

## **Board of Commissioners unanimously passes \$718 million 2018 Budget**

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. — The Macomb County Board of Commissioners unanimously passed the county's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget today at its Full Board meeting. The 2018 General Fund Expenditures are just over \$221 million, a 5.8% reduction from the 2017 Amended Budget (just under \$235 million).

"The Board of Commissioners has devoted more than three months to examining the 2018 Proposed Budget which was submitted by the Office of the County Executive and Finance Department. During the course of the 21 public meetings at which the budget was discussed, 38 department/agency presentations were provided." said Board Chair Bob Smith (D – Clinton Twp.).

"The Board endeavored to adopt a budget that is accurate and which enhances public accountability and transparency. This year, commissioners have also committed to adopting a document which makes sense, adds clarity and provides consistency among policies. The Board has placed emphasis on maintaining current level of services, conservative spending and practicality."

Other Commissioners also had positive things to say about the budget. "My priority is to look out for the taxpayers of the 8th District, and I'm proud to say that this budget is not only balanced, but spending has actually been reduced." said Commissioner Phil Kraft (R – Chesterfield Twp.). Commissioner Leon Drolet (R – Macomb Twp.) added, "I'm proud that we can keep services for the taxpayers while reducing the spending and the operating millage."

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Video: <https://youtu.be/MhZlv5I7Ww0>

Ordinance is attached.