



Macomb County Board of Commissioners

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District 10

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District 03

District 01 – Ken Goike

District 02 – Phil Kraft

District 05 – Don VanSyckel

District 06 – Joseph V. Romano

District 07 – James M. Perna

District 08 – Antoinette Wallace

District 09 – Barbara Zinner

District 11 – Lisa Wojno

District 12 – Michael J. Howard II

District 13 – Sarah Lucido

MINUTES APPROVED AUGUST 19, 2025

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, July 22, 2025, 3:00 PM

COMMITTEE: Joint Government Oversight and Finance/Audit/Budget Committees

CHAIR: Government Oversight Chair Harold L. Haugh; Finance/Audit/Budget Chair Phil Kraft

LOCATION: Administration Building, One South Main Street, 9th Floor, Mount Clemens, MI 48043

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 03:00 PM in the Administration Building, 1 South Main Street, 9th Floor, Mount Clemens, Michigan 48043.

Present: Ken Goike, Sylvia Grot, Harold L. Haugh, Michael J. Howard II, Phil Kraft, Sarah Lucido, James M. Perna, Joseph V. Romano, Joe Sabatini, Don VanSyckel, Antoinette Wallace, Lisa Wojno, Barbara Zinner
Absent: None

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda dated Tuesday, July 22, 2025. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Joseph V. Romano

Seconded by: Don VanSyckel

Vote Summary: (13 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Ken Goike, Sylvia Grot, Harold L. Haugh, Michael J. Howard II, Phil Kraft, Sarah Lucido, James M. Perna, Joseph V. Romano, Joe Sabatini, Don VanSyckel, Antoinette Wallace, Lisa Wojno, Barbara Zinner

Nay - None

Abstain - None

4. Approval of Minutes

a) dated June 10, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes dated June 10, 2025. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Antoinette Wallace

Seconded by: Sarah Lucido

Vote Summary: (13 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Ken Goike, Sylvia Grot, Harold L. Haugh, Michael J. Howard II, Phil Kraft, Sarah Lucido, James M. Perna, Joseph V. Romano, Joe Sabatini, Don VanSyckel, Antoinette Wallace, Lisa Wojno, Barbara Zinner

Zinner

Nay - None

Abstain - None

5. Public Participation (three minutes max per speaker, related only to issues on the agenda)

Speakers

Therese Wrobel

Mike Salyers - 14206 Lacavera Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Joel Rutherford - Storrow Court, Warren

6. Appointment Interviews

a) Veterans' Affairs Commission

Board Appointment

2 vacancies; 4-year terms to expire on July 31, 2029

Manuel (Manny) R. Gonzales - reappointment (*will attend*)

Peter Henderson (*attending*)

Daniel Klik (*attending*)

Tammy T. Patton (*attending*)

Robert Carl Peterson (*unable to attend, out of town*)

Lance Pittman (*attending*)

Daniel Charles Ross (*attending*)

Richard D. Shaffer (*attending*)

Joseph A. White (*attending*)

Motion to recommend that the Board of Commissioners appoint two members from the list of candidates to the Veterans' Affairs Commission for 4-year terms to expire on July 31, 2029. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motion by: Sylvia Grot

Seconded by: Don VanSyckel

Vote Summary: (13 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Ken Goike, Sylvia Grot, Harold L. Haugh, Michael J. Howard II, Phil Kraft, Sarah Lucido, James M. Perna, Joseph V. Romano, Joe Sabatini, Don VanSyckel, Antoinette Wallace, Lisa Wojno, Barbara Zinner

Nay - None

Abstain - None

7. Government Oversight Committee Presentations

a) Regional Transit Authority (RTA) of Southeast Michigan: Update / Ben Stupka, Executive Director

Motion to receive and file the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) of Southeast Michigan: Update. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Joseph V. Romano

Seconded by: Sarah Lucido

Vote Summary: (13 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Ken Goike, Sylvia Grot, Harold L. Haugh, Michael J. Howard II, Phil Kraft, Sarah Lucido, James M. Perna, Joseph V. Romano, Joe Sabatini, Don VanSyckel, Antoinette Wallace, Lisa Wojno, Barbara Zinner

