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AGENDA

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Board of Commissioners Room, Courthouse
100 E. State St., Suite 2200, St. Johns

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. Call to Order
Moment of Silence
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Approval of Agenda
Presentation of Minutes
- December 19, 2025 Board of Commissioners Meeting
 - January 2, 2026 Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting
 - January 22, 2026 Human Resources Meeting – Closed Session
- Communications
1. Berrien County Resolution Supporting HB 5152 and 5153
 2. Cass County Resolution Urging Transparency and a Comprehensive Regulatory Framework for Data Center Development
 3. Genesee County National Day of Racial Healing
 4. Genesee County Recognizing Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 5. Ingham County Resolution Urging Transparency and a Comprehensive Regulatory Framework for Data Center Development
 6. Iron County Resolution in Support of Repealing MCL 46.415(2)
 7. Email to Commissioners from Bob CCCACMI
- 9:03 a.m. Retirement Recognition – Angelia Beals, Central Dispatch
- 9:06 a.m. Administrator/Controller's Report
- 9:09 a.m. Public Comments *(limit of 3 minutes per speaker)*
- 9:18 a.m. Zoning Items:
PC-01-26 (PSLU25004) Application for Special Land Use submitted by Duane and Molly Call for an Automotive Repair Facility as an accessory use to their primary residence at 1971 S. Meridian Road, Section 24, Ovid Township
- 9:28 a.m. Mid-Michigan District Health Department Update

- 9:29 a.m. Approval of Commissioners' Expense Accounts
- 9:30 a.m. CLOSED SESSION:
To consider a confidential written legal opinion as permitted under the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(h)
- 9:40 a.m. CLOSED SESSION:
To consider a confidential written legal opinion as permitted under the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(h)
- 9:50 a.m. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:
 - Ways and Means Committee Meeting Minutes – January 22, 2026
 - Human Resources Committee Meeting Minutes – January 22, 2026
- 10:00 a.m. Commissioners' Comments
- Adjournment

PACKET INFORMATION IS CURRENT AS OF POSTING DATE. NOTE: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE PRESENTED ON SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS. AGENDA ITEMS MAY ALSO BE ADDED DUE TO BUSINESS NEEDS. TO REQUEST ACCOMMODATIONS OR MATERIALS IN AN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT, PLEASE CONTACT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AT 989-224-5120 OR VIA EMAIL AT ADMIN@CLINTON-COUNTY.ORG NO LATER THAN 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

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**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 22, 2026 AT 9:00 A.M.
CLINTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ROOM
100 EAST STATE STREET, ST. JOHNS, MI 48879**

1	9:00	CALL TO ORDER, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
2	9:02	LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)
3	9:05	LEAP UPDATE (DEVON PINGEL)
4	9:20	DRAIN COMMISSIONER: A. APPROVAL OF REMONUMENTATION CONTRACTS AND APPOINTMENTS TO REMONUMENTATION PEER GROUP B. APPOINTMENTS OF REMONUMENTATION GRANT REP AND GRANT ADMINISTRATOR
5	9:30	EQUALIZATION - ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL APPRAISAL/ASSESSING SERVICES (ERIC HARGER)
6	9:40	CENTRAL DISPATCH – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CHRIS COLLOM)
7	9:50	MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING – AMENDMENT TO CONSULTANT AGREEMENT (ADMINISTRATION)
8	10:00	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – WEBSITE ADA COMPLIANCE UPDATE (CRAIG THELEN)
9	10:10	REAPPROPRIATION OF 2025 PROJECTS (ADMINISTRATION)
10	10:20	RECOVERY WORX OPIOID SETTLEMENT GRANT – LINE ITEM TRANSFER (ADMINISTRATION)
11	10:25	RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLINTON COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS (ADMINISTRATION)
12	10:30	PLANNING UPDATE (LYNN WILSON)
13	10:40	2026 COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE (ADMINISTRATION)
14	10:50	FEBRUARY 2026 OPEN MEETINGS AND EVENTS CALENDAR (ADMINISTRATION)
15	10:55	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICES PAID TOTALS (ADMINISTRATION)
16	11:00	COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS
17	11:05	ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
18	11:10	ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE
JANUARY 22, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M.
CLINTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ROOM
100 EAST STATE STREET, ST. JOHNS, MI 48879**

1	10:00	CALL TO ORDER, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
2	10:02	LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)
3	10:05	PROSECUTOR REQUEST
4	10:15	PLANNING AND ZONING REQUEST
5	10:25	COUNTY CLERK REQUEST
6	10:35	HIRING PROCESS
7	10:45	<i>CLOSED SESSION: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UPDATE [MCL 15.268(c)] – NO ATTACHMENT</i>
8	10:55	TAX ALLOCATION BOARD APPOINTMENT
9	11:00	COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS (ADMINISTRATION)
10	11:05	COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS
11	11:15	ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
12	11:20	ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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DATE 12/19/2025 The Clinton County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, December 19, 2025 at 9:02 a.m. with Chairperson Bruce DeLong presiding.

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Chairperson DeLong called for a moment of silence. The pledge of allegiance was given to the flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL Roll was called with a quorum of the members in attendance: Nicole Fickes, Zach Rudat, Bruce DeLong, Robert Showers, John Andrews and Dwight Washington. Brian Hurtekant was excused.

COUNTY PERSONNEL John Fuentes, Todd Campbell, Stephanie Dush, Kate Rademacher, Lynn Wilson and Mike Gute

VISITORS Anne Hill, Donna Graham, Theresa Owens, Jim Lawless, Kathy George, Darrilyn Fraser, Zach Wagner, Rob Mack, Kevin Barnes, Faith Cullens-Nobis, James Goble, Jason Freeman and Destinee Bryce

AGENDA The agenda was presented for review and approval.
BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Rudat to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The following minutes were presented for review and approval:
BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Rudat to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS The following communications were received:
1. CMHA-CEI Board Resolution and Bylaws
2. ITC Oneida-Sabine Lake Project Update
3. Ingham ISD Board Resolution to Collect 2026 Summer Taxes
BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Washington moved, seconded by Commissioner Fickes to acknowledge receipt of the communications and place on file. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR/
CONTROLLER'S REPORT Administrator/Controller Fuentes provided the following report:

- Noted that the ITC Oneida-Sabine Lake Project Update indicates that the project is not going through Clinton County at this time;
- The Facilities Planning Steering Committee is scheduled to meet in January to schedule public input sessions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairperson DeLong called for public comments. The following individuals offered public comments:

- Donna Graham, Greenbush Township
- Chief Destinee Bryce, Village of Elsie Police Chief
- Jason Freeman, Village of Elsie President
- Dorothy Ornelas, Village of Elsie Council
- Kathy George, Essex Township
- Theresa Owen, Greenbush Township
- Faith Collins-Nobis, MSU Extension

ZONING

Chairperson DeLong presented the following zoning matters:

PC-24-25
ZONE MAP AMENDMENT
REQUESTED BY
KEVIN BARNES
GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP
SECTION 30

- PC-24-25 (OR-216-25) Zone Map Amendment (Rezoning) submitted by Kevin Barnes to rezone 1.02 acres from Mineral Resource Extraction (MR) to Rural Residential (Low Density) (RR) in Section 30 of Greenbush Township

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Rudat moved, seconded by Commissioner Andrews to approve rezoning 1.02 acres from Mineral Resource Extraction (MR) to Rural Residential (Low Density) (RR) in Section 30 of Greenbush Township. Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Commissioners Andrews, Washington, Fickes, Rudat, Showers and DeLong. Six ayes, zero nays, one absent. Motion carried.

