

BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, March 11, 2024-5:00 P.M.

16 N. Third Street, L'Anse, MI 49946

PROPOSED AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL**
Chairman Eilola, Vice-Chairman Dakota, Commissioner Kent, Commissioner Menge, and Commissioner Cichosz
- 2. APPROVE AGENDA**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Regular Meeting, February 12, 2024
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS- Agenda Items Only**
- 5. TREASURER'S REPORT- INFORMATION ONLY – NO MOTION REQUIRED**
 - a. Budget Amendments – GF #01-2024 & SRF #01-2024
- 6. APPROVAL OF BILLS**
 - a. BCMH Trustee Per Diem- \$990.00 (February 2024)
 - b. Approval of County Commissioner and Dept. Bills, \$
 - c. Approval of Prepaid Accounts, \$
 - d. Approval of Sheriff Dept. Commissary Checking Account, \$7,111.50
- 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
Veterans' Affairs Committee, KBIC appointment
- 8. ACTION ITEMS**
 - a. Courthouse and Grounds, Seek bids for lighting – LED
 - b. Sheriff's Department, tasers (grant award and clarification on funding) & records management software
 - c. BCMH Board of Trustee, appointments
- 9. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**
- 10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
- 11. RESOLUTIONS**
 - a. Resolution Opposing Legislation Preempting Local Control for Solar and Wind Developments
 - b. Resolution supporting ballot initiative to amend the Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act.
 - c. Resolution Supporting the Protect My Kids Bill Package in the Michigan Legislature
 - d. Resolution – Materials Management Planning
 - e. Resolution – Supporting SB 228 – Repeal the Law Preventing Local Ordinances to Ban Plastic Bags
 - f. Resolution – Supporting Statewide Water Affordability Legislation
- 12. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**
- 13. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 14. ADJOURNMENT**

BARAGA COUNTY
BUDGET AMENDMENTS
For the Fiscal Year Ending 09/30/2024

BA # 01-2024
Date: 03/11/2024

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

Swampland Tax	101-000-429.00	\$	8,275.00
Transfer in	101-000-699.99	\$	32,787.00

GENERAL FUND - EXPENDITURES

Judicial Information System	101-131-978.00	\$	1,245.00
BIS Recording Maintenance	101-136-805.00	\$	865.00
Judicial Information System	101-136-978.00	\$	1,645.00
Health Insurance Expense	101-229-716.00	\$	(8,450.00)
Payment in Lieu of Health Insurance	101-229-716.01	\$	6,000.00
Printing and Binding	101-261-728.00	\$	4,150.00
Per Diem	101-295-710.00	\$	50.00
Travel	101-295-860.00	\$	(50.00)
Longevity	101-301-708.00	\$	1,351.00
HSA Expense	101-301-716.05	\$	2,450.00
New Vehicle	101-301-980.00	\$	32,787.00
Longevity	101-333-708.00	\$	378.00
Longevity	101-351-708.00	\$	(1,729.00)
Social Security & Medicare	101-850-960.37	\$	320.00
Post Employment Insurance	101-850-960.72	\$	50.00

GENERAL FUND – JOURNAL TOTALS

\$	41,062.00	\$	41,062.00
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EXPLANATION: To record adjustments to the budget for FY 09/30/2024
Per Board Approval

Approved: _____

Date: _____

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SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REVENUES

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - EXPENDITURES

Veteran's Assistance	293-000-841.00	\$	(1,871.02)
Veteran's Outreach	293-000-842.00	\$	1,871.02

JOURNAL TOTALS

\$	-	\$	-
\$	-	\$	-

EXPLANATION: To record adjustments to the Special Revenue budget for FY 09/30/2024
Per Board Approval

Approved: _____ Date: _____



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Board of Trustee Meeting Attendance - February 2024

Monthly Stipend:

Shirley Younggren	\$100.00
Jim Loman	\$100.00
Carole LaPointe	\$100.00
Cathy Wadaga	\$100.00
Jayne Walbridge	\$100.00
Kate Beer	\$0
Burt Mason	\$100.00

Board Briefing of 02-15-2024:

Shirley Younggren	\$30.00
Jim Loman	\$30.00
Carole LaPointe	\$30.00
Cathy Wadaga	\$30.00
Jayne Walbridge	\$30.00
Kate Beer	\$30.00
Burt Mason	\$30.00

Regular Board Meeting of 02-20-23:

