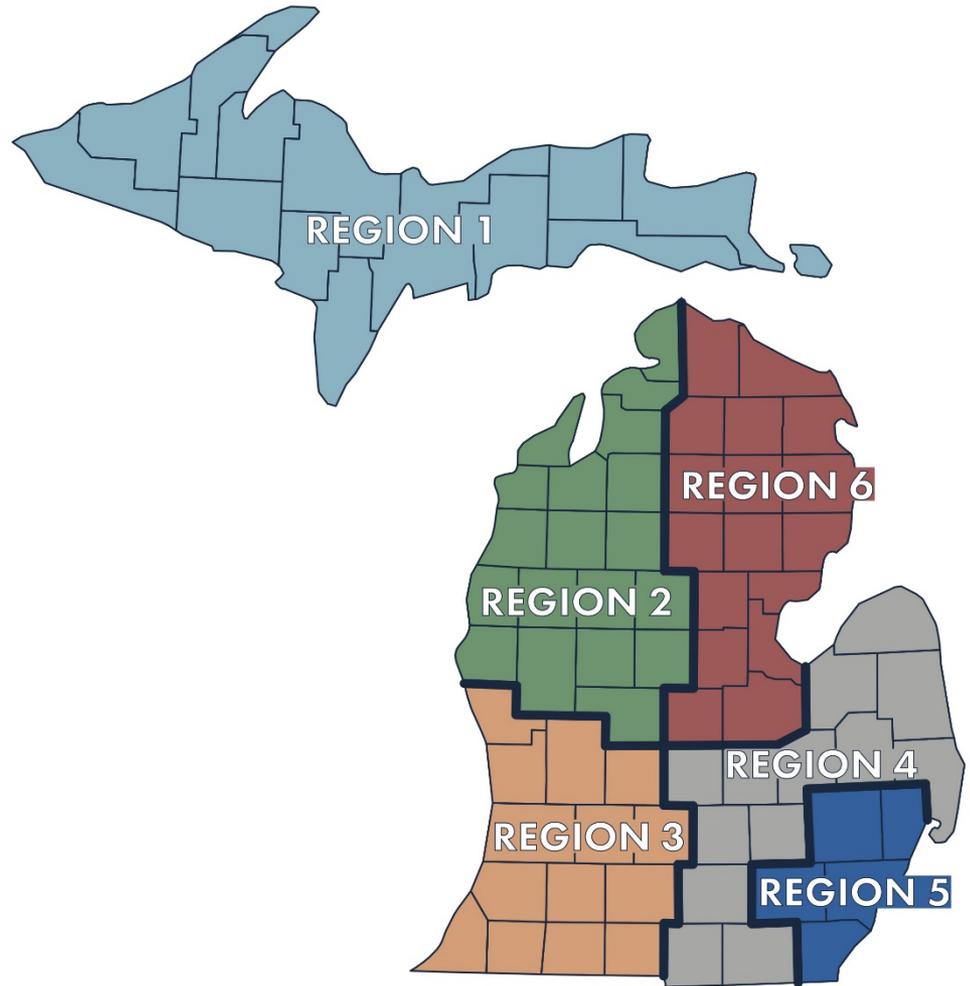


Presentation to Leelanau County

- Board of 16 members elected by commissioners
- Two seats from each of six regions ensure broad representation
- MAC Board meets four times a year: Legislative Conference, June, Annual Conference, November
- Elections held in August/September at Annual Conference



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What is Purpose of MAC?