PC-26-25
RENEWAL OF SPECIAL LAND
USE REQUESTED BY
ROBERT KARAM
AMERICAN TOWER ASSET
SUB LLC
BINGHAM TOWNSHIP
SECTION 28

- (PC-26-25) (PAR250014)– Application for Renewal of Special Land Use submitted by Robert Karam, Supervising Attorney for American Tower Asset Sub, LLC. to renew the zoning permission for an existing wireless communication structure consisting of a 295’ wireless communication structure and fenced compound in Section 28 of Bingham Township

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Rudat to approve renewal of Special Land Use submitted by Robert Karam, Supervising Attorney for American Tower Asset Sub, LLC. to renew the zoning permission for an existing wireless communication structure consisting of a 295’ wireless communication structure and fenced compound in Section 28 of Bingham Township. Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Commissioners Rudat, Washington, Fickes, Showers, Andrews and DeLong. Six ayes, zero nays, one absent. Motion carried.

PC-25-25
SPECIAL LAND USE
REQUESTED BY
JAMES GOBLE
GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP
SECTION 8

- (PC-25-25) (PSLU250006) Special Land Use petition for Special Land Use Expansion submitted by James Goble requesting an expansion for Jim’s Amish Structures, to add two additional self-storage units and one personal/RV storage building in Section 8 of Greenbush Township

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Rudat moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to approve the Special Land Use submitted by James Goble requesting an expansion for Jim’s Amish Structures, to add two additional self-storage units and one personal/RV storage building in Section 8 of Greenbush Township. Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Commissioners Fickes, Showers, Rudat, Andrews, Washington and DeLong. Six ayes, zero nays, one absent. Motion carried.

MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
UPDATE

Liz Braddock, Mid-Michigan District Health Department Officer provided a written report which was included in the board agenda packet.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Fickes moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to accept the Health Department report. Motion carried.

SET DATE AND TIME OF
JANUARY 2026
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Chairperson DeLong introduced discussion regarding setting the time and date of January 2026 Organizational Meeting, which was briefly discussed during the Ways and Means Committee meeting earlier this week.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to set the Board's Organizational meeting for Friday, January 2, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
COMMISSIONERS' EXPENSE
ACCOUNTS

Commissioners' expense accounts were presented for review and approval.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Fickes moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to approve the expense accounts, subject to review by the Chair and Clerk. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following are reports of Committee meetings:

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING

Commissioner Hurtekant, Chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee, reported on a meeting held Tuesday, December 16, 2025.

ATTENDANCE AT
COMMITTEE MEETING

Members Present:

Brian Hurtekant, W&M Committee Chairperson
Nicole Fickes
John Andrews
Dwight Washington
Zach Rudat
Robert Showers
Bruce DeLong, Ex-Officio Member

Staff Present:

John Fuentes	Todd Campbell
Cindy Moser	Penny Goerge
Craig Thelen	Phil Hanses
Undersheriff Gute	Kate Neese
Rob Wooten	Lynn Wilson
Kate Rademacher	Chloe Harris

Others Present:

Doug Steffen
Gail Watkins
Anne Hill
Donna Graham
Eric Voisinet
Jesse Stipcak

CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL
OF AGENDA

1. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Hurtekant called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

2. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Hurtekant requested limited public comments.

- The following individuals offered public comments:
 1. Anne Hill, East Lansing

ROAD COMMISSION UPDATE

3. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Hurtekant introduced Managing Director Doug Steffen and Road Commission Chairperson Gail Watkins to provide an update on behalf of the Road Commission.

- Clinton County Road Commission was recently featured in Crossroads Magazine;
- The Road Commission retirement and OPEB are funded at over 100%;

- Discussion took place regarding new road funding as a result of legislative changes;
- The members were briefed on the recent activities and projects at the Road Commission;
- Discussion took place regarding the Broadband project; members were notified that Frontier's permits have been suspended until they can provide a written plan on how to handle traffic safety.

No action required.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE –
REQUEST TO UTILIZE
DONATED FUNDS FOR
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

4. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Hurtekant introduced Undersheriff Gute to discuss a request to utilize donated funds.
 - The Clinton County Sheriff's Office received several donations from a community member who identified specific priorities for the use of some of these funds; currently, the total amount available in these funds is as follows: Equipment - \$28,444;
 - To ensure fairness and proper allocation across all divisions of the Sheriff's Office, a committee was formed to assess the most pressing needs throughout the agency; after thorough review and consideration, the committee recommends the following purchases be made using the available donation funds: Gym/Workout Equipment - \$25,000;
 - This purchase represents a critical need identified by each division and will enhance officer health and wellness; by utilizing donated funds for these purchases, the Sheriff's Office avoids the need to seek taxpayer dollars through Capital Improvement Requests.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Rudat, to **recommend** approving the use of \$25,000 in donation funds to support the purchase of gym/workout equipment to be utilized by all Sheriff's Office divisions. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Fickes moved, seconded by Commissioner Showers to concur with the committee recommendation. Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Commissioners Showers, Andrews, Washington, Fickes, Rudat and DeLong. Six ayes, zero nays, one absent. Motion carried.

DRAIN COMMISSIONER –
ALWARD DAM INSPECTION

5. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Hurtekant introduced Drain Commissioner Phil Hanses to discuss the Alward Dam Inspection.
 - The Alward Lake Dam is due for its periodic inspection, and a proposal was received from Spicer Group to perform the inspection and set a permanent benchmark nearby in order to monitor lake water levels and verify the elevation of the dam;
 - Although the legal lake level is established, the members were notified there is not an established lake level district to pay for any maintenance of the dam, nor any inspections;
 - The Inland Lake Level Act (Part 307 of Act 451 of 1994) allows the delegated authority, without approval of the County Board, to spend up to \$10,000 annually if an inspection discloses the necessity for maintenance or repair;
 - Past inspections have been funded and assessed through the Alward Lake Drainage District; however this is not fair to landowners in the drainage district;

- Drain Commissioner Hanses notified the members it would be good practice to have the County Board approve the \$3,250 expenditure for the survey and inspection services; it is requested that the Spicer proposal in the amount of \$3,250 be paid from the Drain operating budget so that work can be completed yet this year if possible, or at least in early 2026;
- Longer term, Drain Commissioner Hanses advised steps should be taken to establish a lake level district; the district would then be assessed for future inspections and maintenance of the Alward Lake Dam;
- Administrator/Controller Fuentes explained there is a legislative process that must take place to establish a lake level district.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Fickes moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington, to **recommend** approving the \$3,250 expenditure for the survey and inspections services of the Alward Lake Dam to be completed by Spicer Group and paid from the Drain operating budget. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Fickes moved, seconded by Commissioner Andrews to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

TREASURER – BLANKET BOND REPORT

6. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Hurtekant introduced discussion regarding the One Million Dollar Blanket Bond covering the County Treasurer.
 - Administrator/Controller Fuentes notified the members that County Treasurer Wiswasser has provided a copy of the Blanket Faithful Performance Bond in the amount of One Million Dollars issued to Clinton County by the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, as required by Public Act 211 of 2007;
 - The Bond is valid for the upcoming year and meets the statutory threshold amount required by this Act.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Washington moved, seconded by Commissioner Rudat, to **recommend** acknowledging submission of the Blanket Bond Report for 2026 as required by Public Act 211 of 2007, and place on file. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Fickes moved, seconded by Commissioner Andrews to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

COUNTY CLERK

SET ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR JANUARY 2026

7.
 - A. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Hurtekant introduced discussion regarding the 2026 Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Washington moved, seconded by Commissioner Rudat, to **recommend** scheduling the 2026 Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting for Friday, January 2, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried. (See page 3 for Board Action)

PROPOSED CALENDAR FOR
2026 BOARD MEETINGS

- B. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Hurtekant introduced discussion regarding the proposed calendar for 2026 Board Meetings and Committee Meetings.
- The April BOC and committee meetings have been moved up by a week due to the MAC Legislative Conference taking place during the last week in April.