Med Control Authority Mtg: 02-08-2024

Shirley Younggren	\$30.00
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Jim Loman	\$30.00
Carole LaPointe	\$30.00
Cathy Wadaga	\$30.00
Kate Beer	\$0
Jayne Walbridge	\$30.00
Burt Mason	\$30.00

1626.00

Checks Written 2/1/2024 to 2/29/2024

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Number	Date	ID	Comment	Amount
2460	2/3/2024		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2461	2/3/2024		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2462	2/8/2024		Stellar Services	\$142.12
2463	2/8/2024		Pepsi Cola of Houghton Inc.	\$962.20
2464	2/11/2024		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2465	2/13/2024		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2466	2/13/2024		Stellar Services	\$205.23
2467	2/15/2024		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2468	2/15/2024		Baraga County Treasurer	\$105.99
2469	2/17/2024		97th District Court Baraga County	\$500.00
2470	2/22/2024		Baraga County Treasurer	\$539.57
2471	2/22/2024		Stellar Services	\$157.32
2472	2/23/2024	5475	STEVEN WAYNE GRAY	\$61.62
2473	2/23/2024		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2474	2/23/2024		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2475	2/27/2024		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2476	2/27/2024		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2477	2/29/2024		Baraga County Treasurer	\$1737.45
				<u>\$7111.50</u>



Quotation/Order Form

Quote #: 1243
Quote Date: February 6, 2024
Expiration Date: April 30, 2024

Quote For: Sheriff Joe Brogan
Baraga County Sheriff's Department
Address: 2 South Main Street
City, State Zip: L'Anse, MI 49946

Prepared By: Sarah Lee
Phone: (517) 256-6995
Email: slee@coretechcorp.com

One Time Software Licensing

PRODUCT NAME	DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE	LINE TOTAL
JailTracker JMS Software *Installed on server at Baraga County	JailTracker Base System – Full Inmate Tracking from intake to release, Virtual grease board, Dashboard, Internal email system, Classification System, Housing and Billing, Booking and Release Wizards, DL Scanning, Questionnaires, Alerts such as keep apart, Property Management, Charges and Sentencing, Incident and Grievance Reporting, over 600 standard reports. Additional Modules – Document Imaging, Electronic Signatures, Web Roster Interfaces to Stellar, ID Networks, CPC and VINE *Existing interface discount provided	1	\$30,350.00	\$30,350.00 (\$16,000.00)
SUBTOTAL				\$14,350.00

One Time Implementation Costs

PRODUCT NAME	DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE	LINE TOTAL
TIMS RMS - Installation and Configuration Services	Installation and Configuration Services – Services for the implementation and training of TIMS RMS software. Training to be conducted remotely via the Web.	1	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
JailTracker JMS – Installation and Configuration Services	Installation and Configuration Services – Services for the implementation and training of JailTracker JMS software. Training and Go-Live to be conducted on-site.	1	\$22,788.00	\$22,788.00
Data Conversion to TIMS RMS	Data Conversion from Caliber to TIMS RMS. Includes Base Information, Incidents, and Arrests	1	\$24,500.00	\$24,500.00
Data Conversion to JailTracker JMS	Data Conversion from JAMIN to JailTracker JMS. Includes Demographics, Charges, Cell Assignment History, Images, and Medical Questionnaires	1	\$17,650.00	\$17,650.00
SUBTOTAL				\$70,938.00

Annual Subscriptions and Maintenance Fees				
PRODUCT NAME	DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE	LINE TOTAL
Annual Subscription Talon Incident Management System (TIMS) *Hosted at the Core Service Bureau	Subscription Talon Incident Management System (TIMS) Base for 7 FT Sworn Officers. Complete RMS including MICR Wizard & Scheduler, CJIS encryption, Ability for LEIN to populate RMS, Evidence/Chain-of-Custody, Sealed & Confidential incidents, Narrative Templates, Use of Force form, Configurable report options and custom search creation. Additional Modules – Civil Process, Import from eCrash, Talon Mail	1	\$6,960.00	\$6,960.00
JailTracker Annual Maintenance	JailTracker Annual Maintenance	1	\$6,070.00	\$6,070.00
SUBTOTAL				\$13,030.00

TOTAL: \$98,318.00

Notes:

- TIMS is to be hosted at the Core Service Bureau in Lansing. JailTracker is to be installed locally at Baraga County (could be hosted for additional \$4K/year).
- Signature Pads for the Jail for electronic signing of documents can be Epad VP9801 or Epad 2 which run around \$150/each.
- The camera for the Jail can be any WIA compliant camera (webcam Logitech c920) or for IP based pan/tilt/zoom cameras we work with Vivotek SD9161.