Nay - None

Abstain - None

8. Government Oversight Committee Department Recommendations

- a) Adopt Compensation for Civil Service Commission / Harold L. Haugh, Committee Chair

Motion to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt the following compensation for the Civil Service Commission:

Civil Service Commissioners shall be paid at a rate of \$75 per day plus mileage reimbursement for mileage driven in the performance of their official duties, paid at the County's standard mileage reimbursement rate. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motion by: Antoinette Wallace

Seconded by: Don VanSyckel

Vote Summary: (13 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Ken Goike, Sylvia Grot, Harold L. Haugh, Michael J. Howard II, Phil Kraft, Sarah Lucido, James M. Perna, Joseph V. Romano, Joe Sabatini, Don VanSyckel, Antoinette Wallace, Lisa Wojno, Barbara Zinner

Nay - None

Abstain - None

- b) Contract: Nickel & Saph, Inc. - Cyber Risk Liability Insurance Policy (\$26,769) / Dana Chiamp, Assistant Corporation Counsel

approve the contract with Nickel & Saph, Inc. to provide an extension of Macomb County's CyberRisk Liability Policy from July 1, 2025 to August 1, 2025 in the amount of \$26,769 for Corporation Counsel. Funding is available in the FY2025 General Liability Insurance Fund.

This action does not constitute the Commission's approval of a budget amendment and does not otherwise change or amend any other budget provision or requirement, including but not limited to the provisions and requirements of Ordinance 2024-05. Any budget amendment required for this contract/purchase/agreement must be sought separately. A copy of this Board of Commissioners' action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive.

- c) Contract: Nickel & Saph, Inc. - Fiduciary Liability Insurance (\$48,398) / Dana Chiamp, Assistant Corporation Counsel

approve the contract with Nickel & Saph, Inc. to provide Fiduciary Liability Insurance from August 1, 2025 to August 1, 2026 in the amount of \$48,398 for Corporation Counsel. Funding is available in the FY2025 General Liability Insurance Fund.

This action does not constitute the Commission's approval of a budget amendment and does not otherwise change or amend any other budget provision or requirement, including but not limited to the provisions and requirements of Ordinance 2024-05. Any budget amendment required for this contract/purchase/agreement must be sought separately. A copy of this Board of Commissioners' action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive.

- d) Contract: Nickel & Saph, Inc. - Excess Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance (\$370,670) / Dana Chiamp, Assistant Corporation Counsel

approve the contract with Nickel & Saph, Inc. to provide Macomb County with Excess Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance from July 1, 2025 to July 1, 2026 in the amount of \$370,670 for Corporation Counsel. Funding is available in the FY2025 General Liability Insurance Fund.

This action does not constitute the Commission's approval of a budget amendment and does not otherwise change or amend any other budget provision or requirement, including but not limited to the provisions and requirements of Ordinance 2024-05. Any budget amendment required for this contract/purchase/agreement must be sought separately. A copy of this Board of Commissioners' action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive.

- e) Contract: Nickel & Saph, Inc. - Excess Law Enforcement Liability (\$257,057.50) / Dana Chiamper, Assistant Corporation Counsel

approve the contract with Nickel & Saph, Inc. to provide Excess Law Enforcement Liability from July 1, 2025 to July 1, 2026 in the amount of \$257,057.50 for Corporation Counsel. Funding is available in the FY2025 General Liability Insurance Fund.

This action does not constitute the Commission's approval of a budget amendment and does not otherwise change or amend any other budget provision or requirement, including but not limited to the provisions and requirements of Ordinance 2024-05. Any budget amendment required for this contract/purchase/agreement must be sought separately. A copy of this Board of Commissioners' action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive.

Motion to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve Government Oversight Committee Department Recommendations 8b - 8e. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motion by: Michael J. Howard II

Seconded by: Sarah Lucido

Vote Summary: (13 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Ken Goike, Sylvia Grot, Harold L. Haugh, Michael J. Howard II, Phil Kraft, Sarah Lucido, James M. Perna, Joseph V. Romano, Joe Sabatini, Don VanSyckel, Antoinette Wallace, Lisa Wojno, Barbara Zinner

Nay - None

Abstain - None

9. Resolutions

- a) Resolution 2025-13775: A Resolution to Oppose the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Plan to Implement a Competitive Procurement Process of Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans / Phil Kraft, District 2 Commissioner

