



Macomb County Board of Commissioners

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District 08 – Antoinette Wallace

District 09 – Barbara Zinner

District 11 – Lisa Wojno

District 12 – Michael J. Howard II

District 13 – Sarah Lucido

MINUTES APPROVED OCTOBER 29, 2025

DATE/TIME: Monday, October 27, 2025, 3:00 PM

COMMITTEE: Finance/Audit/Budget Committee

CHAIR: Chair Phil Kraft, Vice Chair Antoinette Wallace

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, Lisa Wojno, Barbara Zinner
Absent: Antoinette Wallace

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda dated Monday, October 27, 2025. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Joseph V. Romano

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, James M. Perna, Joseph V. Romano, Joe Sabatini, Don VanSyckel, Barbara Zinner

Nay - None

Abstain - None

4. Approval of Minutes

a) dated October 22, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes dated October 22, 2025. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Ken Goike

Seconded by: Don VanSyckel

Vote Summary: (12 - 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, Lisa Wojno, Barbara Zinner

Nay - None

Abstain - None

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

None

6. Budget Reviews

a) Clerk/Register of Deeds / Anthony Forlini, Clerk/Register of Deeds

County Clerk
(Budget page C-21)

Civil Service Commission
(Budget page C-20)

Elections
(Budget page C-28)

Jury Commission
(Budget page C-43)

Concealed Pistol License
(Special Revenue Fund page D-5)

Register of Deeds
(Budget page C-56)

Remonumentation
(Special Revenue Fund page D-34)

Technology Fund
(Special Revenue Fund page D-35)

b) Courts

Circuit Court
(Budget Page C-19) / James Biernat, Chief Judge

District Court - New Baltimore
(Budget Page C-24) / Karen Grasel, District Court Administrator

District Court - Romeo
(Budget page C-25) / Darra Slanec, District Court Administrator

Family Counseling
(Budget page C-35)

Law Library
(Budget page C-45)

Probate Court
(Budget page C-47) / John Brennan, Deputy Court Administrator

Circuit Court Programs
(Special Revenue Fund pages D-3, 4)

Friend of the Court
(Special Revenue Fund pages D-11, 12) / Brian Nicholas, Friend of the Court

c) Child Care Fund

Department of Human Services
(Budget page C-26; Special Revenue Fund page D-2) / Tishara Price, MDHHS Macomb County Director

Juvenile Justice
(Special Revenue Fund pages D-1, 2) / Rhonda Westphal, Director

Juvenile Court
(Budget page C-44; Special Revenue Fund page D-2)

d) Probation - Circuit Court
(Budget page C-49) / Damon Hawkins, Parole and Probation Supervisor, MDOC

e) Public Defenders Office
(Special Revenue Fund page D-33) / Erin Freers-Cole, Public Defender

Motion to receive and file Budget Review items 6a - 6e. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Harold L. Haugh
Seconded by: James M. Perna

Vote Summary: (11 - 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, Lisa Wojno, Barbara Zinner

Nay - None

Abstain - None

7. Correspondence

- a) MDHHS Letter RE: Macomb County's FY 2026 Annual Plan and Budget for Child Care Fund Expenditures Approval

Motion to receive and file the MDHHS Letter RE: Macomb County's FY 2026 Annual Plan and Budget for Child Care Fund Expenditures Approval. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Joseph V. Romano

Seconded by: Barbara Zinner

Vote Summary: (11 - 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, Lisa Wojno, Barbara Zinner

Nay - None

Abstain - None

8. Public Participation (three minutes max per speaker)

None

9. Commissioners' Comments

Speakers

Michael J. Howard II

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the October 27, 2025 meeting at 04:31 PM. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Joseph V. Romano

Seconded by: Michael J. Howard II

Vote Summary: (11 - 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, Lisa Wojno, Barbara Zinner

Nay - None

Abstain - None