

Agenda
Planning and Policy Committee
West Olive Administration Building – Board Room and YouTube
12220 Fillmore Street, West Olive, Michigan 49460
Tuesday, February 7, 2023
9:00 AM

Public Comment

Consent Items:

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of the minutes from the [January 17, 2023](#), Planning and Policy Committee meeting.

Action Items:

1. [Online Comment Policy](#)
Suggested Motion:
To send the new Online Comment Policy to the full Board of Commissioners for consideration.
2. [By-Laws and Ordinances](#)
Suggested Motion:
To schedule a Work Session to review, and if needed, update, By-Laws and Ordinances for all committees and boards.

Discussion Items:

1. [Update on Consumers Energy Campbell Power Plant](#)
 - a. Plan for further discussions with Consumers Energy
2. Legislative Issues
 - a. [Current Legislative Priorities](#)
3. Strategic Plan for 2024
 - a. Get familiar with 2023 Strategic Plan in preparation for 2024 Strategic Plan

Public Comment

Adjournment

Comments on the day's business are to be limited to three (3) minutes.

PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Proposed Minutes

DATE: January 17, 2023

TIME: 9:01 a.m.

PLACE: Fillmore Street Complex

PRESENT: Gretchen Cosby, Lucy Ebel, Doug Zylstra, Jacob Bonnema, Joe Moss, Rebekah Curran, Sylvia Rhodea, Roger Belknap, Roger Bergman, and Allison Miedema (10)

STAFF & GUESTS: John Gibbs, County Administrator; Patrick Waterman, Deputy County Administrator; Jack Jordan, Corporate Counsel; Doug Van Essen; Karen Karasinski, Fiscal Services Director; Jason Shamblin, Parks and Recreation Director; Jason Boerger, Parks and Recreation, Blake Upright, Facilities Director; Rachel Sanchez, Chief Deputy Register; Katelyn Bard, Clerk/Register Specialist; Madison Schnaidt, Elections Assistant; Bob DeVries; Members of Public, Teresa White, Lori Grasman, David Barnosky, Joe Spaulding, Michael Sabatino, Gayle Kistler, Don Sheill, Joanne Patterson; Media Representatives; Michael Kransz and Cory Morse, GR Press

SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Joe Spaulding-Holland Township

SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS

PP 23-001 Motion: To approve the agenda of today and to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2022, Planning and Policy Committee meeting.
Moved by: Bergman UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: ELECTION OF COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR

PP 23-002 Motion: To elect Rebekah Curran as Vice Chairperson of the Planning and Policy Committee for 2023.
Moved by: Zylstra

PP 23-003 Motion: To elect Allison Miedema as Vice Chairperson of the Planning and Policy Committee for 2023.
Moved by: Ebel

Roll Call:

Ms. Cosby-Miedema	Mrs. Ebel-Miedema
Mr. Zylstra-Curran	Mr. Bonnema-Curran
Mr. Moss-Miedema	Mrs Curran-Curran
Mrs. Rhodea-Miedema	Mr. Belknap-Miedema
Mr. Bergman-Curran	Mrs. Miedema-Miedema

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Allison Miedema was elected to Vice Chairperson of the Planning and Policy Committee for 2023.

SUBJECT: PARK SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR PORT SHELDON TOWNSHIP

PP 23-004 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners the Park Services Agreement between Port Sheldon Township and the Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission that will accept management responsibilities and revenue generation rights to the Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission.
Moved by: Bergman UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Legislative Issues-
 - a. Current Legislative Priorities –Patrick Waterman spoke about the County’s contract with Bob DeVries from GCSI and his relationship with the Board. He then introduced Mr. DeVries and he spoke to the Committee and answered any questions.

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

PP 23-005 Motion: To adjourn at 9:28 a.m.
Moved by: Moss UNANIMOUS

Action Request



Committee:

Meeting Date:

Requesting
Department:

Submitted By:

Agenda
Item:

Suggested Motion:

Summary of Request:

Financial Information:

Total Cost:	General Fund Cost:	Included in Budget:	Yes	No	N/A
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If not included in budget, recommended funding source:

Action is Related to an Activity Which Is: Mandated Non-Mandated New Activity

Action is Related to Strategic Plan:

Goal:

Objective:

Administration: Recommended Not Recommended Without Recommendation
County Administrator: *John Gibbs*

Committee/Governing/Advisory Board Approval Date:

Action Request



Committee: Planning and Policy Committee

Meeting Date: 02/07/2023

Requesting Department: Administration

Submitted By: John Gibbs

Agenda Item: Schedule Work Session to Review By-Laws and Ordinances of All Committees and Boards

Suggested Motion:

To schedule a Work Session to review, and if needed, update, By-Laws and Ordinances for all committees and boards.