No action required.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT –
SPECIAL COLLECTION
EVENTS**

USE OF COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS FOR SPRING
COLLECTION EVENT

8.

- A. The Department of Waste Management is seeking permission to utilize the Clinton County Fairgrounds for the Spring Collection Event on Saturday, May 2, 2026.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Rudat moved, seconded by Commissioner Fickes, to **recommend** authorizing the use of the Clinton County Fairgrounds for the Spring Collection Event on Saturday, May 2, 2026. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Fickes moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

2026 FEE SCHEDULE FOR
SPECIAL COLLECTION
EVENTS

B.

- The proposed fee schedule for 2026 remains unchanged from 2025;
- The annual tire grant has not been released yet, therefore the status of tire collection at the spring event is uncertain.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Andrews moved, seconded by Commissioner Fickes, to **recommend** approving the 2026 Special Collection Event Fee Schedule as presented. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Fickes moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

CONTRACT FOR
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS
WASTE COLLECTION

C.

- The County's current hazardous waste vendor is Environmental Recycling Group (ERG); the hazardous waste contract is up for renewal, and it is recommended the County keep this vendor based on the recent request for proposals (RFP);
- Hazardous waste services are budgeted at \$65,000 for 2026.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington, to **recommend** approving the two-year agreement with ERG for hazardous waste services. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Fickes moved, seconded by Commissioner Andrews to concur with the committee recommendation. Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Commissioners Andrews, Rudat, Fickes, Showers, Washington and DeLong. Six ayes, zero nays, one absent. Motion carried.

PROPERTY USE
AGREEMENT WITH
GRANGER FOR FALL
COLLECTION EVENT

- D.
- The Department requests the County enter into a property use agreement necessary to conduct the Free for Fall Collection Event; it is anticipated that it will be the same as previous years except for the changes in the dates;
 - This agreement stipulates obligations of both the site host and the County, offer indemnification to both parties, and clarify liability to the county, which would expedite claims in the event an accident were to occur.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Fickes moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington, to **recommend** approving the Property Use Agreement with Granger for the Fall Collection Event. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Fickes moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

**FACILITY AND FLEET
SERVICES**

9. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Hurtekant introduced Rob Wooten, Facility and Fleet Services Director, to discuss capital improvement projects.

COURTHOUSE FLOORING
REPLACEMENT
DISTRICT COURT

- A.
- There is \$40,000 included in the 2026 Capital Improvement Plan for Courthouse Flooring Replacement;
 - This project will include the purchase and installation of new flooring in the District Court Office suite as the current carpet is very worn, stained, and beyond the expected lifespan.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Andrews moved, seconded by Commissioner Rudat, to **recommend** approving up to \$40,000 for Courthouse flooring replacement, as outlined and approved in the capital improvements section of the 2026 budget. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Fickes moved, seconded by Commissioner Rudat to concur with the committee recommendation. Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Commissioners Rudat, Andrews, Showers, Fickes, Washington and DeLong. Six ayes, zero nays, one absent. Motion carried.

JAIL CONTROL CENTER
UPDATES

- B.
- There is \$80,000 included in the 2026 Capital Improvement Plan for Jail Control Center updates;
 - This project will include the purchase and installation of new flooring, furniture, and plumbing fixtures for the Jail Control Center;
 - New furniture will be designed to adequately support efficient and effective 24/7 operations and be adjustable to fit all Jail staff who share these work areas.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Rudat, to **recommend** approving up to \$80,000 for Jail Control Center updates, as outlined and approved in the capital improvements section of the 2026 budget. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Fickes moved, seconded by Commissioner Andrews to concur with the committee recommendation. Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Commissioners Washington, Fickes, Showers, Andrews, Rudat and DeLong. Six ayes, zero nays, one absent. Motion carried.

ANIMAL SHELTER LOBBY
SERVICE WINDOW

C.

- There is \$35,000 included in the 2026 Capital Improvement Plan for the addition of a secure service window in the lobby of the Animal Shelter;
- This project will include the design, purchase, and installation of the new secure lobby service window.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Fickes moved, seconded by Commissioner Rudat, to **recommend** approving up to \$35,000 for the addition of a secure service window in the lobby of the Animal Shelter, as outlined and approved in the capital improvements section of the 2026 budget. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Fickes moved, seconded by Commissioner Andrews to concur with the committee recommendation. Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Commissioners Rudat, Fickes, Showers, Andrews, Washington and DeLong. Six ayes, zero nays, one absent. Motion carried.

CLERK'S OFFICE
FURNITURE/FLOORING

D.

- There is \$150,000 included in the 2026 Capital Improvement Plan for Clerk's Office Suite Flooring and Furniture Replacement;
- This project will include the purchase and installation of new flooring and furniture for the Clerk's Office Suite;
- Parts are no longer available for the existing furniture system, and the new furniture will more efficiently support current Clerk's Office operations including fingerprinting and LEIN access;
- Discussion followed regarding the Policy for the Disposal of Surplus Property and Equipment.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, to **recommend** approving up to \$150,000 for Clerk's Office Suite Flooring and Furniture replacement, as outlined and approved in the capital improvements section of the 2026 budget. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Fickes moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to concur with the committee recommendation. Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Commissioners Washington, Fickes, Andrews, Rudat, Showers and DeLong. Six ayes, zero nays, one absent. Motion carried.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS
GRANT AWARDS –
QUARTERLY REPORTS

10. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Hurtekant introduced discussion regarding the quarterly reports that were submitted by the Opioid Settlement Funds Grant Recipients.

- The members reviewed the first quarter reports that were submitted by Bath Twp Library, Clinton County Journey Court, Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton & Ingham Counties, Recovery Worx and Clinton County Veterans Treatment Court in accordance with their agreements for the Opioid Settlement Fund Grant Awards;
- Commissioner Fickes noted the challenges that Recovery Worx is experiencing with building recognition and trust within the community as a new organization and welcomed them to attend township meetings to engage in the community; additionally, Commissioner Washington announced that Recovery Worx recently held an open house and they welcome anyone to visit their facility.

No action required.

