**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026**

**9:00 A.M.**

**MINUTES**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioners Brian Droscha, Andy Shaver, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Mark Mudry, Frank Holmes, and Keith Barber.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Commissioners Jim Mott, Chris Arndt, Jane Whitacre, Scott Hansen, and Nicole Christensen; Ben Dawson, Claudine Williams, Melissa Ballard, Logan Bailey, Tom Reich, Shana Badgley, and Dairus Reynnet.

The June 26, 2026 meeting of the Ways and Means Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Droscha.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Commissioner Shaver moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Barber seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Controller/Administrator Ben Dawson provided an overview of the Budget Meeting process.

Limited public comment. None.

Controller/Administrator Ben Dawson presented the Multi-Year General Fund Budget Projections. Discussion held.

Finance Director Melissa Ballard addressed the Annual Budget by Function Report. Ms. Ballard detailed the various functions and budget amounts. Discussion held.

Ms. Ballard presented the Expense Annual Budget by Organization Report. Discussion held.

Commissioners requested Sheriff Tom Reich discuss Sheriff's Office personnel staffing and other budgetary concerns. Discussion held.

Controller Dawson provided information regarding the Community Mental Health of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties (CMH-CEI) Tri-County Budget Request for the Fiscal Year 2027. Shana Badgley, Director of Adult Mental Health Services, provided information regarding CMH services and answered questions from committee members.

Chairperson Droscha called for a brief recess at 11:00 a.m.

Chairperson Droscha reconvened the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Controller Dawson presented the Unassigned Fund Balance Use for Amount Above Targets. Discussion held.

Limited Public Comment. Treasurer Reynnet provided information regarding a Supreme Court case – Pung vs. Isabella County. The case concerned the proper baseline for measuring "just compensation" following a fairly conducted tax sale is the auction sale price, not the property's hypothetical fair market value; Isabella County did not violate the Eighth Amendment's excessive fines clause by failing to compensate the taxpayer for his property's fair market value.

Chairperson Droscha adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Ways and Means Committee will be held on Friday, July 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioner's Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd., Charlotte, MI 48813.

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Brian Droscha, Chairperson