Terms and Conditions:

This is a price quote for the product and/or services names above, it is valid through the expiration date. Core Technology Corporation reserves the right to withdraw this price quote if it is not accepted by the expiration date.

1. This Order Authorization form incorporates by reference the following document(s) between Core and Customer:
 - o Software License Agreement; and (if applicable)
 - o Core Service Bureau terms and conditions; and (if applicable)
 - o Statement of Work.
2. Any purchase order provided by Customer is valid only for purposes of identifying the "bill to" and "ship to" addresses. No additional terms contained within the purchase order shall be binding on Core Technology Corporation.
3. Applicable taxes, shipping and handling are not included unless specifically stated and will be added to the invoice at the time of issuance.
4. Each party executing this Order Authorization acknowledge and warrant that [he][she] is duly authorized by Core and/or the Customer to execute this Order Authorization on Core's and/or the Customer's behalf.
5. Unless otherwise marked on the actual invoice, payment terms are net-30 days from the date of invoice.
6. Transmission of images of signed Order Authorization forms by facsimile, e-mail or other electronic means shall have the same effect as the delivery in person of manually signed document. Transmission of images of signed Quotation by facsimile, e-mail or other electronic means shall have the same effect as the delivery in person of manually signed documents.

Payment Terms:

Software license fees are invoiced and due upon receipt of the order. Annual Support fees are invoiced and due after software implementation. First year software subscription fees are due upon receipt of order, and at each anniversary thereafter. Service fees are invoiced 50% upon receipt of order and 50% at completion of services. This price quote does not include tax.



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February 15th, 2024

Ms. Wendy Goodreau
Baraga County Clerk
Baraga County Clerk's Office
2 S. Main St.
L'Anse, MI 49946

Ms. Goodreau,

The Baraga County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees would like to submit to the Baraga County Board of Commissioners the following names for reappointment to the following Boards of Trustees. We have submitted one name for consideration for each of the vacancies which are occurring due to term expirations.

Baraga County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees:

Vacancy # 1 (expiration of term for Cathryn Beer - Dec 31, 2023 - 6 year term)
Cathryn Beer

Vacancy #2 (expiration of term for Carole LaPointe - Dec 31, 2023 - 6 year term)
Carole LaPointe

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

Cathryn Beer
Board of Trustees, Chairperson
CB/kj

RESOLUTION

OPPOSING LEGISLATION PREEMPTING LOCAL CONTROL FOR SOLAR AND WIND DEVELOPMENTS

WHEREAS Executive Directive 2020-10 aims to achieve 100 percent carbon neutrality in Michigan by 2050; and

WHEREAS industry leaders have pledged to reduce carbon emissions to help achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS efforts to expand renewable energy projects will continue to increase in this state; and

WHEREAS the governor has proposed the Michigan Public Service Commission be the sole regulating authority for solar and wind projects to expedite these efforts; and

WHEREAS by granting the Michigan Public Service Commission this authority, local control will be preempted; and

WHEREAS should local control be preempted, a county, township, city or village would be unable to determine the location, size, setback distance, decibel level or any other criteria for a solar or wind facility; and

WHEREAS should local control be preempted, a county, township, city, or village would be unable to determine requirements for construction, operation, use, or maintenance of a solar or wind facility; and

WHEREAS if a county already has a solar or wind policy, practice, regulation, rule or ordinance on record it would be null and void; and


WHEREAS all other types of energy facilities, while regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission, must adhere to local zoning; and

WHEREAS this proposal grants far more regulating authority to the Michigan Public Service Commission than for any other energy source; and

WHEREAS the Upper Peninsula Counties oppose any legislative action that may grant the Michigan Public Service Commission this power.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the U.P. Association of County Commissioners opposes the pre-emption of local control in solar and wind siting and zoning.