QUARTERLY BUDGET
UPDATES

11. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Hurtekant introduced Todd Campbell, Deputy Administrator, to discuss the 4th quarter budget adjustments/governmental fund commitments.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Rudat moved, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, to **recommend** the approval of the 4th quarter budget adjustments as presented in Attachment 'A'. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Fickes moved, seconded by Commissioner Andrews to concur with the committee recommendation. Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Commissioners Showers, Washington, Fickes, Andrews, Rudat and DeLong. Six ayes, zero nays, one absent. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Andrews moved, seconded by Commissioner Fickes, to **recommend** approving the preliminary estimate for the governmental fund commitments (\$3,387,050) and as adjusted to actual for variable calculated amounts as presented in Attachment 'B'. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Fickes moved, seconded by Commissioner Showers to concur with the committee recommendation. Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Commissioners Rudat, Washington, Fickes, Showers, Andrews and DeLong. Six ayes, zero nays, one absent. Motion carried.

PLANNING

PLANNING UPDATE

12.

A. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Hurtekant introduced Lynn Wilson (interim Planning and Zoning Director/Zoning Administrator) from OHM Advisors, to provide a planning and zoning update.

- The following zoning matters were discussed and will be brought to the Clinton County Board of Commissioners for review and consideration at the Board of Commissioners meeting:
 1. PC-24-25 (OR-216-25) – Application for Zoning Map Amendment (Rezoning) - Planning Commission recommends approval;
 2. PC-26-25 (PAR250014) – Application for Special Land Use – Planning Commission recommends approval;
 3. PC-25-25 (PSLU250006) – Application for Special Land Use – Planning Commission recommends approval.

No action required.

TEMPORARY
CONTRACTUAL PLANNING
SERVICES

B. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Hurtekant introduced Deputy Administrator Campbell to discuss a request for temporary contractual planning services.

- Due to the County Planning & Zoning Director/Zoning Administrator and Asst. Planner positions both being vacant, staff is recommending for the County to continue to work with OHM Advisors (OHM) for temporary planning and zoning services through June 30, 2026 as the County evaluates the Planning and Zoning Department;
- Staff is also recommending that the county cross-train a current qualified part-time staff member in the soil erosion division of the Building Department with the Asst. Planner duties during the contract with OHM (20 hours in soil erosion/20 hours in planning & zoning);

- Discussion followed regarding the future of the Planning Department and it was emphasized the 2026 Budget commits to funding for planning services through 2026;
- It was determined the Board will schedule an additional meeting in February 2026 for the purpose of having a thorough and open discussion regarding the future direction of the Planning Department, and to provide Administration with a clear direction on how to proceed with staffing challenges as we move forward;
- Lynn Wilson and the current Planning Secretary, Danelle Rose were thanked for keeping the Planning Department operating in a professional and efficient manner.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Fickes moved, seconded by Commissioner Rudat, to **recommend** not beginning the interview process for the Planning Director or Assistant Planner position until the Board of Commissioners has met and had a full discussion on the direction of the Planning Department (February 2026). Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Fickes moved, seconded by Commissioner Showers to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington, to recommend approving OHM to continue on with the current contract extension through December 31, 2025, approve the proposal from OHM Advisors for services through June 30, 2026 for the not to exceed amount of \$121,670 (as presented) and authorize the County Administrator/Controller to sign all necessary documents, and authorize the County Administrator/Controller to fill the currently vacant full-time asst. planner position at 20 hours per week with an existing part-time team member. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Fickes moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to concur with the committee recommendation.

Commissioners Rudat and Andrews offered comments.

Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Commissioners Rudat, Washington, Fickes, Showers, Andrews and DeLong. Six ayes, zero nays, one absent. Motion carried.

JANUARY 2026 COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR

13. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Hurtekant introduced discussion regarding the proposed January 2026 Open Meetings and Events Calendar.

For informational purposes only; no action required.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICES PAID TOTALS

14. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Hurtekant introduced discussion regarding the accounts payable invoices to be paid.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Fickes, to approve the invoices paid from November 7 through December 5, 2025 in the amount of \$1,718,463.84. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

15. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Hurtekant requested Commissioners' comments. There were none.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

16. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Hurtekant requested the administrator's report from Administrator/Controller Fuentes.
 - The monthly report on the Lansing Economic Area Partnership was provided and discussed.

ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETING

17. The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

Commissioner Fickes, Chairperson of the Human Resources Committee, reported on a meeting held Tuesday, December 16, 2025.

ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETING

Members Present:
 Nicole Fickes, HR Committee Chairperson
 Brian Hurtekant

Dwight Washington
 Zach Rudat
 Robert Showers
 John Andrews
 Bruce DeLong, Ex-Officio Member

Staff Present:
 John Fuentes
 Todd Campbell
 Penny Goerge
 Kate Rademacher
 Cindy Moser
 Craig Thelen
 Terri Paradise

Others Present:
 Donna Graham
 Jesse Stipcak

CALL TO ORDER/ APPROVE OF AGENDA

1. Human Resources Committee Chairperson Fickes called the meeting to order at 11:16 a.m. Commissioner Washington moved, seconded by Commissioner Hurtekant, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

2. Human Resources Committee Chairperson Fickes requested limited public comments. There were none.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY REQUEST

3. Human Resources Committee Chairperson Fickes introduced discussion regarding a request from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.
 - The Prosecuting Attorney (PA) is asking the Board to consider approving a modification to the staffing of his office; there is currently an approved Legal Secretary - Grade 4 position (\$44,597-\$53,512) that is vacant, and the PA is interested in creating an Investigator position for the office instead that will assist the office and law enforcement agencies in victim, witness and property location and identification;
 - The members reviewed a proposed job description for the Investigator that was developed and reviewed for placement in the County Classification System; it is recommended the Investigator position be established as Grade 9 (\$59,315-\$71,165).

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Hurtekant, to **recommend** approving an amendment to the Position Allocation List (PAL) to remove one (1) Legal Secretary position (Grade 4) in the PA Office and add one (1) Investigator position (Grade 9) to the PA Office. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Fickes moved, seconded by Commissioner Andrews to concur with the committee recommendation. Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Commissioners Andrews, Washington, Fickes, Rudat, Showers and DeLong. Six ayes, zero nays, one absent. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Rudat, to **recommend** approving the filling of the Investigator position. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Fickes moved, seconded by Commissioner Showers to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

4. Human Resources Committee Chairperson Fickes introduced discussion regarding committee/commission appointments.
 - Discussion took place regarding the large number of applications that were received for the Planning Commission, and it was determined the HR Committee Chairperson will work with the Board Chair and Administrator/Controller to outline and identify a specific process for the Board to follow for filling these vacancies.

No action taken.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

5. Human Resources Committee Chairperson Fickes requested Commissioners' Comments.
 - The Members offered their closing thoughts on the year expressing they have had a positive experience and look forward to 2026.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

6. Human Resources Committee Chairperson Fickes requested the administrator's report.
 - Administrator/Controller Fuentes notified the members that Kate Rademacher has accepted the Finance Director position.

ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETING

7. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

END OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- Chairperson DeLong called for Commissioners' comments.
- Commissioner Fickes thanked the Village of Elsie and acknowledged support for their efforts.
 - Commissioner Washington expressed gratitude for working in Clinton County and appreciation of public input;
 - Commissioner Rudat shared that Waste Management is always looking for volunteers to assist with events;
 - Chairperson DeLong addressed comments provided by Donna Graham and assured that there will be an open discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

BOARD ACTION: With no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson DeLong declared the meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Debra A. Sutherland

Debra A. Sutherland, Clerk of the Board

NOTE: These minutes are subject to approval at the January 2026 monthly meeting.