Summary of Request:

To ensure that By-Laws and Ordinances for all committees and boards are current, it is necessary to schedule a Work Session to review, and if needed, update them.

Financial Information:

Total Cost: \$0.00	General Fund Cost: \$0.00	Included in Budget:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
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If not included in budget, recommended funding source:

Action is Related to an Activity Which Is: ☐ Mandated ☒ Non-Mandated ☐ New Activity

Action is Related to Strategic Plan:

Goal: Goal 4: To Continually Improve the County's Organization and Services.

Objective: Goal 4, Objective 2: Continue to perform program evaluations and implement outcome-based performance measurement systems.

Administration: ☒ Recommended ☐ Not Recommended ☐ Without Recommendation
County Administrator: *John Gibbs*

Committee/Governing/Advisory Board Approval Date:



2022 Clean Energy Plan



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Leading Michigan's Clean Energy Transformation

Landmark plan provides reliable electric supply, ends coal use to protect planet

In 2022, Consumers Energy earned regulatory approval for a sweeping plan **to end coal use by 2025** — 15 years faster than the previous timeline.

The plan positions our company as a national leader in the clean energy transition and provides a 20-year blueprint to:

- Supply cleaner electricity faster and more reliably to our state's homes and businesses over the next 20 years.
- Protect the environment for generations of Michiganders.
- Ensure affordability in the transition.

Our Clean Energy Plan focuses heavily on increasing renewable energy and energy efficiency to meet Michigan's energy needs and to continue the journey to net zero carbon emissions by 2040.

Accelerating retirements of our remaining coal-fired power plants will help Michigan's environment over the life of the plan by:

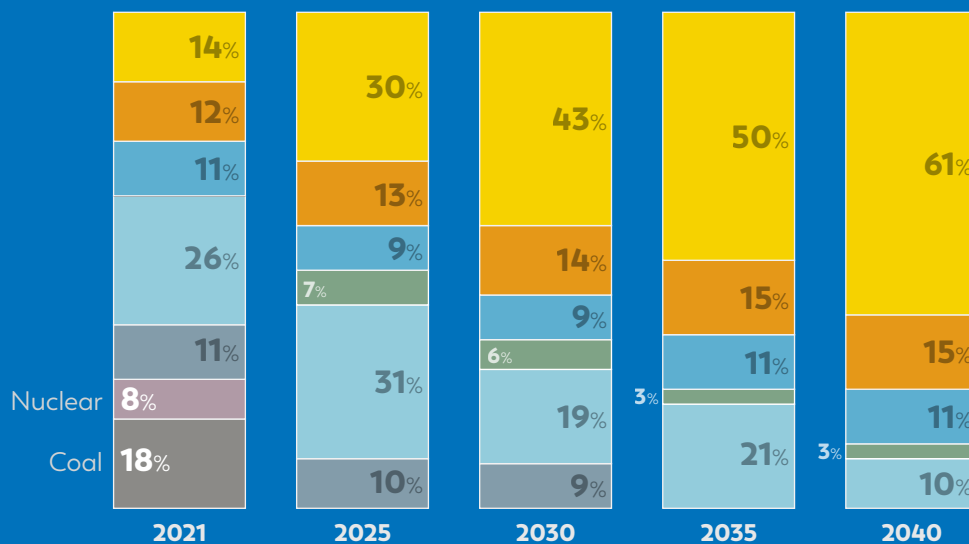
- Reducing carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions by more than 73 million tons. That's the equivalent of taking more than 12.4 million passenger vehicles off the road for one year.
- Dramatically reducing emissions by criteria pollutants such as sulfur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), mercury and particulate matter.
- Avoiding more than 220 billion gallons of water usage from our system each year.
- Avoiding more than 3 billion cubic yards of coal ash waste from our system.

Solar Gardens power plant at Grand Valley State University.



