



Macomb County Board of Commissioners

Joe Sabatini, Board Chair
District 04

Harold L. Haugh, Vice Chair
District 10

Sylvia Grot, Sergeant-At-Arms
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 DECEMBER 2, 2026

DATE/TIME: Thursday, November 13, 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, Antoinette Wallace, Lisa Wojno, Barbara Zinner
Absent: None

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda dated Thursday, November 13, 2025. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Joseph V. Romano

Seconded by: Antoinette Wallace

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

4. Approval of Minutes

a) dated October 30, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes dated October 30, 2025. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Sylvia Grot

Seconded by: Harold L. Haugh

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

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

Speakers

Vicki Wolber - Special Projects Advisor, Macomb County Executive Office

6. Public Hearing

- a) Public Hearing relative to the proposed budgets for the General Fund, certain Special Revenue and Enterprise Funds, and the Debt Service Fund for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2026 and December 31, 2026

The Public Hearing was opened at 03:03 PM. There were no speakers.

The Public Hearing was closed at 03:04 PM.

7. Proposed FY2026 Budget Amendments

- a) Eliminate all (18.50 FTE) General Fund 2026 Recommended New Positions (\$2,116,000)

Motion to eliminate all (18.50 FTE) General Fund 2026 Recommended New Positions (\$2,116,000).

THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Antoinette Wallace

Seconded by: James M. Perna

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

- b) Reduce County Executive Contract Services by \$23,700

Motion to reduce County Executive Contract Services by \$23,700. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Joseph V. Romano

Seconded by: Lisa Wojno

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

- c) Reduce Human Resources & Labor Relations Contract Services by \$40,000

Motion to reduce Human Resources & Labor Relations Contract Services by \$40,000. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Ken Goike
 Seconded by: James M. Perna

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

- d) Reduce Human Resources & Labor Relations Supplies and Services by \$25,000
Motion to reduce Human Resources & Labor Relations Supplies and Services by \$25,000. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Harold L. Haugh
 Seconded by: Antoinette Wallace

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

- e) Transfer \$2,043,200 from Information Technology Repairs and Maintenance to Non-Departmental Capital Outlay for the Sheriff's Office body cams
Motion to transfer \$2,043,200 from Information Technology Repairs and Maintenance to Non-Departmental Capital Outlay for the Sheriff's Office body cams. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned 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

- f) Reduce Planning and Economic Development Contract Services by \$135,000
Motion to reduce Planning and Economic Development Contract Services by \$135,000. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Antoinette Wallace
 Seconded by: Sylvia Grot

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

- g) Adjust the personnel deemed necessary and related funding for the Prosecutor's Office General Fund to eliminate (1) Office Manager position and add (1) Chief Operations Clerk - Prosecutor
Motion to adjust the personnel deemed necessary and related funding for the Prosecutor's Office General Fund to eliminate (1) Office Manager position and add (1) Chief Operations Clerk - Prosecutor. 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

- h) Remove Appropriation for County-wide Ditch Clean Out (\$300,000)
Motion to remove Appropriation for County-wide Ditch Clean Out (\$300,000). THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Antoinette Wallace

Seconded by: Lisa Wojno

Vote Summary: (9 - 4 - 0)

Aye - Harold L. Haugh, Phil Kraft, Sarah Lucido, James M. Perna, Joseph V. Romano, Joe Sabatini, Antoinette Wallace, Lisa Wojno, Barbara Zinner

Nay - Ken Goike, Sylvia Grot, Michael J. Howard II, Don VanSyckel

Abstain - None

- i) Remove Appropriation for Professional Development Initiative (\$125,000)
Motion to remove Appropriation for Professional Development Initiative (\$125,000). THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Joseph V. Romano

Seconded by: Sylvia Grot

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

- j) Remove Appropriation for Bank Fee Expense (\$90,000)

Motion to remove Appropriation for Bank Fee Expense (\$90,000). THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Harold L. Haugh

Seconded by: Joseph V. Romano

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

- k) Add an Appropriation of \$50,000 for Prosecuting Attorney Contractual Legal Services

Motion to add an Appropriation of \$50,000 for Prosecuting Attorney Contractual Legal Services. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: James M. Perna

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

- l) Increase the use of Prosecuting Attorney Federal Forfeitures Fund Balance by \$5,050 with a corresponding increase to Prosecuting Attorney Federal Forfeitures Contract Services