- **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





Biden plan = \$1.95 billion for MI counties

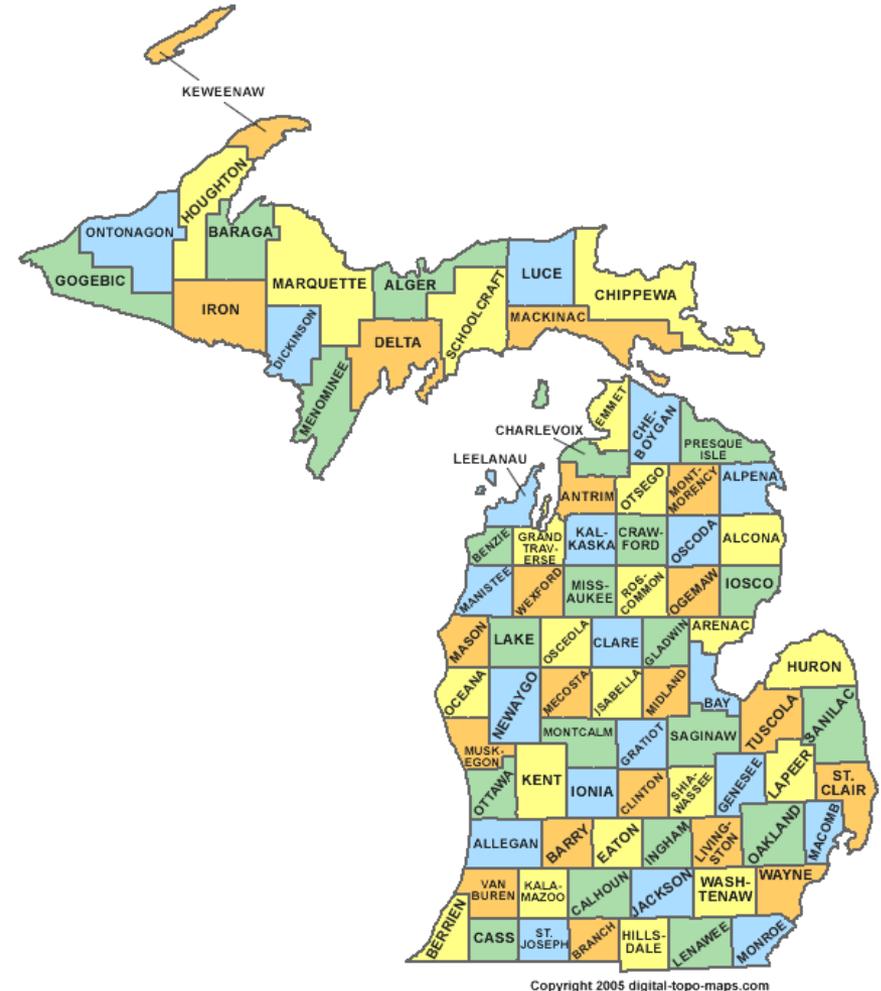
- Proposal now working through Congress earmarks \$65 billion in direct aid to U.S. counties
- Aid would be allocated by population
- Michigan's 83 counties would receive \$1.95B (**Leelanau = \$4.2 million**)
- Aid could be used for COVID-related expenses or to replace revenue lost due to crisis

- Extending County Commissioner Terms to Four Years
- Enacting Reforms to Improve the Functioning of Local Courts
- Bolstering Michigan's System of Financing Local Government
- Ensuring the State Covers Costs for Property Tax Exemptions
- Adopting Measures to Reverse Damage Inflicted by "Dark Stores"
- Bolstering Michigan's Human Services Programs



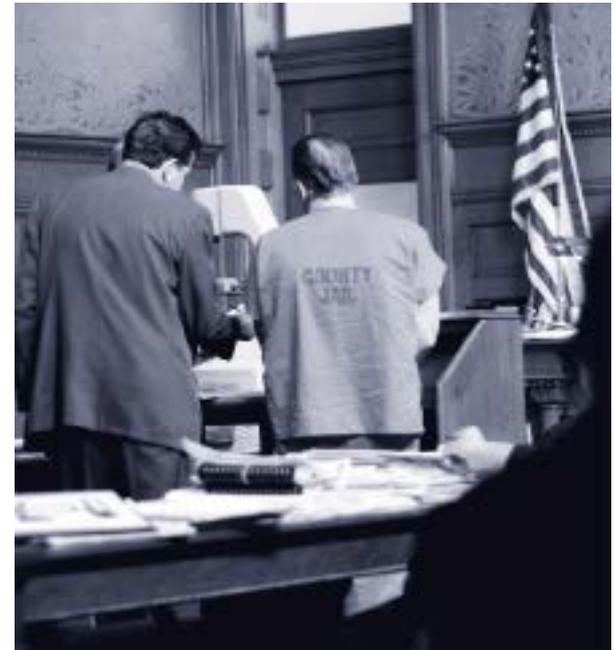
MAC Priority: Four-year Commissioner Terms

- Michigan is among only 5 states in nation that limit all commissioner terms to 2 years
- All other elected county officials receive 4-year terms
- MAC supports 4-year terms



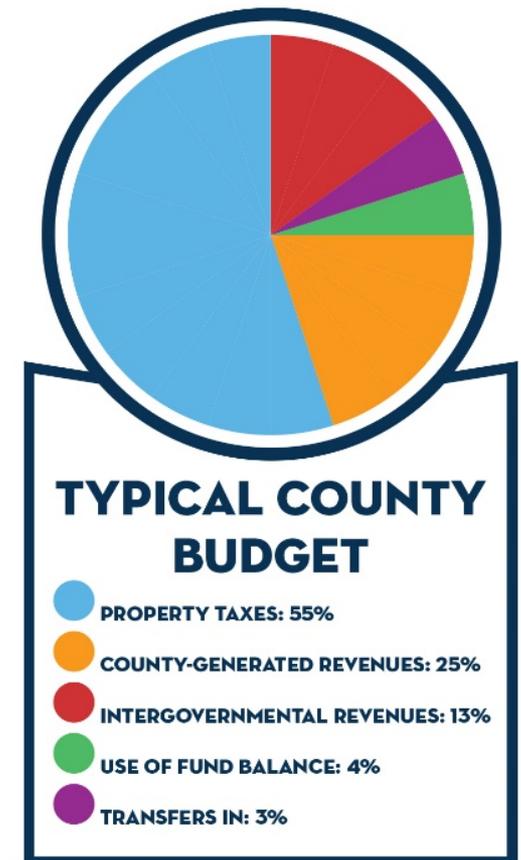
MAC Priority: Enacting Reforms to Improve the Functioning of Local Courts