Motion to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt Resolution 2025-13775: A Resolution to Oppose the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Plan to Implement a Competitive Procurement Process of Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motion by: Michael J. Howard II

Seconded by: Antoinette Wallace

Vote Summary: (13 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Ken Goike, Sylvia Grot, Harold L. Haugh, Michael J. Howard II, Phil Kraft, Sarah Lucido, James M. Perna, Joseph V. Romano, Joe Sabatini, Don VanSyckel, Antoinette Wallace, Lisa Wojno, Barbara Zinner

Nay - None
Abstain - None

10. Proclamations

- a) A Proclamation Congratulating the Armada Trap Team for Winning the 2025 State Championship / Ken Goike, Commissioner, District 1
- b) A Proclamation Congratulating the Richmond Blue Devils Athletics Girls Softball Team for Winning the 2025 Michigan High School Division 2 Softball State Championship / Ken Goike, Commissioner, District 1

Motion to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt Proclamations items 10a and 10b. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motion by: Don VanSyckel
Seconded by: Sarah Lucido

Vote Summary: (11 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Ken Goike, Sylvia Grot, Harold L. Haugh, Michael J. Howard II, Phil Kraft, Sarah Lucido, Joe Sabatini, Don VanSyckel, Antoinette Wallace, Lisa Wojno, Barbara Zinner

Nay - None

Abstain - None

11. Finance, Audit, and Budget Committee

12. Finance/Audit/Budget Committee Department Recommendations

- a) Purchase: Todd Wenzel Buick GMC of Westland - One (1) 2025 GMC Sierra 1500 Pickup - Macomb Auto Theft Squad MATS (\$48,994) / Nicole Stanuch, Fleet Manager

Motion to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the purchase with Todd Wenzel Buick GMC of Westland to provide one (1) 2025 GMC Sierra 1500 Pickup in the amount of \$48,994 for the Macomb County Sheriff's Office Macomb Auto Theft Squad (MATS). Funding is available in the FY2025 Sheriff Grant Fund - MATS - Capital Outlay - New Vehicles fund, Budget Page D-37.

This action does not constitute the Commission's approval of a budget amendment and does not otherwise change or amend any other budget provision or requirement, including but not limited to the provisions and requirements of Ordinance 2024-05. Any budget amendment required for this contract/purchase/agreement must be sought separately. A copy of this Board of Commissioners' action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive.

THE MOTION PASSED.

Motion by: Don VanSyckel
Seconded by: Harold L. Haugh

Vote Summary: (13 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Ken Goike, Sylvia Grot, Harold L. Haugh, Michael J. Howard II, Phil Kraft, Sarah Lucido, James M. Perna, Joseph V. Romano, Joe Sabatini, Don VanSyckel, Antoinette Wallace, Lisa Wojno, Barbara

Zinner
 Nay - None
 Abstain - None

13. Finance/Audit/Budget Committee Correspondence

- a) Central Intake & Assessment Center (CIAC) Dashboard Report - July 2025
- b) Administration for Children & Families: Letter RE: the 2022 Single Audit Report for the Head Start Program
- c) Open Bids as of July 22, 2025

Motion to receive and file Correspondence items 13a - 13c. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Joseph V. Romano
 Seconded by: Barbara Zinner

Vote Summary: (12 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Ken Goike, Sylvia Grot, Michael J. Howard II, Phil Kraft, Sarah Lucido, James M. Perna, Joseph V. Romano, Joe Sabatini, Don VanSyckel, Antoinette Wallace, Lisa Wojno, Barbara Zinner
 Nay - None
 Abstain - None

14. Public Participation (three minutes max per speaker)

None

15. Commissioners' Comments

Speakers

Michael J. Howard
 Don VanSyckel

16. Closed Session

a) Closed Session for the Purpose of Updating/Discussing Pending Litigation

Court of Appeals 19-524-CD	Tudor, Pamela	County of Macomb and Barbara Caskey
1:19-cv-11887	Fox, Thomas	Saginaw County, Macomb County, et al
2:19-cv-13403	Hyde, Brian Paul	Sgt. Jason Kass, Dept Petrovsky, Dep Dominika, Dep Nowak, Dep Masakowski, Dep Lukino, Macomb County
N/A	POAM	16th Judicial Circuit Court, County of Macomb, Macomb County Prosecutors
2:19-cv-11531	Simmons, LaTausha	City of Warren, Warren Police Department, Warren Police Commissioner Bill Dwyer, Officer Sean Sullivan, Officer Robert Horlocker, Officer Timothy Sciullo, and other unknown officers of the Warren Police Department, Macomb County, Macomb County Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Anthony

