

Presentation to Alpena County

Michigan Association of Counties

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MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES



Purpose

Advocacy: To be the voice of Michigan counties at the state and federal level

Education: To provide educational opportunities to county commissioners to ensure they can do their jobs to the best of their abilities

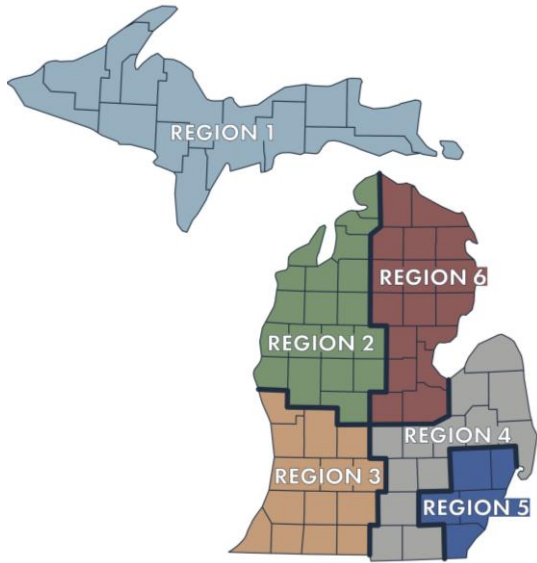
Services: To make available services that counties can take advantage of that save their staff time and money

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Sixteen members elected by commissioners
(elections held at Annual Conference)

Two seats from each of six regions ensure
broad representation

Meets four times a year: Legislative
Conference, August, Annual Conference,
November

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MAC Leadership



**MELISSA
DAUB**

Board President
Wayne County



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WALLACE**

Board First Vice
President
Macomb County



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Board Second Vice
President
Newaygo County



**STAN
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Board Immediate
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Kent County



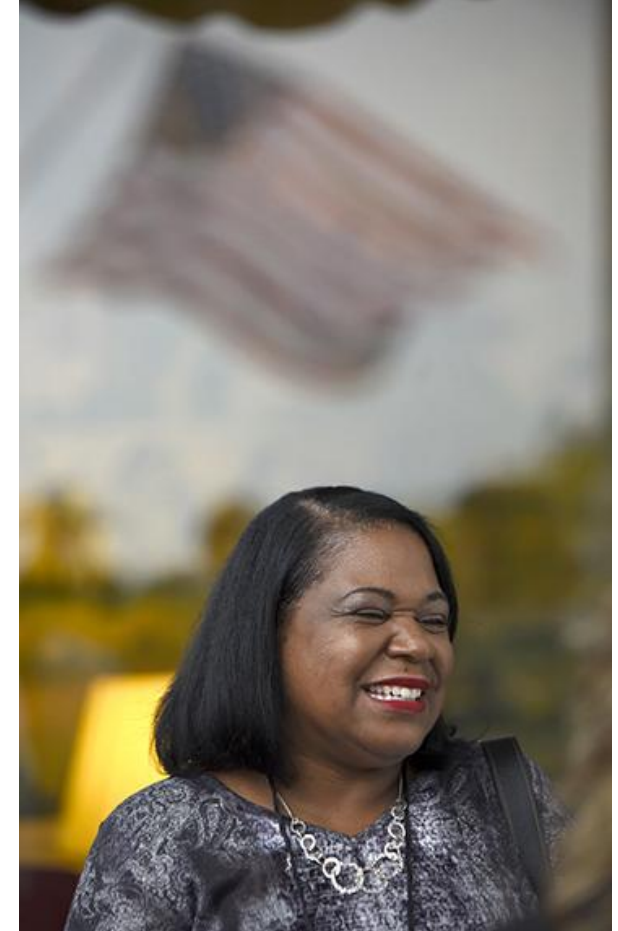
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MAC EVENTS



2025 Annual
Conference
Sept. 30-Oct. 2
Grand Traverse Resort,
Acme



2026 Legislative Conference

April 27-29, 2026
DoubleTree Hotel, Lansing

Legislative Accomplishments

Revenue sharing increase

- \$30 million increase in county revenue sharing

Courts and Public Safety

- Trial Court Funding fee authority extended to Dec. 31, 2026
- \$17 million for grants to 15 county prosecutor offices with highest rates of violent crime per 1,000 residents

