

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2026

9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

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

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Jane Whitacre, Scott Hansen, and Jim Mott; Ben Dawson, Claudine Williams, Melissa Ballard, Logan Bailey, Kelley Flynn, Amanda Pollard, Ethan Jacobs, Aaron Kayne, El Sidel, Eric Daley, Jared Bogdanov-Hanna, and Sara Lurie.

The July 10, 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 Haskell moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Mudry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Limited Public Comment. None.

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

The Multi-Year General Fund Budget Projections were presented and discussed. The budgets for Special Revenue Funds were presented.

Central Dispatch Director Kelley Flynn presented the figures and information related to the Central Dispatch Millage, and the Central Dispatch Surcharge fund. She also discussed the impact these funds have on emergency operations for local municipalities.

Probate Court Judge Amanda Pollard presented information related to the Juvenile Millage and how these funds are leveraged for programming within the Child Care Fund.

Parks Director Ethan Jacobs presented the figures and information related to the Parks and Recreation fund, including upcoming projects utilizing the Parks Millage funding.

Special Revenue Funds for the Sheriff's Office were presented, including the Delta Township Police Services Contract and the Windsor Township Police Services Contract. Chief Deputy El Sidel and Jail Captain Aaron Kayne were present to answer questions related to the utilization of these funds.

Technology Services Director Eric Daley presented the budget for the Computer Fund, outlining the projects that were upcoming for his offices.

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

Chairperson Droscha reconvened the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Environmental Sustainability Director Jared Bogdanov-Hanna discussed the Solid Waste Ordinance and the funding for the County's Resource Recovery Programs.

Commissioner Shaver moved to evenly distribute the remaining funds in the Comprehensive Plan Fund (Fund 223) to the eleven townships who were required to take on their own planning and zoning services as a result of the County's decision to cease Planning and Zoning. Commissioner Barber seconded. Discussion held.

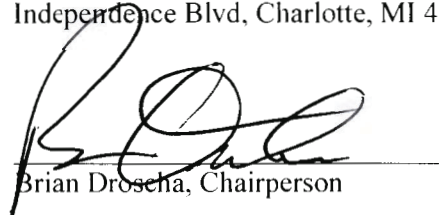
Commissioner Shaver amended his motion to change the distribution to the ten townships that took on their own planning and zoning. Commissioner Barber seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried unanimously. Roll call on amended motion: Shaver – yes, Haskell – no, Pearl-Wright – no, Mudry – no, Holmes – yes, Barber – yes, Droscha – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber motioned for administration to work with every department and elected office to reduce their General Fund expense budgets by 2.5%, amounting to a total General Fund reduction of \$1,033,781 in order to allocate these funds to the County's unfunded pension liability. Commissioner Shaver seconded. Discussion held. Roll call vote: Shaver – yes, Haskell – no, Pearl-Wright – no, Mudry – no, Holmes – no, Barber – yes, Droscha – no. Motion failed.

Limited Public Comment. Sara Lurie, CEO of Community Mental Health CEI, presented data regarding restoration of the general allocation from the County. Ms. Lurie distributed fliers to the Commissioners containing financial information.

Chairperson Droscha adjourned the meeting at 12:41 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Ways and Means Committee will be held on August 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte, MI 48813.



Brian Droscha, Chairperson