		Wickersham and other unknown Macomb County Correctional and Law Enforcement Officers and Deputies
20-2353-NO	Tindall, Cody	Stanley, James Sgt
20-cv-13303	McKinney, Anna	County of Macomb
2:21-cv-10750	Beaver, Anjanette	Macomb County, Daniel Spitz, Spitz Pathology Group, PLLC, Andrew McKinnon, Patricia Roland, William Ridella and Jacqueline Fontenot
2:22-cv-12338	Brian Zimmermann and Jamie Zimmermann as parents of Joseph Paul Zimmermann, in their individual capacities	Macomb County Sheriff Deputy Scott Labish, Macomb County Sheriff Anthony Wickersham, Macomb County Sheriff's Deputy John Doe, Macomb County Sheriff's Deputy Jane Doe, Macomb County Prosecutor Eric Smith, Peter Lucido, Romeo Community School District, Superintendent Todd R. Robinson, 9th Grade Academy Principal Melissa Arendts, Romeo Community School District Taylor Doe, Romeo Board of Education Gus Demas, Chris Young, Jill Riley, Kim Barrows, Anita Banach, Mike Antoione, Wayne Conner II
22-243511-DE	Estate of Shirley Ann Goethals	
2:22-cv-12721	Simmons, LaTausha	People of the State of Michigan, Macomb County
23-cv-11459	Blunt (Karwacki), Kelly Amber	City of Roseville, Jason Otto, Bridget Lines, County of Macomb
23-2742-CK	Stanley, James Robert	Macomb County, Pennsylvania Manuf. Association Insurance, Cody Tindall
24-148-NO	Victoria Consolino, next friends of Claudio Consolino and Cristina Consolino	Macomb County and City of Shelby Township
24-865-NI	Carmen Kuefler, as personal representative of the Estate of Shawn Thomas Kuefler	Theodore T. Dalia and Macomb County Department of Roads
24-cv-10522	Poronto, Andrew	Wellpath, LLC, a foreign corporation, Macomb County, a political subdivision of the State of Michigan, T.D. Hoist, LPN, Individually, Sarah Breen, LPN, Individually, Kenneth Debus, RN, Individually
24-1068-ND	Barthold, Kevin and Julie	Macomb County Department of Roads
COA 370065	Macomb County Prosecutor	Macomb County Executive, County of Macomb
24-1904-CZ	Legal Real Estate, LLC	Macomb County
24-2000-CE	City of Eastpointe	Heather Kasgorgis, Macomb County Treasurer
24-2494-CZ	Lucido, Peter J.	John A. Schapka, Macomb County Ethics Board
24-1909-CK	American Modern Property and Casualty Insurance Co.	Hashim Warn, the City of Warren, Macomb County Treasurer and Rodnick, Unger, Piraino & Ingber, PLLC
24-3527-CZ	Alarie, Brandon	John Alarie, Bonnie J. Alarie, Datum Precision Machine, Inc., L'Anse Creuse Public Schools, Macomb County Sheriff, Chesterfield Township Police
24-4876-AA	Strunk, Larry	Anthony G. Forlini
24-12478-GZ	Burgess, Vince	Darrell Babbitt, Macomb Sheriff
23-013219-PD	Burgess, Vince	Donald Lee Burgess, Sgt. Darrell Babbitt
24-4933-NM	Haynie, Carnel Jr.	Jeremy F. Fisher (APA)
4:25-CV-10277	King, Frank	Kelly Jex, Peter Lucido, Kurt Peterson, Fraser Michigan, the County of Macomb