Dated: March 6, 2024


Jonathan Mead, UPACC President

RESOLUTION

To: The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Huron County
Michigan

WE, the LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, the ability of local jurisdictions to determine for themselves which projects should and should not be in their local communities; what plans are best and reasonable for each neighborhood rather than these decisions be forced onto Counties without their best interest at hand; and

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Michigan has passed, and the Governor has signed House Bill 5120, now Public Act 233 of 2023, that strips away local community control on these issues and places the control within the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), and

WHEREAS, Huron County will protect our communities' land from the MPSC and special interests trying to strip away local control within legal limits; and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Board of Commissioners feel strongly that our local government is best able to assess the needs of our community; now

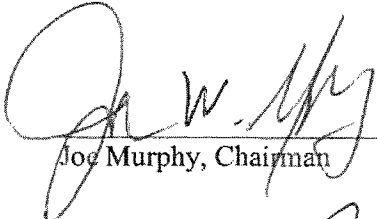
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Huron County is vehemently opposed to the State of Michigan Legislature's passage of legislation that takes away local control and places it within the authority of the MPSC; and

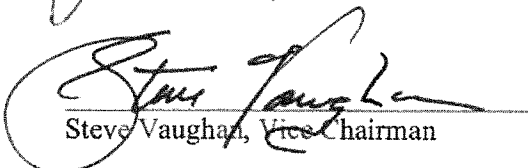
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Huron County is opposed to corporation-prioritized action such as building utility-scale wind and solar projects in our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Huron County supports the statewide ballot initiative, Citizens for Local Choice, a grassroots coalition of local officials and community organizers across Michigan working to amend the Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act to, among other things, repeal Part 8 as added by Public Act 233 of 2023 which will restore local control of land use to ensure reasonable regulation in our widely diverse communities.

Respectfully submitted,

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE


Joe Murphy, Chairman


Steve Vaughan, Vice Chairman

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROTECT MY KIDS BILL PACKAGE IN THE
MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 6, 2024

WHEREAS, tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death and disability in Michigan and contributes greatly to heart disease, cancer, and stroke; and

WHEREAS, tobacco retail licensing is an effective tobacco control measure that requires every store that sells tobacco products to have a license and Michigan is one of only 10 states that does not require retailers to obtain a license to sell tobacco making effective enforcement almost impossible; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bills 651 and 652 seek to establish a statewide Tobacco Retail Licensing (TRL) program, requiring all establishments selling nicotine or tobacco products to obtain a license, thereby enhancing compliance with existing tobacco sales regulations and reducing youth initiation to nicotine and tobacco; and

WHEREAS, Michigan state law prohibits local governments from enacting policies that regulate the sale and licensure of tobacco and nicotine products, keeping local communities from protecting kids' health; and

WHEREAS, 79% of Washtenaw County residents are concerned about young people using tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 647 aims to repeal preemption provisions that prohibit local governments from enacting ordinances and regulations pertaining to the sale or licensure of tobacco products, empowering local communities to implement tailored tobacco control measures to protect their residents, particularly youth; and

WHEREAS, Michigan currently has no state tax on e-cigarettes or vaping products that contain nicotine and has not increased its tax on cigarettes in nearly 20 years; and

WHEREAS, The U.S Surgeon General has called raising prices on cigarettes "one of the most effective tobacco control interventions because increasing the price is proven to reduce smoking, especially among kids; and

WHEREAS, Michigan spends less than 10% of the Centers for Disease Control recommendation on tobacco prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 648 proposes to establish a new tax on e-cigarettes and increase taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products, with revenue generated dedicated to tobacco prevention and cessation programs, tax enforcement, and enforcement of smoke-free air laws, aligning with evidence-based strategies to reduce tobacco use, especially among youth; and

WHEREAS, flavored tobacco products play a key role in youth initiation and continued use of tobacco. More than 80 percent of 12-17-year-olds who have ever used a tobacco product start with a flavored product. Two-thirds of youth have reported using these products

“because they come in flavors [they] like.” More than 72 percent of current tobacco users surveyed have reported using a flavored tobacco product in the past month; and

WHEREAS, many states and over 360 localities have ended the sale of flavored tobacco products to protect kids and reduce health disparities. If Michigan takes this step, it would be a leader in protecting the health of its residents; and

WHEREAS, 77% of Washtenaw County residents support ending the sale of flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bills 649 and 650 aim to prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products, including flavored e-cigarettes and menthol-flavored cigarettes, recognizing the significant role flavors play in driving youth initiation to tobacco and nicotine products and addressing health disparities within communities disproportionately targeted by the tobacco industry; and

WHEREAS, Michigan laws prohibiting and penalizing the possession, use, and purchase of tobacco products by minors, are ineffective as deterrents to youth smoking are often enforced inequitably and currently retailers are not held accountable for selling to minors; and

WHEREAS; Minors could be criminally charged for attempting to purchase, use, or possess tobacco products and research shows penalizing children is not an effective strategy for reducing youth smoking; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bills 653 and 654 repeal provisions in the Youth Tobacco Act that impose civil and criminal penalties on minors for purchasing, using or possessing tobacco products.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED. that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners support the Protect MI Kids Bill Package and urge the Michigan Legislature to swiftly pass these critical bills to protect the health and well-being of Michigan's children and youth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Washtenaw County delegation of both the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives; Governor Gretchen Whitmer; and as a communication to other Michigan Counties.

