

BARRY COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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RESOLUTION TO CALL UPON THE MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE TO FULLY FUND COUNTY REVENUE SHARING IN FY2015

WHEREAS, In the Governor's recommendation for the FY 2015 budget, counties are scheduled to receive 100% full funding of revenue sharing totaling \$211,134,899; and

WHEREAS, This will bring counties to the level of revenue sharing agreed upon in 2004 for the 2005 FY; and

WHEREAS, The attached spreadsheet details the full funding allocations for FY 2015 for each county; and

WHEREAS, This marks the first time in fourteen years that the administration has recommended full funding for county revenue sharing; and

WHEREAS, Counties have worked diligently for the past decade by leading the effort to reform, consolidate, and right size government in an effort to increase efficiency and adjust declining revenues; and

WHEREAS, Revenue sharing is more than just a pot of money to be allocated in whole or in part to counties but is a statutory promise made to counties in exchange for giving up local taxing authority and for a more recent change in local taxing administration; and

WHEREAS, Revenue sharing is used by counties to pay for the multitude of state mandated services including the courts, the jails, the constitutional officers, elections and the public health system and, coupled with the recent reductions in property values and increased mandated state service delivery, counties are stretched to the financial limit; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Barry County Board of Commissioners would like to thank the Governor for fully funding county revenue sharing payments fiscal year 2015;

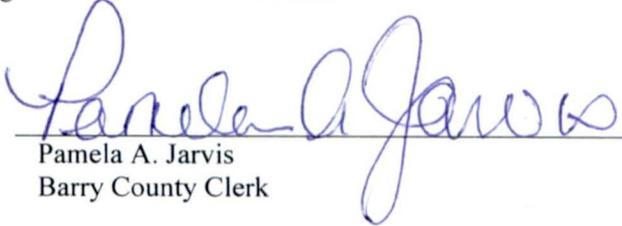
THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, That the Barry County Board of Commissioners call upon the state legislature to live up to their promise and adopt the Governor's recommendation for fully funding county revenue sharing in FY 2015;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, our State Legislators, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Adopted this 25th day of February, 2014.



Joyce Snow, Chairperson
Barry County Board of Commissioners



Pamela A. Jarvis
Barry County Clerk