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson
Bruce DeLong
Vice-Chairperson
Zach Rudat

Members
Nicole Fickes
Brian Hurtekant
Robert Showers
John Andrews
Dwight Washington

COURTHOUSE
100 E. STATE STREET
ST. JOHNS, MICHIGAN 48879-1571
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Administrator/Controller
John F. Fuentes
Clerk of the Board
Debra A. Sutherland

DATE 1/2/2026 The Clinton County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, January 2, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. with Clerk Sutherland calling the meeting to order.

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Clerk Sutherland called for a moment of silence. The pledge of allegiance was given to the flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL Roll was called with a quorum of the members in attendance: Nicole Fickes, Zach Rudat, Bruce DeLong, Brian Hurtekant, Robert Showers, John Andrews and Dwight Washington.

COUNTY PERSONNEL John Fuentes, Todd Campbell, Stephanie Dush, Steve Wiswasser, Undersheriff Gute and Craig Thelen

VISITORS Val Vail-Shirey, Donna Graham, Jim Lawless, Dawn Lawless, David Smith, Jody Smith, Philip Bareham, Nancy Bareham, Mark Belfanz and Jessie Stipcak

AGENDA The agenda was presented for review and approval.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Hurtekant moved, seconded by Commissioner Fickes to move public comments and approve the agenda as amended. Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Commissioners Washington, Fickes, Rudat and Hurtekant. Commissioners Showers, Andrews and DeLong voted no. Four ayes, three nays. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Clerk Sutherland called for public comments. The following individuals offered public comments:

- Tim Fair, DeWitt Township
- Nancy Bareham, Watertown Township
- Mark Belfanz, Riley Township
- Phillip Bareham, Watertown Township
- Jesse Spicak, DeWitt Township
- Steve Wiswasser, Bath Township, Clinton County Treasurer
- Dawn Lawless, Bingham Township

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON Clerk Sutherland opened the nominations for Chairperson of the Board. Commissioner Rudat nominated Bruce DeLong for Chairperson. Clerk Sutherland called for further nominations. None were offered.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to close the nominations and cast a majority ballot for the election of Commissioner DeLong as Chairperson for 2026.

Discussion followed.

Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Commissioners Andrews, Rudat, Fickes, Showers, Washington and DeLong. Commissioner Hurtekant voted no. Six ayes, one nay. Motion carried.

By majority vote, Bruce DeLong is elected as Chairperson.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Clerk Sutherland opened the nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Board. Commissioner Showers nominated Zach Rudat for Vice-Chairperson. Clerk Sutherland called for further nominations. None were offered.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Fickes to close the nominations and cast a majority ballot for the election of Commissioner Rudat as Vice-Chairperson for 2026. Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Commissioners Rudat, Andrews, Showers, Fickes, Washington, Hurtekant and DeLong. Seven ayes, zero nays. Motion carried.

By majority vote, Zach Rudat is elected as Vice-Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON ASSUMES THE CHAIR

Commissioner DeLong assumed the Chair.

ADOPTION OF 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

Commissioners reviewed the 2026 proposed meeting schedule.

JANUARY 27 @ 9:00 a.m.	JULY 28 @ 9:00 a.m.
FEBRUARY 24 @ 9:00 a.m.	AUGUST 25 @ 9:00 a.m.
MARCH 31 @ 9:00 a.m.	SEPTEMBER 29 @ 9:00 a.m.
APRIL 21 @ 9:00 a.m.	OCTOBER 13 @ 6:00 p.m.
MAY 26 @ 9:00 a.m.	OCTOBER 27 @ 9:00 a.m.
JUNE 30 @ 9:00 a.m.	NOVEMBER 24 @ 9:00 a.m.
	DECEMBER 18 @ 10:00 a.m. (Friday)

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to adopt the meeting schedule as proposed.

Discussion followed.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2026

The list of 2026 Committee Chairpersons, Committee Assignments and other Boards/Agencies was presented in detail with the following Committee Chairpersons being recommended by Chairperson DeLong:

Ways and Means Committee – Zach Rudat
Human Resources Committee – Nicole Fickes
Public Safety Committee – Zach Rudat

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to appoint the above-named Commissioners as Chairpersons to the respective Committees, in addition concur with the Committee Assignments and Appointments to other Boards/Agencies with amendments at the recommendation of Chairperson DeLong.

Discussion followed.

Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Commissioners Washington, Showers, Andrews and DeLong. Commissioners Fickes, Hurtekant and Rudat voted no. Four ayes, three nays. Motion carried.
(INSERT BOARD COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS)

JANUARY 2026
OPEN MEETINGS AND
EVENTS CALENDAR

Chairperson DeLong introduced discussion regarding the January 2026 Open Meetings and Events Calendar as well as

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Fickes to approve the January 2026 Open Meetings and Events Calendar and include a Special Board of Commissioners' meeting on Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss Planning was proposed and added to the motion. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR/
CONTROLLER'S
COMMENTS

Administrator/Controller Fuentes reported that he will prepare an agenda for the February 5, 2026 Special Meeting.

COMMISSIONERS'
COMMENTS

Chairperson DeLong called for Commissioners' comments:

- Commissioner Andrews, Commissioner Fickes, Commissioner Showers, Commissioner Washington, Commissioner Hurtekant, Commissioner Rudat and Chairperson DeLong all offered comments

ADJOURNMENT

BOARD ACTION: With no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson DeLong adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m. Motion carried.

Debra A. Sutherland

Debra A. Sutherland, Clerk of the Board

NOTE: These minutes are subject to approval on January 27, 2026.

**THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY,
MICHIGAN** approves the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, House Bills 5152 and 5153 have been introduced in the Michigan Legislature to amend the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, providing critical protections for homeowners during mortgage foreclosure proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Berrien County has identified a pattern of predatory practices where third-party firms target vulnerable residents who are facing mortgage foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, these firms exploit homeowners and heirs by convincing them to sell either the property itself or their statutory rights to surplus foreclosure proceeds and redemption, often stripping residents of tens of thousands of dollars in home equity for a fraction of the true value; and

WHEREAS, County officials have witnessed firsthand these firms targeting vulnerable residents after an auction has concluded, including an instance where an elderly heir was paid \$100 to sign away her rights to over \$10,000 in known surplus proceeds; and

WHEREAS, these predatory activities not only harm homeowners, they create a significant and ongoing burden for Berrien County's departments, including the Sheriff's Office, the Register of Deeds, the Probate Court, and the Corporate Counsel, which must expend public resources to manage fraudulent claims and improperly filed probate estates; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 5153 would directly stop this predatory model by making a mortgagor's right to surplus money and right of redemption non-assignable and non-transferable after a notice of foreclosure is recorded, except through legitimate testate or intestate succession; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 5152 would further protect homeowners by requiring a mandatory, plain-English "Notice of Rights" for any conveyance of property after a foreclosure notice is recorded, ensuring the seller fully understands they are waiving their rights to redemption, occupancy, and surplus proceeds; and

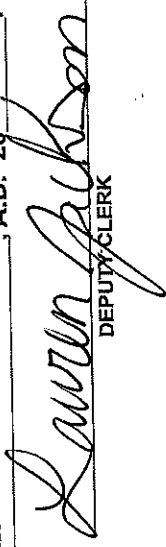
WHEREAS, the Berrien County Sheriff and the Berrien County Register of Deeds have identified

STATE OF MICHIGAN) ss
COUNTY OF BERRIEN)

I, STACY LOAR-PORTER, Clerk of the County of Berrien, Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County, the same being a Court of Record and having a seal, do hereby certify that I have compared the below copy with the record thereof now remaining in my office and have found it to be a true copy.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have affixed the Seal of said Circuit Court at St. Joseph, this 10th day of DECEMBER, A.D. 2025

STACY LOAR-PORTER
COUNTY CLERK


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DEPUTY CLERK


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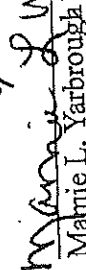
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners fully supports House Bills 5152 and 5153, which will protect Berrien County residents from foreclosure fraud, preserve home equity for families, and reduce the burden on local government resources.