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Electric Capacity by Fuel Source



Renewable Energy¹

Energy Waste Reduction

Energy Storage

Natural Gas

Oil/gas

Power Purchase²

- Does not include renewable energy credits.
- Fuel sources will vary and are dependent on competitive solicitation from sources located in Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

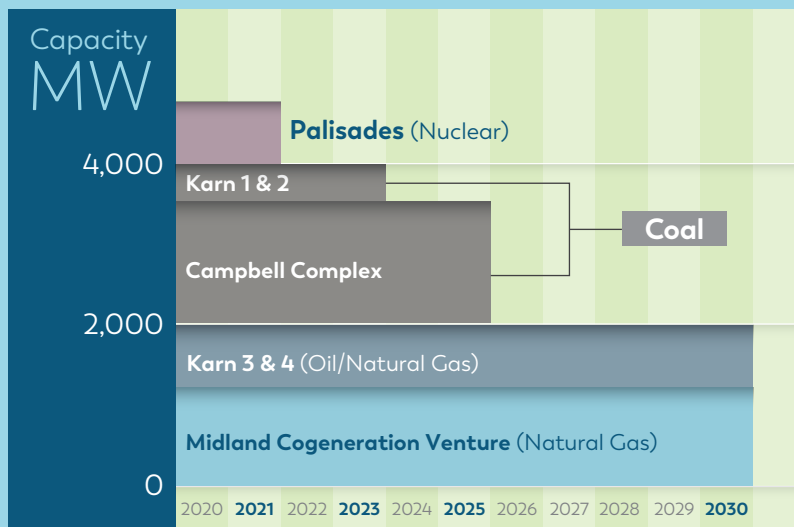
CLEAN ENERGY TRANSFORMATION

The Clean Energy Plan will transform our operations and create a brighter energy future for Michigan.

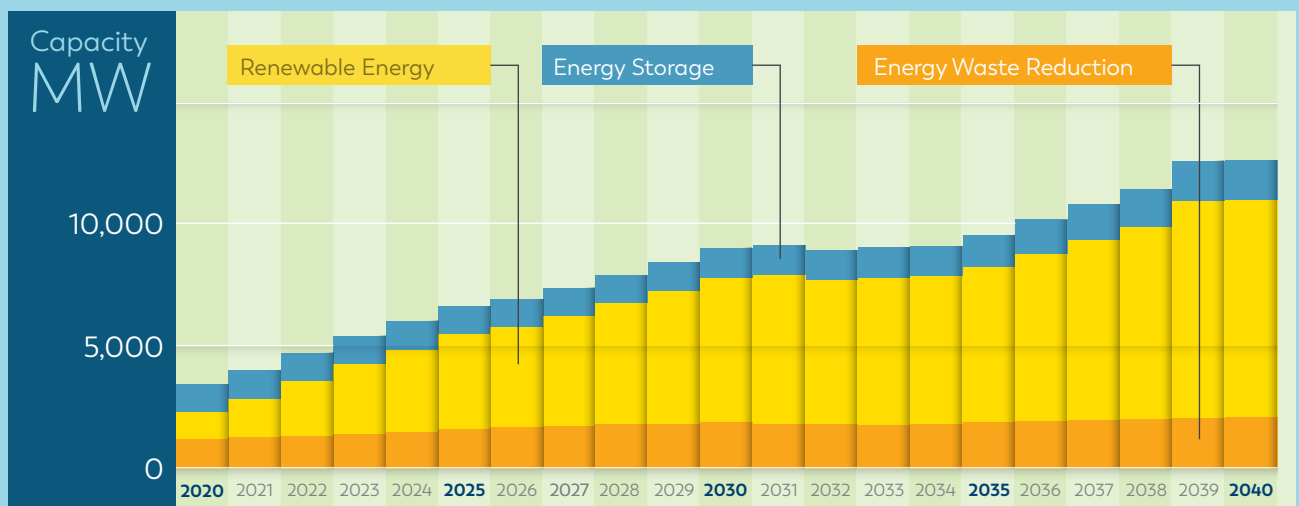
Accelerating the end of coal use to 2025, dramatically boosting the contribution of solar energy and using natural gas as a bridge fuel will help us meet the state's energy needs reliably while protecting the environment for generations to come.

By 2040, clean, renewable fuel sources such as solar and wind will comprise more than 60 percent of our electric capacity. Combining that growth with advances in energy storage and customer efficiency will allow us to meet customers' needs with 90 percent clean energy resources.

Ending an Era



Clean Energy Sources for Michigan



PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

Eliminate coal

All coal-fired plants would be retired by 2025. Ending the use of coal as a fuel source for electricity will improve air quality, cut greenhouse gas emissions and save water.

More renewable energy

By 2040, more than 60 percent of our electric capacity will come from renewable sources. We've already begun tapping more solar power and plan to add nearly 8,000 megawatts by 2040

Ensuring Reliability

We'll purchase the Covert Generating Station, an existing natural gas plant, and buy 700 megawatts of electric capacity - roughly equivalent to a power plant - from a variety of sources.

