Animal Control	\$ 8,500.00

PUBLIC SAFETY	Mine Inspector	\$ 2,720.00
MISC.	Soil Erosion Program	\$ 10,000.00
	Emergency Numbering System	\$ 1,200.00

HEALTH AND	Institutional Accounts	\$ 33,795.00
WELFARE	Medical Examiner	\$ 14,000.00
	Health Services - Assistant	\$ 14,000.00
	District Health Department	\$ 69,262.00
	WUPPDR	\$ 7,476.00
	Conventional Facility Tax	\$ 20,804.00
	UPSET	\$ 5,000.00

HEALTH AND WELFARE MISC.	Veterans' Burial	\$ 12,000.00
	Department of Human Services	\$ 3,500.00
RECREATION AND CULTURAL	Point Abbaye Maintenance	\$ 4,400.00
	Parks & Recreation Maintenance	\$ 5,646.00
	Northwoods Rail Transit	\$ 400.00
	EDC Appropriation	\$ 10,000.00
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS	Insurance	\$ 55,000.00
	Workers' Compensation	\$ 30,000.00
	Employee Retirement Adjustment	\$ 100.00
	Employee Assistance Program	\$ 600.00
	Post Employment Insurance	\$ 20,050.00
	COBRA	\$ 450.00
	Unemployment Insurance	\$ 1,875.00
	County Employee Retirement - MERS	\$ 10,000.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	Bond Debt Service	\$ 125,000.00
	Bond Debt Interest	\$ 20,933.00
OTHER USES	Child Care Fund	\$ 100,000.00
	Veterans Affairs Fund	\$ 38,213.00
	Law Library Fund	\$ 15,000.00
	Indigent Defense Appropriation	\$ 30,341.00
	Total Expenditures	<u><u>\$ 4,952,400.00</u></u>

BARAGA COUNTY
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

For the Fiscal Year Ending 9/30/26

FRIEND OF THE COURT FUND - 215

REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES

Charges For Services	\$ 2,100.00
Total Revenues & Other Sources	<u>\$ 2,100.00</u>

EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES

Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 100.00
Office Equipment & Furniture	\$ 2,000.00
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	<u>\$ 2,100.00</u>

DRUG COURT-233

REVENUES & OTHER SOURCEES

Drug Court Participants	\$ 3,500.00
Civil Fee	\$ 500.00
Total Revenues & Other Sources	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>

EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES

Drug Testing	\$ 4,000.00
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>

ROD AUTOMATION FUND-256

REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES

Charges For Services	\$ 8,000.00
Interest Earned	\$ -
Transfer in From Fund Balance	\$ 1,000.00
Total Revenues & Other Sources	<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>

EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES

Stationery & Office Supplies	\$ 174.00
Technology	\$ 3,000.00
Virtual Server Contract	\$ 600.00
Travel	
Salary & Wages	\$ 4,600.00
Fringe Benefits	\$ 626.00
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>

911 WIRELESS FUND-260

REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES

State Wireless Money	\$ 140,000.00
911 Surcharge Revenue	\$ 30,000.00
Interest Earned	\$ 250.00

Total Revenues & Other Sources	<u>\$ 170,250.00</u>
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EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES

Wages and Benefits	\$ 24,220.00
Office Supplies	\$ 500.00
Map Technology	\$ 4,000.00
Contract Services	\$ 90,000.00
Secondary PSAP Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
Telephone	\$ 3,000.00
Travel Expense	\$ 500.00
Repairs and Maint.	\$ 15,330.00
Equipment	\$ 30,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 500.00

Total Expenditures & Other Uses	<u>\$ 170,050.00</u>
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INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND - 261

REVENUES & OTHER SOURCEES

Transfers In	<u>\$ 30,341.00</u>
Total Revenues & Other Sources	<u>\$ 30,341.00</u>

EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES

Indigent Defense Expenses	\$ 30,341.00
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Total Expenditures & Other Uses	<u><u>\$ 30,341.00</u></u>
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CONCEALED PISTOL LICENSING-263

REVENUES & OTHER SOURCEES

CPL Clerk Fee	\$ 6,100.00
Transfer in from Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,710.00</u>
Total Revenues & Other Sources	<u><u>\$ 7,810.00</u></u>

EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES

Wages and Benefits	\$ 5,560.00
Operating and Office Supplies	\$ 250.00
Travel Expense	
Equipment & Furniture	
Technology	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	<u><u>\$ 7,810.00</u></u>

SENIOR CITIZENS FUND-265

REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES

Taxes	<u>\$ 394,385.00</u>
Total Revenues & Other Sources	<u><u>\$ 394,385.00</u></u>

EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES

Health & Welfare	<u>\$ 394,385.00</u>
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	<u><u>\$ 394,385.00</u></u>

LAW LIBRARY FUND-269

REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES

Penal Fines	\$ 2,000.00
Other Sources - Operating Transfers In	
From General Fund	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>
Total Revenues & Other Sources	<u><u>\$ 17,000.00</u></u>

EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES

Judicial-Law Books	\$ 17,000.00
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Total Expenditures & Other Uses

\$ 17,000.00

PROBATE CHILD CARE FUND-292

REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES

Foster Care Reimbursements	\$ 10,000.00
Institutional Care Reimbursements	
Reimbursement - Chargebacks	\$ 229,944.00
Basic Grant	\$ 56,520.00
Admin Fee Receipts	\$ 37,829.00
From General Fund	\$ 100,000.00

Total Revenues & Other Sources

\$ 434,293.00

EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES

Wages, Benefits & Operating Expenses	\$ 184,293.00
Health & Welfare	<u>\$ 250,000.00</u>
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	<u>\$ 434,293.00</u>

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS FUND-293

REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES

Other Sources - Operating Transfers In	
From General Fund	\$ 38,213.00
County Service Veteran	\$ 51,136.00

Total Revenues & Other Sources

\$ 89,349.00

EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES

Transfer Out	
Veterans' Affairs Expenses	\$ 76,849.00
Health & Welfare	\$ 12,500.00

Total Expenditures & Other Uses

\$ 89,349.00

On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Kent made a motion, supported by Commissioner Niemela to authorize Treasurer Tollefson to make all FY2024-2025 year-end budget amendments, as necessary. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to approve the following wage increase for FY2025-2026 budget:

- \$.45/hour for hourly FTE
- \$.34/hour for PTE employees.
- \$.49/hour for Equalization Deputy Director/Field Specialist and \$.39/hour for Equalization PTE.
- 2% wage increase for Elected Officials (Sheriff, Clerk-Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Equalization Director, Undersheriff and Jail Administrator.
- Juvenile Caseworker 2% wage increase.

On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to approve the FY2026 Indigent Defense Contract with Tri-County Public Defenders. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Niemela made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to enter into closed session per the Open Meetings Act 15.268 Section 8(c) to consider contract negotiations with the Sheriff Department unions. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered back into open session at 5:31 p.m. Clerk Goodreau took Roll with the following results: Present: Commissioner Niemela, Chairman Dakota, Commissioner Kent, and Commissioner Menge. Absent: Commissioner DeLeon.

Commissioner Kent made a motion, supported by Commissioner Niemela to ratify the Tentative Agreement with the Police Officers Labor Council – Corrections Officers for a new 3-year Agreement from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2028. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to ratify the Tentative Agreement with the Police Officers Labor Council – Sheriff's Deputies for a new 3-year Agreement from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2028. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Treasurer, Report of Real Property Foreclosure Sales.

RESOLUTIONS

Commissioner Kent made a motion, supported by Commissioner Niemela to adopt the following Resolution:

OPPOSING HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' FY26 BUDGET CUTS TO COUNTY REVENUE SHARING

WHEREAS, counties are mandated by the State of Michigan to provide essential public services including courts, jails, elections, public health, public safety and human services; and

WHEREAS, unlike cities, villages and townships, counties do not receive constitutionally guaranteed revenue sharing and instead rely solely on statutory revenue sharing, leaving counties uniquely vulnerable to annual state budget decisions; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives' version of the Fiscal Year 2026 state budget proposes a \$34.9 million reduction in county statutory revenue sharing, wiping out the long-overdue progress made in FY25 to restore revenue sharing to sustainable levels; and

WHEREAS, the House plan, if enacted, would leave counties with just over \$256 million in statutory revenue sharing statewide, while constitutional revenue sharing for cities, villages and townships (CVTs) is set to reach \$1.1 billion, and when combined with statutory revenue sharing, CVTs would get \$1.4 billion; and

WHEREAS, the House plan shifts \$40 million into restricted sheriff funding with strings attached, requiring counties to maintain higher law enforcement funding levels, even as flexible revenue sharing is reduced, thereby further straining already-limited general funds; and

WHEREAS, public safety dollars directed exclusively to sheriffs are not equivalent to revenue sharing, since they cannot be used to support the wide range of mandated services counties must provide; and

WHEREAS, the Senate budget proposal provides just over \$320 million in county statutory revenue sharing, an increase of \$29.1 million over FY25, and includes \$60 million for public safety that can be allocated at the discretion of county boards of commissioners rather than bypassing them; and

WHEREAS, the Senate approach respects county governance, strengthens general fund flexibility, and better equips counties to meet their broad statutory responsibilities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that _____ County Board of Commissioners strongly urges the Michigan Legislature and governor to reject the House revenue sharing cuts and support the Senate's proposal to increase county revenue sharing and provide flexible funding for public safety needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks, House Speaker Matt Hall and Chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.

On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Kent discussed the Materials Management Planning project.

Chairman Dakota discussed the overtime hours for the Juvenile Caseworker and the possibility of moving the overtime hours to a flat salary. Chairman Dakota will speak with Judge Brennan about the overtime hours verses setting a salary moving forward.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the County Board, Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Niemela to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, October 14, 2025. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Brad Dakota, Chairman

Wendy J. Goodreau, Clerk