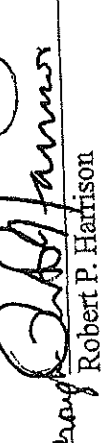
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall forward copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan, the Majority Leader of the Michigan Senate, the Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, and all Michigan counties for their consideration and action and distribute to all County Clerks to be a posted communication in each county.

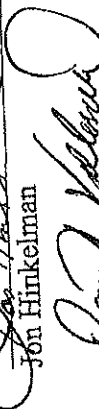
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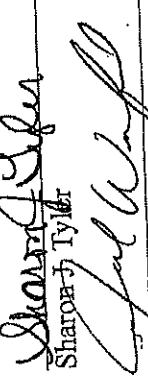

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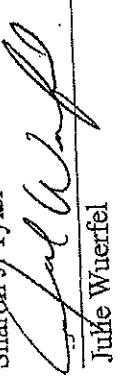

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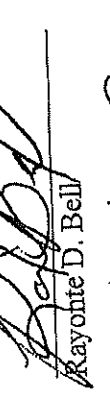

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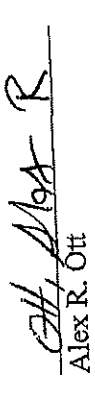

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CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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**RESOLUTION URGING TRANSPARENCY AND A COMPREHENSIVE
REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, data centers are specialized facilities that house computing and networking systems used to store, process, and manage large volumes of data; and

WHEREAS, the demand for data centers has increased rapidly due to the growth of cloud computing and artificial intelligence, resulting in growing concern nationwide and within the State of Michigan regarding their environmental, infrastructure, and community impacts; and

WHEREAS, Cass County is committed to responsible growth, fiscal stewardship, and the protection of community resources, including water, energy infrastructure, and land use compatibility; and

WHEREAS, large-scale data centers typically require significant electrical and water resources, which may strain local utility systems, impact utility rates for residents, and create noise, heat, and other environmental or quality-of-life concerns for surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, thoughtful planning and transparency are essential to ensure that any proposed data center development aligns with Cass County's long-term land use goals, infrastructure capacity, and the interests of residents and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, responsible regulation of data centers should include consideration of appropriate zoning districts, compatibility with surrounding land uses, setbacks from residential or sensitive areas, noise mitigation, screening of mechanical equipment, disclosure of anticipated energy and water usage, workforce impacts, and meaningful community engagement; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Cass County residents that any data center development occur within a clear and comprehensive regulatory framework that protects public resources, ensures transparency, and prevents unintended financial or environmental consequences;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cass County Board of Commissioners urges all relevant local governmental units, planning authorities, and electric utility providers serving Cass County to develop and implement a comprehensive regulatory framework governing proposed data center development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cass County Board of Commissioners encourages transparency and public disclosure regarding any proposed data center project, including but not limited to the following information being made available to local officials and the public:

- The source of electrical power for the facility and its consistency with state and local clean energy goals;
- The anticipated water usage of the facility, including daily, monthly, and annual demand, and plans to mitigate impacts on water quality and availability;
- How electric utilities intend to meet increased load demands without shifting costs to existing ratepayers or creating stranded infrastructure;
- What contractual protections, minimum usage requirements, or exit provisions will be in place to ensure local residents are not financially burdened if a project is reduced or abandoned; and
- What measures will be implemented to ensure environmental compliance, equitable cost allocation, and meaningful community benefit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cass County Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Cass County Planning Commission; all municipalities within Cass County, including Calvin Township, Howard Township, Jefferson Township, LaGrange Township, Marcellus Township, Mason Township, Milton Township, Newberg Township, Ontwa Township, Penn Township, Pokagon Township, Porter Township, Silver Creek Township, Volinia Township, Wayne Township, the City of Dowagiac, the City of Niles, the Village of Cassopolis, the Village of Edwardsburg, the Village of Marcellus and the Village of Vandalia; relevant state and federal legislative offices; and electric utility providers serving Cass County.

ADOPTED THIS 8TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026

ATTEST:


Monica McMichael (Jan 9, 2026 10:04:59 EST)

Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register
County of Cass


Jeremiah Jones (Jan 9, 2026 10:06:13 EST)

Jeremiah Jones, Chair
County of Cass Board of Commissioners



Genesee County
Resolution #2025-2872

**A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE JANUARY 20, 2026 AS THE NATIONAL DAY OF RACIAL HEALING
IN GENESSEE COUNTY**

- WHEREAS,** the National Day of Racial Healing is observed annually on the Tuesday following Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a time for individuals, organizations and communities to come together around shared values of equity and inclusion and to address the present-day consequences of racism and racial inequities; and
- WHEREAS,** racial healing involves acknowledgement of the ways racism has wounded individuals, communities, and institutions and invitation to engage in the “people work” of building authentic relationships, trust, and partnerships across difference; and
- WHEREAS,** this observance builds on the efforts of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation’s Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation (TRHT) initiative, which is a comprehensive, community-driven approach to confronting the historic and contemporary effects of racism and eliminating the false belief in a hierarchy of human value; and
- WHEREAS,** Genesee County has been home to the local Flint TRHT initiative since 2019, which has trained teams of local racial healing practitioners that have facilitated racial healing circles designed to deepen relationships between people through sharing stories and finding connecting threads for nearly 20 community partners, including providing racial healing circles for staff and appointees of Genesee County; and
- WHEREAS,** the work of racial healing is evident in Genesee County through efforts such as the St. John Historic Neighborhood Memorial and Documentary, which capture memories of former residents of Flint’s historic African American neighborhood in the context of residential segregation and urban renewal, which resulted in the St. John neighborhood being dismantled to make way for the construction of I-475, and the redesign of exhibits at the renovated Sloan Museum to more accurately tell the stories of race and indigenous history in Genesee County:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Genesee County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes January 20, 2026 as the National Day of Racial Healing in Genesee County and encourages all county departments to engage in appropriate recognitions such as participation in community events including acts of volunteer service and the local National Day of Racial Healing breakfast program, which will be held on January 20, 2026 at 9:00 am at the Genesee County Administration Building,

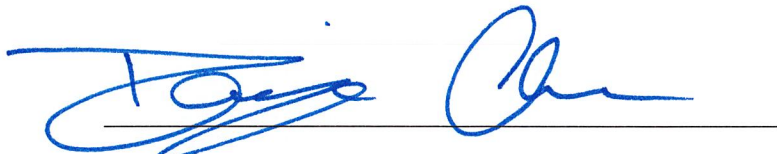
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Genesee County Clerk/Register is directed to provide one copy of this Resolution to each city, village, and township within Genesee County and to each County Clerk in the State of Michigan.