Net zero emissions

Our plan keeps us on course to eliminate the impact of carbon emissions created by the electricity we generate or purchase for customers by 2040.

A smarter grid

Energy efficiency, demand response and emerging technologies such as grid modernization and battery storage will help us lower peak customer demand for electricity and deliver exactly what Michigan needs.

More control and savings for customers

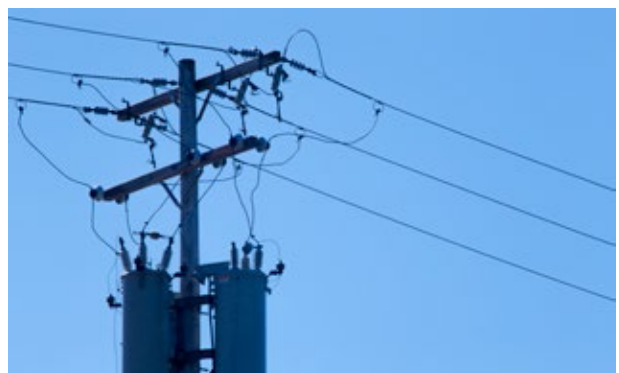
We'll provide customers with the power to reduce energy waste and lower bills through energy efficiency and demand response programs. Their participation is key to our success.

Flexible strategy

Our plan is designed to respond to emerging needs, adapt to changing conditions and embrace emerging innovative technologies as we work to achieve net zero carbon emissions.

Affordability

Our plan creates price stability and will save customers about \$600 million through 2040 compared to our current plan.





ENDING THE COAL ERA

Our plan will speed closure of three coal-fired units at the Campbell generating complex in West Olive.

- Campbell 1 and 2, collectively capable of producing more than 600 megawatts of electricity, will retire in 2025 — roughly six years sooner than their scheduled design lives.
- Campbell 3, capable of generating 840 megawatts, will also retire in 2025 — roughly 15 years sooner than its scheduled design life.

The company previously announced plans to accelerate retirement of two coal-fired units at the Karn generating complex near Bay City in 2023.

Since 2016, we've retired seven coal-fired units at three sites: the Weadock Plant near Bay City, the Cobb Plant in Muskegon and the Whiting Plant in Luna Pier.

Consumers Energy is committed to a just transition away from coal as a fuel source for electricity. We supported employees and communities impacted by our 2016 coal retirements by finding new roles for workers who wanted to stay, fulfilling our environmental responsibilities at the sites and helping local leaders pursue new economic possibilities. We plan to follow the same philosophy to help those affected by the proposed Campbell and Karn retirements.

EXPANDING RENEWABLES

Tapping clean, renewable fuel sources for electricity — especially solar power — is the key to building a brighter energy future for Michigan. That's why our plan dramatically expands the amount of renewable energy we'll supply to customers in the coming decades.

Our plan forecasts renewable energy capacity levels of:

- 30 percent by 2025
- 43 percent by 2030
- 61 percent by 2040



The rapid transition to clean, renewable sources includes the addition of nearly 8,000 megawatts of solar power. Our solar ramp-up has started and will continue throughout the 2020s.

In addition to its environmental benefits, solar is increasingly cost competitive with other fuel sources. We can add solar gradually by competitively bidding solar supply to ensure we keep energy bills affordable. Solar also provides flexibility to respond to emerging needs, adapt to changing conditions, embrace innovative technology and allow for further cost decline in the technology — without having to bet on building a large, new fossil fuel power plant..

RELIABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY TO ACCELERATE COAL RETIREMENT

To ensure continued reliable, affordable energy for Michigan and the Midwest during this historic transition away from coal generation, Consumers Energy will purchase Covert Generating Station, a highly efficient, 1,176-megawatt natural gas-fired combined cycle generating unit in Van Buren County.

Covert already operates in Michigan, so adding it to our generating portfolio would not create new or additional greenhouse gas emissions.



Zeeland Generating Station

Covert — along with Consumers Energy's current natural gas-fired power plants in Zeeland and Jackson — would supply reliable, on-demand electricity to meet Michigan's energy needs when renewables and other sources are not available. Additionally, we plan to purchase 700 megawatts of electric capacity - roughly the equivalent of a power plant - from a variety of sources through a one-time request for proposal (RFP) and our Karn 3 and 4 units, powered by natural gas and fuel oil, will continue to help meet peak demand.