Motion to Increase the use of Prosecuting Attorney Federal Forfeitures Fund Balance by \$5,050 with a corresponding increase to Prosecuting Attorney Federal Forfeitures Contract Services. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Harold L. Haugh

Seconded by: Joseph V. Romano

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

- m) Increase the use of Prosecuting Attorney Forfeitures Fund Balance by \$30,000 with corresponding increases to Prosecuting Attorney Forfeitures Conferences & Training (\$10,000) and Prosecuting Attorney Forfeitures Contract Services (\$20,000)

Motion to increase the use of Prosecuting Attorney Forfeitures Fund Balance by \$30,000 with corresponding increases to Prosecuting Attorney Forfeitures Conferences & Training (\$10,000) and Prosecuting Attorney Forfeitures Contract Services (\$20,000). THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Ken Goike

Seconded by: Sylvia Grot

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

- n) Add cumulative savings from adopted budget amendments to General Fund Fund Balance
Motion to add cumulative savings from adopted budget amendments to General Fund Fund Balance. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Harold L. Haugh

Seconded by: Sylvia Grot

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. Ordinances

- a) Ordinance 2025-XX: FY 2026 Comprehensive General Appropriations Ordinance

Amendment to Section 9

Motion to amend Section 9 of the Ordinance as follows:

Section 9. Fund Transfers. The County Executive, Countywide Elected Officials, Departments and Agencies shall have authority to transfer funds as follows (i) from or to any line item within each of the budgetary centers in an amount up to ~~\$35,000~~ **\$25,000 or 5.0% of the budget in that budgetary center known as a department number, whichever is less, and (ii) to or from any line item for internal service costs between the budgetary centers known as a department number. Multiple related expenditures shall be aggregated and subject to the limitation of ~~\$35,000~~ **\$25,000** or 5.0%, whichever is less for the budget year.**

THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Harold L. Haugh

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

Amendment to Section 10(A)

Motion to amend Section 10(A) of the Ordinance as follows:

Funding for Capital Improvements has been budgeted under the Capital Outlay line item in the “Non-Departmental” fund 932. Any transfer from that Capital Outlay line item in Department 932 into the Capital Improvement Plan fund requires prior Board approval, which must be in full compliance with Board’s Capital Improvement Plan Funding Policy, except that any transfer under ~~\$35,000~~ \$50,000 from the Capital Outlay line item in Department 932 for a specific project which total project cost is under ~~\$35,000~~ \$50,000 may be allowed without prior Board approval; transfers under ~~\$35,000~~ \$50,000 made under this exception shall not be divided, separated, sequenced, phased, or otherwise broken-up in a manner to avoid the requirement of prior Board approval.

THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Don VanSyckel

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

Amendment to Section 10(B)

Motion to amend Section 10(B) as follows:

Budget amendments shall be required when the award amount of any federal, state or private grant fund increases or decreases by \$35,000 \$25,000 or more. Such budget amendments shall include details about the amount of the grant, the amounts and sources of any required local matching funds and a brief synopsis of any restrictions on or requirements for their use. Budget amendments shall not be required when the award amount of any federal, state or private grant increases or decreases by less than \$35,000 \$25,000. However, any such decreases that result in service delays, disruptions or other negative impact shall be reported to the Commission within the Quarterly Report or any report of the County financial condition made pursuant to Charter, Section 3.7.

THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned 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

Motion to recommend that the Board of Commissioners forward Ordinance 2025-XX FY 2026 Comprehensive General Appropriations Ordinance to Full Board, with adopted amendments and with proper charts inserted per the budget amendments adopted at today's (November 13, 2025) Finance/Audit/Budget Committee meeting. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Michael J. Howard II

Seconded by: James M. Perna

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. Recommendations

a) Macomb County Investment Policy

Motion to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt the amended Macomb County Investment Policy. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motion by: Joseph V. Romano

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. Correspondence

a) Budget Follow-Up Received

Motion to receive and file the Budget Follow-Up received. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Antoinette Wallace

Seconded by: Ken Goike

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

11. Public Participation (three minutes max per speaker)

None

12. Commissioners' Comments

Speakers

Barbara Zinner

Joe Sabatini

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the November 13, 2025 meeting at 03:21 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