MOVED: Winfrey

SECONDED: Brown

VOTE: 6 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS, 0 ABSENT

Resolution adopted this 7th day of January, 2026.



Domonique Clemons, Genesee County Clerk-Register of Deeds

State of Michigan
County of Genese

I, **DOMONIQUE CLEMONS**, County Clerk and Register of Deeds of the County of Genesee, Michigan, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, and Clerk of the Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of Resolution 2025-2872 with original record thereof now remaining in my office,

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court and County, this 12th day of January A.D. 2026.



DOMONIQUE CLEMONS, Clerk-Register



Genesee County
Resolution #2025-2752

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 19, 2026 AS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

WHEREAS, in 1983 President Ronald Reagan signed the King Holiday Bill into law, making the third Monday in January a federal holiday honoring the life and legacy of slain civil rights leader the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who was born on January 15, 1929, and who fearlessly led a movement for the recognition of African Americans' rights, using nonviolent resistance as a tool for social change, which contributed directly to the Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's writings such as "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," which was written while he was arrested for demonstrating against racial segregation, express the urgency for meaningful social change in the face of ongoing oppression and the recognition that "an unjust law is no law at all;" and

WHEREAS, Dr. King was also firmly committed to ending war and poverty; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a day of national service where Americans of all backgrounds honor his commitment to universal human dignity through volunteering in their communities for causes that affirm human rights, alleviate suffering, and promote freedom for all people; and

WHEREAS, the local Genesee County community will mark Martin Luther King Jr. Day with commemorations including a celebration on January 17, 2026 at the Gloria Coles Flint Public Library, the 20th annual Inspiration Breakfast hosted by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Flint and Genesee on January 19, 2026, and a keynote address and volunteer opportunities coordinated by the University of Michigan-Flint also on January 19; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Genesee County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes January 19, 2026 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and encourages all county departments to engage in appropriate recognitions such as participation in community events including acts of volunteer service,

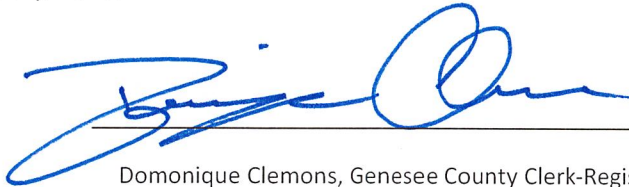
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Genesee County Clerk/Register is directed to provide one copy of this Resolution to each city, village, and township within Genesee County and to each County Clerk in the State of Michigan.

MOVED: Shumaker

SECONDED: Flewelling

VOTE: 9 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS, 0 ABSENT

Resolution adopted this 7th day of January, 2026.



Domonique Clemons, Genesee County Clerk-Register of Deeds

State of Michigan
County of Genese

I, **DOMONIQUE CLEMONS**, County Clerk and Register of Deeds of the County of Genesee, Michigan, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, and Clerk of the Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of Resolution 2025-2752 with original record thereof now remaining in my office,

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court and County, this 12th day of January A.D. 2026.



DOMONIQUE CLEMONS, Clerk-Register

**ADOPTED – DECEMBER 9, 2025
AGENDA ITEM NO. 30**

Introduced by the Human Services Committee of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION URGING TRANSPARENCY AND A COMPREHENSIVE REGULATORY
FRAMEWORK IN LOCAL DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT**

RESOLUTION #25 – 592

WHEREAS, data centers are specialized facilities that house the computing and networking systems needed to run applications and to store, process, and manage large amounts of data; and

WHEREAS, the demand to develop new data centers has been rapidly increasing amidst the wide-scale growth of Artificial Intelligence (AI), becoming increasingly more common nationwide and in the State of Michigan, and concerns have arisen around their environmental, economic, and community impacts; and

WHEREAS, Ingham County is committed to achieving emissions reduction and sustainability objectives in alignment with Resolution #20-301, which declared a climate emergency for Ingham County, and Resolution #21-210, which declared Ingham County's commitment to climate justice; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #21-195 re-established the Ingham County Environmental Affairs Commission (EAC) whose duties include making recommendations to the Ingham County Board of Commissioners on the implementation of programming designed to reduce countywide energy use and to promote sustainability and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, large-scale data centers typically require tremendous amounts of water and energy to sustain, straining local utilities and potentially impacting residents' utility bills; creating noise and heat pollution, and other nuisances that negatively affect surrounding neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, regulation of data centers should be carefully considered and include acceptable zoning districts, restrictions on distance from residential or other sensitive uses such as schools or transit stations, compatibility with surrounding uses, noise limitations, screening of cooling equipment, disclosure on anticipated energy and water use, plans for job creation, and community outreach requirements; and

WHEREAS, to mitigate environmental, economic, and community risks, it is crucial that Ingham County communities establish a thoughtful and comprehensive framework regulating data centers in partnership with defined stakeholders and the community; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2025 the Ingham County Environmental Affairs Commission passed a resolution urging all relevant local government and electric utility entities serving residents of Ingham County to develop a comprehensive regulatory framework for proposed data centers and conduct projects related to data centers in a highly transparent manner.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners joins the Environmental Affairs Commission in urging all relevant local government and electric utility entities serving residents of Ingham County to develop a comprehensive regulatory framework for proposed data centers and conduct projects related to data centers in a highly transparent manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners urges all relevant local government and electric utility entities serving residents of Ingham County to share detailed plans demonstrating the methods by which data center projects' load demands will be met without increasing costs for other customers or triggering additional fossil fuel generation that could undermine local and state-wide clean energy goals, specifically identifying and making publicly available the following information:

- The source of electricity for all data center projects and whether they align with Michigan's renewable and clean energy standards.
- How much water the proposed facility is anticipated to use daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly and how the proposed facility will mitigate impacts on water quality and availability for nearby residents.
- How the utility in question plans to safeguard existing customers from rate hikes or stranded asset costs if a data center project scales down or leaves.
- What minimum contract length, billing guarantees, or exit fees will ensure local residents are not left paying for infrastructure built to serve any single large user; and
- What measures will be in place to ensure fair cost allocation, environmental compliance, and community benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Clerk is requested to forward copies of this adopted resolution to the Ingham County delegations of the state and federal legislatures, all relevant local governments within Ingham County, leadership of all electric utility providers within Ingham County, and the other Michigan Counties.

HUMAN SERVICES: Yeas: Cahill, Trubac, Morgan, Willis

Nays: Schafer

Absent: Ruest

Abstain: Tennis

Approved 12/01/25

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
REPEALING MCL 46.415(2)**

WHEREAS the County Board of Commissioners currently establishes all aspects of compensation, benefits and mileage reimbursements for its officials and its employees and fund the same, solely from County funds.

WHEREAS mileage reimbursement for County Board of Commissioners and county officials and employees is currently statutorily different as the County Board of Commissioners is limited by the limitations set forth in MCL 46.415(2).