We plan to gradually reduce natural gas as a fuel source for electricity in the coming decades.

Collectively, these gas plants are foundational for our strategy to eliminate carbon and pollutants for Michigan by 2025, creating an immediate positive impact for the planet.

Our plan would reduce carbon emissions by 73 million tons from 2023-2040. That's a reduction of about 60 percent 15 years earlier than planned.



A SMARTER GRID

Most of our emissions come from fossil fuel power plants. Thus, retiring fossil fuel power plants and investing in renewables is a big piece of this reduction strategy. But just as importantly, we will use emerging tools and technologies such as energy efficiency, demand response, grid modernization and battery storage to optimize customer demand. For the first time, we'll have the ability to cut waste and precisely produce the right amount of power Michigan needs.

Michigan's peak energy needs are driven almost exclusively by air conditioning for homes and commercial businesses. In the past, meeting peak demand required a large system with many fossil fuel power plants to ensure we could keep the electrons flowing on the hottest days of the year. The Clean Energy Plan will allow us to lower that peak demand and deliver exactly what we need to power homes and businesses. Our energy waste reduction programs already have saved 5.3 million megawatt-hours of electricity since 2009 and, under our plan, are projected to save about 9.5 million megawatt-hours by 2040.

Battery technology will help us store electricity generated by solar and other renewable energy sources to help meet demand for power on the grid. Our Ludington Pumped Storage Facility, a large hydroelectric plant on the shores of Lake Michigan, will continue to serve as one of the world's biggest electric batteries capable of providing energy at a moment's notice.

AFFORDABILITY

Our plan creates price stability and will save customers about \$600 million through 2040 compared to our current plan. Further, the increased use of demand management tools such as energy waste reduction programs will give customers more control over their monthly energy bills, equipping them to save energy and money over the long term.

Our incremental and flexible strategy allows us to adapt to needs and changes in the energy landscape. We will continue to competitively bid new electric generation supply to ensure the best value for our customers.

Furthermore, customers will benefit from the operational flexibility of our natural gas facilities, which we can ramp up and down to more closely meet market conditions. If natural gas prices are low, for example, we can turn down or even take gas plants off line because they're more nimble than coal-fired plants.



OUR CUSTOMERS AS PARTNERS

Not so long ago, protecting the planet and customers' pocketbooks might have felt like an impossible choice. Today, we can do both by operating smarter, cleaner and more efficiently. The Clean Energy Plan will help customers reduce energy use and lower their bills while also helping Michigan's environment.

We need help from our customers to fully realize the plan's potential for Michigan.

The main way customers can work as Clean Energy partners is to take part in the energy waste reduction and renewable energy plans that will help cut coal and achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2040.



From using more efficient light bulbs and appliances to powering your air conditioner at the best time or subscribing to a community solar program, there are many ways to help create a new energy future for Michigan. Whether at home or at their business, we're giving customers the information they need to save energy and lower their bills. They can choose from a variety of rebates and demand response programs customized to their needs. From installing smart thermostats to charging their electric vehicles, our plan provides energy solutions to lead Michigan's clean energy transformation. Our electric and natural gas energy waste reduction programs have already saved customers nearly \$5 billion since 2009.

Learn more at ConsumersEnergy.com/change.



THE PROCESS

We are listening to the people of Michigan. We created our Clean Energy Plan in 2018 after hearing stakeholders around the state tell us they were concerned about affordability and reliability, as well as issues such as air quality, water management and greenhouse gas emissions.

And the voices of Michiganders were equally influential as we updated the plan in 2021, making the transformative decision to accelerate the elimination of coal while continuing to provide affordable, reliable energy for our customers. Despite challenges presented by the global pandemic, we implemented a comprehensive stakeholder engagement plan that included a series of four widely promoted virtual public forums to give stakeholders an opportunity to provide input.

The online events were open to the public and designed as basic informational sessions with the chance to ask wide-ranging questions about topics such as renewable energy, energy efficiency and emerging technology. The public also submitted questions, suggestions and comments through our website.

We also hosted a series of technical conferences tailored to meet the needs of stakeholder groups with deeper knowledge of energy issues and the planning process.

Prior to filing, we engaged closely with key stakeholders from government, customer groups, environmental groups and non-utility energy providers with a variety of positions, opinions and energy-related goals to better understand what they believed would make the best plan for Michigan.

Those critical conversations continued throughout the process, leading to a landmark settlement endorsed by a broad and diverse coalition of stakeholders, including customer groups, environmental organizations, MPSC staff, energy industry representatives and the Michigan Attorney General.



