

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

April 30, 2026

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Thursday, April 21, 2026 – 12:00 p.m.

Hearing Room 704, Guardian Building, 500 Griswold, Detroit, MI 48226. and via
Zoom

A. Roll Call: 12:27 p.m.

Jonathan C. Kinloch (Chair)	-	Present
Sam Baydoun (Vice-Chair)	-	Present
Glenn S. Anderson	-	Present
Cara A. Clemente	-	Present
Terry Marecki	-	Present
Monique Baker McCormick	-	Present
Martha G. Scott	-	Present

Commissioners Peterson-Mayberry and Wilson were also present.

B. Chairman's Remarks Chair Kinloch advised that an additional committee meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

C. Baydoun/Scott **Approved.** Minutes from the April 9, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

Yeas -- Commissioners Kinloch, Baydoun, Anderson, Clemente, Marecki, Baker McCormick, Scott -- 7

D. Unfinished Business

E. New Business

1. Baydoun/Clemente **Approved.** An amendment to Chapter 29 of the Wayne County Code of Ordinances, Enrolled Ordinance No. 89-951, the "Compensation Ordinance," to update Section 29-1 to reflect the current compensation of elected officers and to adjust annual salaries of Countywide elected officials to comparable rates, as amended by Enrolled Ordinance Nos. 91-765, 93-744, 95-74 and 2018-755, 2023-412 and 2024-665. (2026-68-002)

Yeas -- Commissioners Kinloch, Baydoun, Anderson, Clemente, Marecki, Baker McCormick, Scott -- 7

At this point in the proceedings, the Committee moved to the addenda.

3. The 2026 Wayne County Equalization Report: Report of Certified Assessed, Equalized and Taxable values for all local units of government in Wayne County, as required by Sections 34 and 37 of the General Property Tax Act; the Executive's Office advises the total recommended equalized value for the 2026 tax year is \$90,578,192,654 which is an increase of \$4,199,848,852, or approximately 4.86%, from 2025; the A&E Director recommends that the Wayne County Commission accept and adopt the report of assessed and equalized values for Wayne County for 2026. (2026-34-007)

Scott Vandemergel provided an overview, followed by discussion among Commissioners regarding the increase in taxable value as a composite of commercial, industrial and residential property values.

At this point in the proceedings, the Committee returned to the agenda.

2. Discussion regarding the status of the corrected 2024 W-2 forms and the handling of any assessed penalties.

John Wallace and Lakshmi Ghantasala provided an overview. There was a discussion among Commissioners with Mr. Wallace and Ms. Ghantasala about the County hiring a third party to ensure that the 2025 W-2s were correct; the County handling penalties for employees from the 2024 W-2s on a case-by-case basis; follow-up mail and emails being sent to affected employees; the corrected 2024 W-2s being added back into Oracle; there being 2,757 incorrect 2024 W-2s, with about 1,000 employees needing to file amended tax returns; the Oracle system not being at fault for the faulty W-2s and the County paying a vendor approximately \$350,000 to correct the errors.

At this point in the proceeding, the Committee returned to item No. 3 to take action.

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Yeas -- Commissioners Kinloch, Baydoun, Anderson, Clemente, Marecki, Baker
McCormick, Scott -- 7

- F. Such other matters as may be properly submitted before the Committee - None
- G. Public Comments – None
- H. Adjournment

Baydoun/Marecki
The Committee adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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