WHEREAS many counties adopt the applicable IRS mileage rate for business travel which for 2026 is 72.5 cents per mile.

WHEREAS a County Board of Commissioner generally is required to undertake travel in the performance of the duties of their office.

WHEREAS when officials and employees of a County travel the mileage reimbursement exceeds that of County Board of Commissioners mileage reimbursement for their County travel.

WHEREAS the current statutory difference in mileage reimbursement for official travel at the County level is both irrational and illogical.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Michigan Legislature are called upon to repeal MCL 46.415(2) in its entirety to allow Counties to establish all aspects of compensation and mileage for their Commissioners, officials and its employees to be paid solely from County funds. A copy of this Resolution shall be sent to all Michigan Counties and members of the Michigan Legislature.

Commissioner Ean Bruette offered the resolution that was supported by Commissioner Pete Judd and the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Peretto, Judd, Stauber, Conery, Bruette

Nays: None


Absent: None

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted at a meeting of the **BOARD OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF IRON** held on January 13, 2026.

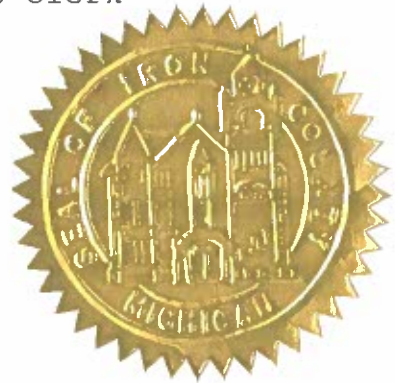
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF IRON

By: 

Mark Stauber
Its Chair

By: 

Amy Donati
Its Clerk



To the Clinton County Board of Commissioners,

We are writing as a deeply concerned citizens of Clinton County regarding your recent decisions. These actions appear **shady, unethical, and corrupt**, and they will not be ignored or quietly dismissed.

The citizens of Clinton County have reached a breaking point. For too long, decisions have been made behind closed doors, accountability has been lacking, and trust in county leadership has been eroded. This latest situation has only reinforced the growing belief that transparency and integrity are not being upheld by all members of this Board.

Let us be clear: **this will not be let go**. The people of Clinton County will do everything legally and publicly possible to demand transparency, expose corruption where it exists, and ensure that individuals who abuse their positions of authority are **removed from leadership and not re-elected**.

We will be vigilant, organized, and relentless in pursuing accountability—through public records requests, community organizing, open forums, media attention, and at the ballot box. The era of silence and complacency is over.

You serve at the will of the citizens. It is time to remember that.

We are mad as hell and we are coming.

Have the day you deserve,

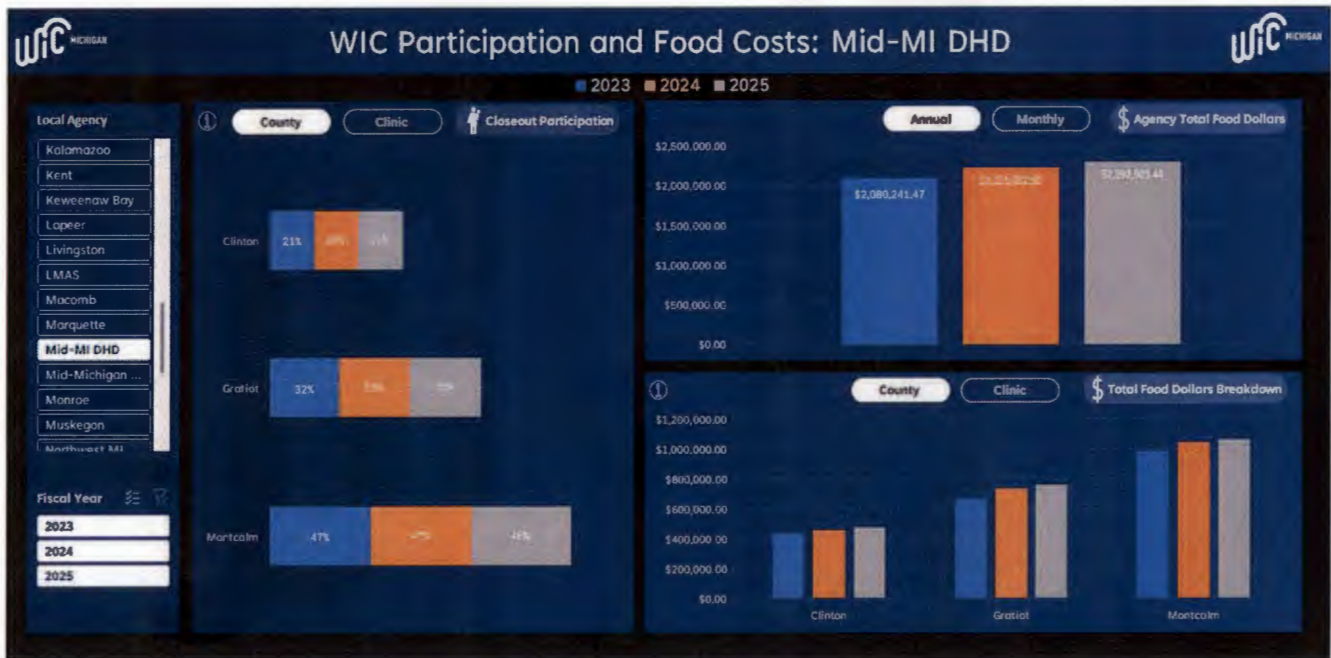
Angered Citizens of Clinton County!

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

January 22nd, 2026

2025 Clinton County WIC Food Dollars

The WIC Program (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) provided \$481,509 of supplemental nutrition dollars to enrolled clients in Clinton County. WIC provides a combination of healthy foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and referrals to health services for pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children under age five.



Virtual Non-Medical Waiver for Childhood Immunizations

The Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) has implemented a virtual non-medical waiver process to allow parents and caregivers to complete the process of requesting a waiver conveniently. The waiver education session can be completed online, and a signature must be captured to allow the Health Department permission to complete the non-medical waiver in the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR).

Radon Awareness

Radon tests are available at no cost from our branch offices. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and the only way to know if you are at risk of exposure is by testing your home. Radon is a naturally occurring gas that forms due to the decay of uranium and radium, found in rocks and soils. When uranium breaks down to radium it eventually decays into the gas radon and moves through the soil and into homes. In Michigan, one in four homes has a radon level that poses a significant health risk, and we recommend testing your home once every two years.

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RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLINTON COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2025, the Clinton County Board of Commissioners authorized a contract renewal with University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Lansing for medical examiner and forensic pathology services; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Medical Examiner Services Agreement with University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Lansing, the Board shall appoint their contractor employees as medical examiners and deputy examiners for four (4) year terms beginning January 1, 2026, and expiring December 31, 2029, pursuant to Section 1 of Act No. 181 of Public Acts of 1953, as amended (MCL 52.201 et. Seq.).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Clinton County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Michael Markey, M.D. as the County's Medical Examiner; and Petra Rahaman, M.D. and Christopher Haunch, M.D. as the County's Deputy Medical Examiners.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF CLINTON

I, DEBRA A. SUTHERLAND, Clerk of the County of Clinton do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting held January , 2026 and is on file in the records of this office.

Debra A. Sutherland, Clinton County Clerk