- Create a Trial Court Fund that receives revenue from the General Fund and trial court assessments and payments and distributes those funds to trial courts based on caseloads, case types and basic operational needs
- Create a state-funded case management system to enhance court technology and get all courts using the same system



MAC Priority: Bolstering System of Financing Local Government

- Secure a dedicated revenue stream to support a county revenue sharing trust fund
- Ensure stable and sufficiently funded revenue streams for new or increases in mandated services
- Create a tourism reinvestment excise tax for our counties
- Re-open the window of opportunity for counties to transfer their foreclosure responsibilities to the state
- Exempt special millages from tax capture and allow for opting out of tax captures at the expiration of the original plan agreement





MAC Priority: Ensuring the State Covers Costs for Property Tax Exemptions

- Require the state to reimburse local units of government for their property tax revenue losses associated with the Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption
- Establish a moratorium on exemptions to real and personal property taxes without corresponding and equitable reimbursement



MAC Priority: Adopting Measures to Reverse Damage inflicted by 'Dark Stores'

- Require that all valuations of "Big Box" stores be based on the cost approach, if built in the last seven years, and prohibit the use of deed restrictions in determining the value of the property after that seven-year window

MAC Priority: Addressing Roads, Underground Infrastructure and Threats to Michigan's Waters and Shorelines

- Adopt legislation to adequately fund infrastructure upgrades, such as roads, bridges and the separation of storm and sanitary sewers
- FY22 budget expectations
 - Governor seeks more local revenue options for roads
 - \$300M to fix 120 local bridges
 - \$290M for Michigan Clean Water Plan
 - \$40M for high water level and coastal erosion planning
 - \$15M for a dam safety emergency fund



MAC Priority: Bolstering Michigan's Human Services Programs

- Ensure the state fulfills its obligation to fund 100 percent of the additional costs to cover 17-year-olds entering the juvenile justice system on Oct 1, 2021, pursuant to statute and data from Michigan family courts
- Amend the County Veteran Service Fund to ensure COVID-related expenses are eligible under the law
- Maintain a locally governed public mental health system with community and evidence-based mental health care
- Increase funding to support community mental health providers to meet the increasing demand on the system

Open Meetings Act

- Amendments to the act in 2020 allow for the following:
 - Meet electronically for any reason **until March 31, 2021**
 - Meet electronically for “ a medical condition, or a statewide or local state of emergency or state of disaster declared pursuant to law or charter or local ordinance by the governor or a local official, governing body, or chief administrative officer that would risk the personal health or safety of members of the public or the public body if the meeting were held in person” **until Dec. 31, 2021**



**Legal counsel still advises boards ratify actions dating back to the start of remote meetings; MAC has provided a sample resolution to all chairs and administrators*

MAC Policy Committees

- MAC has six committees that study legislation and make recommendations to the MAC Board:
 - Finance and General Government – Meets the 1st Friday at 10 a.m.
 - Environmental, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs – Meets the 2nd Friday at 10 a.m.
 - Health and Human Services – Meets the 4th Monday at 10 a.m.
 - Judiciary and Public Safety – Meets the 4th Monday at 2 p.m.
 - Transportation – Meets the 4th Friday at 10 a.m.
 - Agriculture and Tourism – Meets at the call of the chair
- To join a MAC committee, fill out application at micounties.org



- Provides financial support to incumbent state legislators who are friends of county government
- 31 former county commissioners now serving in the Michigan Legislature (MAC County Caucus)

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Conferences

Legislative Conference (winter/spring)

- Virtual sessions TBD

Annual Conference (summer/fall)

- Sept. 26-28, 2021

MAC conferences provide top speakers, intensive policy workshops and plenty of opportunities to network with county leaders

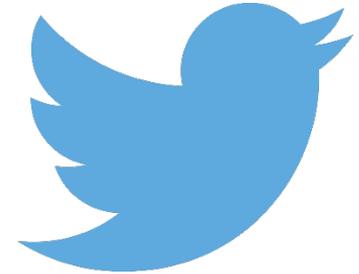


Communications

- Full suite of social media channels
- Podcast 83 is MAC's audio briefing on news and trends in county government
- Website has county resolutions database; digital advocacy tools; conference archives



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