Health and Human Services

- MDHHS working on 1115 re-entry waiver proposal, MAC priority for MI to pursue Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy reforms

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Small Business PPT Exemption Reimbursement

- PAs 174-175 provide methodology and reimbursement mechanism to reimburse locals for their losses associated with expanded Personal Property Tax exemptions
- Carves out \$75 million annually for reimbursement

Lake Levels

- Senate Bill 662 (PA 112 of 2024)
 - Allows for variation of lake level without going to circuit court in every case
 - Allows the lake level district to seek interim financing

'24 Lame Duck Victories



MAC Deflects Harmful Legislation

- Minimum staffing as a mandatory subject of bargaining
- Statewide Sanitary Code
- Publicly funded health insurance increases for counties

2025 Priorities

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**Creating a Fair Revenue Sharing System for
Counties (Revenue Sharing Trust Fund)**

Reforming Earned Sick Time Act

**Compensating Local Governments for Funds
Diverted by the Veterans Property Tax Exemption**

**Adopting a Permanent State Solution to Funding
Michigan's Courts**

**Increasing Road Funding to Address Michigan's
Infrastructure Crisis**



103rd Legislature (2025-2026)



Major Political Shifts in Lansing

- Republicans control House (58-52)
- Democrats cling to Senate (19-18, 1 vacancy)
- House leadership eliminates Local Government Committee
- House rule restricts budget earmarks

FY26 State Budget



Revenue Sharing

- Governor: 3.6% base increase; neglects TV payment
- Senate: 10% increase distributed through TV payment

Public Safety Fund/Crime Reduction

- Governor: \$75M; excludes counties
- Senate: \$100M (\$60M for counties); distributed via TV calculation

Tipping Fee Increase

- Governor: \$80M
- Senate: \$0

Community Infrastructure Fund

- Senate creates with \$372M
- Revenue sharing and community crime increases come out of this fund

Revenue Sharing Trust Fund



House Bills 4311-12

- Tie Revenue Sharing to percentage of state sales tax
- Previous versions passed the House (Nov. 2023) by 106-4
- Referred to Committee on government Operations
- Includes new taxable value distribution model established in FY25 budget
- Sponsors: Reps. O'Neal and Tisdell



Legislative Update

Roads Plan = \$1B Plus for Counties

- House Republicans' Funding Plan
 - Nix sales tax on gas, replace with gas tax = \$880M (\$340M for counties alone)
 - Shifts from Corporate Income Tax, General Fund = \$2.2B (\$1.1B for counties alone, not run through PA51 formula)
 - MAC concern: Impact on General Fund (revenue sharing)
- Gov. Whitmer expected to release her plan soon

Indigent Defense Expansion



House Bill 4071/Senate Bill 81

- **Expanded powers:**
 - Include youth defense
- **Membership:**
 - Increase from 18 to 19 (19th member: youth defense expert)
- **Key concerns:**
 - MIDC gains authority to determine indigency
 - Disbursement model changes from 3 to 4 payments

Public Safety Fund



House Bills 4260-61

- Reintroduction from last session
- Counties now eligible
- Passed House with bipartisan support
- \$115M of sales tax collections for fund
- First \$75M:
 - 2% - MDHHS to administer
 - 2% - Crime Victims Rights Fund
 - Remainder to CVTs that provide/contract police services
 - Distribution based on average share of statewide reported violent crime
- Remaining \$40M:
 - Available to applicant counties
 - Distributed proportionately based on size of police force

Veteran Service Grants



House Bill 4423

- Addresses underfunding from MI Dept. of Military & Veteran Affairs
- Mid-year cut to counties
- FY25 supplemental appropriation of \$3.7M to fully fund awards
- Bipartisan support
- Sponsor: Rep. Rogers

Policy Development

Internal Committees

Committees develop MAC policy platforms for member approval

Committee members are appointed by board president

Committees meet January-October each year



Finance and General Government



Environmental, Regulatory Affairs,
Agriculture and Tourism



Judiciary and Public Safety



Health and Human Services



Transportation and Infrastructure

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MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE



- Provides financial support to incumbent state legislators who are friends of county government
- 26 former county commissioners now serving in the Michigan Legislature (MAC County Caucus)
- To donate go to: micounties.org

MAC's political action committee

MAC Service Corp.

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