

RESOLUTION
OPPOSING HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FY 26 BUDGET CUTS TO COUNTY REVENUE
SHARING
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WHEREAS, counties are mandated by the State of Michigan to provide essential public services including court services, jails, elections, public health services, public safety, and human services; and

WHEREAS, unlike cities, villages and townships, counties do not receive constitutionally guaranteed revenue sharing and instead rely solely on statutory revenue sharing, leaving counties uniquely vulnerable to annual state budget decisions; and

WHEREAS the House of Representatives' version of the Fiscal Year 2026 state budget proposes a \$34.9 million reduction in county statutory revenue sharing, wiping out the long-overdue progress made in FY25 to restore revenue sharing to sustainable levels; and

WHEREAS, the House plan, if enacted, would leave counties with just over \$256 million in statutory revenue sharing statewide, while constitutional revenue sharing for cities, villages and townships (CVTs) is set to reach \$1.1 billion, and when combined with statutory revenue sharing, CVTs would get \$1.4 billion; and

WHEREAS, the House plan shifts \$40 million into restricted sheriff funding with strings attached, requiring counties to maintain higher law enforcement funding levels, even as flexible revenue sharing is reduced, thereby further straining already-limited general funds; and

WHEREAS, public safety dollars directed exclusively to sheriffs are not equivalent to revenue sharing, since they cannot be used to support the wide range of mandated services counties must provide; and

WHEREAS, the Senate budget proposal provides just over \$320 million in county statutory revenue sharing, an increase of \$29.1 million over FY25, and includes \$60 million for public safety that can be allocated at the discretion of county boards of commissioners rather than bypassing them; and

WHEREAS, the Senate approach respects county governance, strengthens general fund flexibility, and better equips counties to meet their broad statutory responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Crawford County Board of Commissioners strongly urges the Michigan Legislature and governor to reject the House revenue sharing cuts and support the Senate's proposal to increase county revenue sharing and provide flexible funding for public safety needs; and

BE IT FURTHER REOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks, House Speaker Matt Hall and Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Ann Bollin, Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Sarah Anthony, Representative Ken Borton, Senator Michele Hoitenga, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Commissioner Jamison	Yes	Commissioner Kraycs	Yes
Commissioner Frederick	Yes	Commissioner Moeller	Absent
Commissioner Goscicki	Yes	Commissioner Moore	Yes
	Commissioner Lewis	Yes	

ADOPTED DATE:

I, Jamie McClain, Clerk of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of Crawford, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the said Board on September 25, 2025.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Court at Grayling, Michigan, on this 25th day of September, 2025.


Laurie Jamison, Chair
Crawford County Board of Commissioners


Jamie McClain
Clerk/ROD