_____ COUNTY

RESOLUTION #_____

Establishment of County Approval Agency, Multi-County Approach, and Designated Planning Agency for Materials Management Planning under Part 115, Public Act 451 of 1994, As Amended

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan, with the intent to modernize the Solid Waste Management statute, has enacted amendments to Part 115, Public Act 451 of 1994 ("Part 115"), which, among other components, will require development of county materials management plans ("MMP"); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy ("EGLE") issued a call for MMPs effective January 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Part 115 requires that, within 180 days of the call for MMPs, each county board of commissioners ("county board") for a county with a population of less than 250,000 conduct several actions, the first of which is to submit to EGLE a notice of intent indicating whether the county board will prepare a MMP and act as county approval agency ("CAA"); and

WHEREAS, if the county board opts to prepare a MMP and act as CAA, Part 115 requires that the county board consult with each of its adjacent counties regarding the option of preparing a multicounty MMP pursuant to the urban cooperation act, Public Act 7 of 1967, and that the county board provide to EGLE documentation of both this consultation and the outcome of the consultations; and

WHEREAS, _____ County Board has consulted with adjacent counties through multiple mechanisms, including engagement with other counties' governing officials facilitated by the Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region Commission ("WUPPDR"); and

WHEREAS, Part 115 requires that, if the county board opts to become part of a multicounty MMP, the county board provide to EGLE a copy of an interlocal agreement identifying the process for creating a multicounty MMP; and

WHEREAS, Part 115 requires that, if the county board opts to prepare a MMP and act as CAA, the county board designate a planning agency ("DPA") and an individual within the DPA who shall serve as the DPA's contact person for the purpose of Part 115; and

WHEREAS, Part 115 requires additional actions before preparation of a MMP can proceed, including but not limited to appointment of a planning committee, oversight of creation and implementation of the DPA's work program, and various submittals and public notices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all of the following:

_____ County's CAA is the _____ County Board.

_____ County intends to prepare a multicounty MMP in conjunction with Baraga, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, and Ontonagon counties.

_____ County's DPA is WUPPDR, with its executive director, currently Jerald Wuorenmaa, as the contact person.

_____ County Board intends to enter into a multicounty interlocal agreement as soon as practicable.

_____ County Board's official authorized to submit the Notice of Intent is _____.

_____ County Board will meet other requirements of Part 115 as needed at appropriate times.

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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SB228 TO REPEAL THE LAW PREVENTING LOCAL
ORDINANCES TO BAN PLASTIC BAGS

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FEBRUARY 7, 2024

WHEREAS, it is a goal of Washtenaw County to promote the economic, environmental and physical welfare of the County and all of its communities; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County has long grappled with the environmental and health consequences of single-use plastics. Single-use plastics are a glaring example of consumers and manufacturer desire for convenience instead of investing in quality packaging that is durable and sustainable for the long-term health and environment of communities; and

WHEREAS, the over-reliance on these plastics has resulted in the accumulation of waste at a staggering rate. Reducing the use of plastics is the most effective means of avoiding this waste and the impacts linked to plastic production; and

WHEREAS, plastic by itself does not break down; plastics just break up. Over time, sun and heat slowly turn plastics into smaller and smaller pieces until they eventually become what are known as microplastics. Microplastics end up in the water, eaten by wildlife, pets and inside our bodies. Exposure to microplastics, as well as the chemicals that are added to plastics during processing are harmful to the County's physical and environmental health; and

WHEREAS, many of the chemicals in plastics are known endocrine disruptors, and research has suggested that human exposure could cause health impacts including hormonal imbalances, reproductive problems like infertility, and even cancer; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the passage of Michigan Public Act (PA) 389 of 2016, prohibited local jurisdictions from regulating the use of reusable and single-use plastic containers. Specifically, MCL 445.592 restricted a local unit of government in the State of Michigan from adopting or enforcing an ordinance that:

- (a) Regulates the use, disposition, or sale of auxiliary containers.
- (b) Prohibits or restricts auxiliary containers.
- (c) Imposes a fee, charge, or tax on auxiliary containers.

