GRATIOT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR NON-JUDICIAL COUNTYWIDE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THEIR CHIEF DEPUTIES

RESOLUTION NUMBER 26-458
ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

WHEREAS Section 1 of the Salaries in Lieu of Fees Act allows that the Board of Commissioners may direct the payment salaries to the sheriff, undersheriff, county clerk, county treasurer, register of deeds, and their deputies as the board considers proper (MCL 45.401); and

WHEREAS Section 59 of the Revised Statutes of 1846 states that the prosecuting attorney shall receive compensation for his or her services, as the county Board of Commissioners orders and directs (MCL 49.159); and

WHEREAS Section 33 of the Drain Code of 1956 requires that the salary of the drain commissioner shall be paid from the general fund of the county in the same manner and at the same time as other county employees are paid (MCL 280.33); and

WHEREAS the Michigan Constitution requires that the annual salary of each salaried county officers, which is by law fixed by the county Board of Commissioners, shall be fixed by November 1 each year and shall not be diminished during the term for which the county officer has been elected or appointed, but may be increased by the Board during the officer's term of office (Const. 1963, art. 7, §9; MCL 45.421(1)); and

WHEREAS chief deputies serve at the pleasure of the elected official they serve and meet the test to be considered public officers (OAG, 1977 1978, No. 5384); and

WHEREAS a three percent (3%) wage increase was recommended for non-union employees in fiscal year 2027 budget; and

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners wishes to increase the salary level for non-judicial countywide elected officials by three percent (3%) for Fiscal Year 2027 as well; and

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners hopes and expects that each of the county-wide elected officials will abide by relevant County policies, including ethics, purchasing, and human resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following Gratiot County Non-Judicial Elected Official shall be provided a salary for Fiscal Year 2027 as listed below, effective on the first full pay period of the fiscal year:

Elected Official	Annual Salary
Clerk	$ 94,569
Chief Deputy County Clerk	$ 59,384
Drain Commissioner	$ 75,026
Chief Deputy Drain Commissioner	$ 59,384
Prosecuting Attorney	$ 125,811
Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	$ 104,636
Register of Deeds	$ 72,423
Chief Deputy Register of Deeds	$ 59,384
Sheriff	$ 105,474
Undersheriff	$ 94,173
Treasurer	$ 73,050
Chief Deputy County Treasurer	$ 59,384

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that non-judicial countywide elected officials shall be entitled to employment benefits as provided to non-union county employees as follows: health insurance, dental insurance, vision insurance, and retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these salaries are established on the expectation each elected official will perform services comparable to the hours worked by other county managers.

The resolution set forth was offered by Commissioner Sopocy and supported by Commissioner Bailey.

A majority of the members-elect having approved such resolution deems the resolution APPROVED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF GRATIOT)

I certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Gratiot County Board of Commissioners, that such resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting held on the 15th day of September 2026, and that notice of such meeting was given as required by law.

Angie Thompson

Angie Thompson, Gratiot County Clerk