RETIREMENT OF CAMPBELL COMPLEX

The retirement of the three Campbell units would continue a move away from coal as a generation fuel source that began in April 2016. Campbell 1 and 2 began producing power in the 1960s. Campbell 3, the largest and youngest unit in our coal fleet, came online in 1980.

We value the dedicated employees who have operated and maintained the Campbell units so safely and productively for decades. We will support our co-workers affected by the proposed retirements of those facilities and, in alignment with our union partners, work to help those who want to keep a role with the company.

We'll also support West Olive and the surrounding region as those communities re-imagine their local economic landscapes after the units are retired. That means working closely with stakeholders to identify and meet challenges related to the closures through the economic transition.

Many of the impacted employees are operating, maintenance and construction (OM&C) workers and members of the Utility Workers Union of America. Their union contract has provisions to decide how, where and in what role the impacted employees would be placed within the company. Company human resources policies will decide how, where and in what role exempt and non-exempt employees would be placed within the company.

As we have done with previous coal plant closures, we will continue to exercise care with both our co-workers and communities as we transition through plant closure and retirement.

Ottawa County
Current Legislative Priorities (February 2023)

Key:

Green Text = Support Legislation

Red Text = Oppose Legislation

Grey Text = Neutral/No Position

Purple Text = Mixed/Undecided

1. Prohibited Use of TikTok on Public Devices (SB 0015 of 2023)

This bill would amend PA 196 of 1973 to prohibit a public officer or employee from using TikTok on an electronic device that is owned, managed, or controlled by the public officer's or employee's employer. TikTok is owned by the Chinese company ByteDance. This bill was sponsored by, among others, Senator Roger Victory.

Action Requested: Neutral/No Position

2. Regulation of Use of Consumer Fireworks (SB 0017 of 2023)

This bill would amend PA 256 of 2018 by amending the time number of days that local units of government can limit to use consumer fireworks in Michigan. When this law took effect in 2019, local units of a certain size were, by ordinance, allowed to limit the use of consumer fireworks to the day before, day of, and day after certain federal holidays. This law resulted in a high number of complaints from residents, who called for the restrictions to be tightened. The proposed SB0017 would allow local units to limit the discharge to a tighter window of days and times. It also imposes bigger fines for violation of said ordinances. This is really a localized issue that should be decided the local units' governing bodies. As such, a neutral position is recommended.

Action Requested: Neutral/No Position

3. Property Tax Appeals Process (SB 0020 of 2023)

This bill would amend PA 105 of 1986 by requiring Michigan counties to establish and maintain a "county board of revision", the purpose of which is to fulfil the duties of a local board of review for certain classes of property that are of a higher complexity and value that can be reasonably be evaluated by certain local boards of review. As you may be aware, boards of review are established in each local unit of government and are responsible for hearing appeals by property owners on their assessed taxable values (both real and personal property). They are comprised of local residents who may not always have the knowledge or expertise to make decisions on complex property tax appeals, such as commercial or industrial appeals. The newly-established county board of revision would be comprised of 3 members who are experienced in property tax or real estate values and are appointed by the Board of Commissioners. They would review appeals on commercial and industrial real and personal property with estimated values of \$600,000 or more.

Action Requested: Neutral/No Position

4. State Reimbursement for Costs Related to Special Elections (HB 4033 of 2023)

This bill would amend PA 116 of 1954 by adding a section that states "*If a vacancy occurs in the office of state senator or representative and the governor directs that the vacancy be filled at a special election in that senatorial or representative district, and that special election is held on a date other than a regular election date, this state shall reimburse each county, city, or township for the cost of conducting the special election. The reimbursement must not exceed the verified account of actual costs of the special election as provided in this section.*" Funds for reimbursement would be allocated from the state General Fund. To qualify for reimbursement, the local unit must submit its actual cost within 90 days after the date of the special election. Because this bill would reimburse the County and its local units for costs associated with state activity, support of this bill is recommended.

Action Requested: Support this legislation

5. Property Tax Transfer of Ownership Exemption (HB 4025 of 2023)

This bill would amend PA 206 of 1893 (General Property Tax Law) by adding a provision that expands the exemptions for a property's taxable value from being "uncapped" to include when a property is transferred to a son or daughter-in-law of the transferor, or the transferor's spouse. This will result on an overall reduction in property taxes collected by the County when these types of property transfers occur. A neutral position is recommended.

Action Requested: Neutral/No Position