25-728-NO	Harding, Joel	Joelle Renae Harding, Alexandra Fedorak, Cliasta Kain, James Twardesky, Peter J. Lucido, George Heitmanis
2025-650-CZ	Bortolomeo, Frank	Macomb County Department of Roads and Z Contractors, Inc.
25-40-CZ	Fleming, Tenia	Detroit Free Press, Inc., Ela Musaid, Macomb County Prosecutor's Office
25-1184-AA	Townes, William	Probate Judge Sara Shinkme, George Heitmanis
5:25-cv-10008	Alarie, Brandon	John Alarie, Anthony M. Wickersham, Macomb County, Macomb County Sheriff Department, Bonnie J. Alarie, Datum Precision Machine, Inc., L'Anse Creuse Public Schools, Chesterfield Township, Chesterfield Township Police Department
25-cv-10941	Johnson, Davon	Judge Joseph Toia, Marlayna Schoen, Kathleen Galen, Great Lakes Renaissance Properties, LLC, One Stop Contracting, LLC, Marlayna Schoen, LLC, Michigan Supreme Court, State of Michigan and Fatou Toure
2025-1233-NI	Vorpagel, Jonathon	County of Macomb and Brandon Spezia
25-2151-NI	Hunde, Tsegayesus	County of Macomb, Daniel Rini
25-2830-CZ	County of Macomb	The Protean Corp.
COA 376228	Yost, Martin Allen	Anthony Wickersham
COA 376130	Young, Thomason	Anthony Wickersham
COA 376099	Harper, Charles	Anthony Wickersham
23-cv-12595 US COA 24-1665 US Sup Ct ____	Howard, Faytima, et al.	Macomb County
25-000995-CC	International Transmission Company, a Michigan corporation	Carter-Jones Companies, Inc., Macomb Township, Board of Intra County Macomb Township Sanitary Drainage District, Macomb County Department of Roads, et al.

/ John Schapka, Corporation Counsel

Motion to enter into Closed Session for the Purpose of Updating/Discussing pending litigation. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Sylvia Grot

Seconded by: Barbara Zinner

Vote Summary: (12 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Ken Goike, Sylvia Grot, Harold L. Haugh, Michael J. Howard II, Phil Kraft, James M. Perna, Joseph V. Romano, Joe Sabatini, Don VanSyckel, Antoinette Wallace, Lisa Wojno, Barbara Zinner

Nay - None

Abstain - None

In accordance with the motion, committee entered Closed Session at 04:35 PM, with it concluding at 06:03 PM.

17. Government Oversight Committee Department Recommendations

- a) Settlement Agreement: Macomb County Circuit Court Case No. 25-000995-CC / John Schapka, Corporation Counsel

Motion to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the recommendation of Corporation Counsel in the settlement of Macomb County Circuit Court Case No. 25-000995-CC. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motion by: Joseph V. Romano

Seconded by: Sarah Lucido

Vote Summary: (13 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Ken Goike, Sylvia Grot, Harold L. Haugh, Michael J. Howard II, Phil Kraft, Sarah Lucido, James M. Perna, Joseph V. Romano, Joe Sabatini, Don VanSyckel, Antoinette Wallace, Lisa Wojno, Barbara Zinner

Nay - None

Abstain - None

- b) Settlement Agreement: United States District Court Case No. 19-cv-11887 / Frank Krycia, Assistant Corporation Counsel

Motion to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Fox v Saginaw County, et al, Case No, 19-cv-11887, Eastern District of Michigan, class action settlement, Claims Administrator agreement with RG2 Claims Administration LLC, and the Inter-County Cost Sharing Agreement. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motion by: Sarah Lucido

Seconded by: Michael J. Howard II

Vote Summary: (13 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Ken Goike, Sylvia Grot, Harold L. Haugh, Michael J. Howard II, Phil Kraft, Sarah Lucido, James M. Perna, Joseph V. Romano, Joe Sabatini, Don VanSyckel, Antoinette Wallace, Lisa Wojno, Barbara Zinner

Nay - None

Abstain - None

18. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the July 22, 2025 meeting at 06:06 PM. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Joseph V. Romano

Seconded by: Michael J. Howard II

Vote Summary: (13 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Ken Goike, Sylvia Grot, Harold L. Haugh, Michael J. Howard II, Phil Kraft, Sarah Lucido, James M. Perna, Joseph V. Romano, Joe Sabatini, Don VanSyckel, Antoinette Wallace, Lisa Wojno, Barbara Zinner

Nay - None

Abstain - None