Pursuant to the PA 389 of 2016, auxiliary container means a bag, cup, bottle, or other packaging, whether reusable or single-use, that meets both of the following requirements:

- (a) is made of cloth, paper, plastic, cardboard, corrugated material, aluminum, glass, postconsumer recycled material, or similar material or substrates, including coated, laminated, or multilayer substrates, and
- (b) is designed for transporting, consuming, or protecting merchandise, food, or beverages from or at a food service or retail facility; and

WHEREAS, Senator Shink introduced SB 228 that would repeal PA 389 of 2016 and would restore local control and aid community efforts to control litter and waste by allowing the implementation of plastic bag bans or any motion regulating the use or sale of plastic bags, or imposing any fee, charge, or tax on certain containers; and

WHEREAS, The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners supports the elimination and repeal of the prohibition against local municipalities from regulating single-use or reusable plastics. Local municipalities are best positioned to assess and mitigate the environmental and health impacts of such materials within their communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby fully support SB228 and the elimination and repeal of the prohibition against local municipalities from regulating single-use and reusable plastic containers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washtenaw County Commission expresses its collective belief that local municipalities should have the right to enact ordinances that are in the best interest of their residents and the environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washtenaw County Commission strongly urges the Michigan Legislature and Governor Gretchen Whitmer to support SB228, sponsored by Senator Sue Shink.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Washtenaw County delegation of both the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives; the Michigan State Senate Committee on Energy and Environment; Governor Gretchen Whitmer; and as a communication to other Michigan Counties.

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A
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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATEWIDE WATER AFFORDABILITY LEGISLATION

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 7, 2024

WHEREAS in October 2023, a package of “Water Affordability” bills was introduced in the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives which, if enacted, would establish a first in the nation statewide program to provide eligible low-income households with water bill payments considered affordable based on national standards, along with a sustainable funding source to support the program and protections from water service shut off; and

WHEREAS SB 0549’23 and HB 5088’23 would create a low-income water residential affordability program under which qualifying individuals would not pay more than an average of 3% of their household income for water services and, if eligible, receive arrearage forgiveness for past due water debt and household plumbing repairs to prevent water loss; and

WHEREAS SB 0550’23 and HB 5089’23 would create the low-income water affordability fund within the Michigan Department of Treasury using a \$2 per month, per retail water metered account funding factor which would be used as a dedicated funding source to support the low-income residential water affordability program and, among other things, ensure that water utility providers recover the full cost of services provided to eligible and enrolled customers; and

WHEREAS SB 0551’23 and HB 5090’23 would create the “Water Shutoff Protection Act” which would require water utility providers give various forms of notice to residential customers prior to the disconnection of water service due to non-payment and to prevent water service disconnection for individuals meeting the requirements of a critical care customer whose life would be at imminent risk without household water services; and

WHEREAS the average inflation-adjusted water costs have roughly doubled (increased by 188%) for the state as a whole since 1980 and the cost of water service, on average, has increased at a faster rate than all other essential goods and services, except health care; and

WHEREAS customers who cannot afford water bill payments are at risk of water service shut off, property tax liens that can result in foreclosure, and other potentially devastating consequences including housing insecurity and harm to personal health, dignity, and family relationships; and

WHEREAS the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners recognizes that access to affordable water services is a fundamental human right, essential for the fiscal stability of water utility providers, necessary to protect public health and safety, and critical to the resilience and prosperity of Washtenaw County and all Michigan residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners supports and urges the Michigan Legislature to take action to pass Senate Bills 0549-0551 and House Bills 5088-5090.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Washtenaw County delegation of both the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives; Governor Gretchen Whitmer; and as a communication to other Michigan Counties.

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A
Beeman	X			Maciejewski	X			Somerville	X		
Hodge	X			Rabhi	X						
LaBarre	X			Sanders	X						
Lyte	X			Scott	X						

CLERK/REGISTER'S CERTIFICATE - CERTIFIED COPY

ROLL CALL VOTE:900


STATE OF MICHIGAN)


COUNTY OF WASHTENAW)ss.

I, Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register of said County of Washtenaw and Clerk of Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners at a session held at the County Administration Building in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on February 7th, 2024, as it appears of record in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Ann Arbor, this 8th day of February 2024.

LAWRENCE KESTENBAUM, Clerk/Register

BY:  Deputy Clerk



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