

**MONTCALM COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION 2025-11**

**Opposing House of Representatives' FY2026 Budget Cuts to  
County Revenue Sharing**

**WHEREAS**, counties are mandated by the State of Michigan to provide essential public services including courts, jails, elections, public health, 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 Montcalm 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 RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks, House Speaker Matt Hall and Chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.

Yeas: Commissioners Carr, Petersen, Alexander, Johnston, Mahar, Murray, Johnson  
Nays:

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

DATE: September 22, 2025

I, Kristen Millard, Montcalm County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting on September 22, 2025.

  
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Kristen Millard, County Clerk  
County of Montcalm, State of Michigan

