

MARSHALL TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 18, 2024, 7 P.M.

Proposed Agenda

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA and voice vote.

REPORTS: 1) Permits Issued 2) Fire Chief 3) Treasurer

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Michigan Department of Treasury – 2-29-24 Marijuana Tax (receive and refer to April Board meeting for discussion and possible referral to the Planning Commission)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LISTED AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2024-25 PROPOSED BUDGET AND GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT AND 2024-29 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET (attached)

MOTION TO APPROVE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Minutes of February 20, 2024, Regular Meeting (attached)
- 2) Tabled items from 1-16-24 meeting to remain tabled until 3-18-24 Meeting:
 - a. Approve Development Agreement for relocation of Station 1 Fire Station as recommended by Township Attorney.
 - b. Approve designating Township Clerk as Board representative for all purposes of the Development Agreement. The Clerk will report all items approved to the Board and review any proposed changes with the Fire Chief and Supervisor as appropriate.

NOTE: Documents were attached to January and February agendas. Substitute actions may be considered by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Bill list total of \$ 37,264.02 (attached)
- 2) 2024-25 Proposed General Fund Budget and General Appropriations Act
- 3) 2024-29 Proposed Capital Outlay Budget
- 4) 2024-25 Proposed Wage Schedule (attached)
- 5) 2023-24 Budget and General Appropriations Act Amendment #2 (attached)
- 6) Letter supporting Calhoun County's 2025 Congressionally Direct Spending Request for construction of the Kalamazoo River Conservation Trail (attached)
- 7) Updated Resolution concerning Township Investment and Depository designations
- 8) Any other matters that may be properly brought before the Board.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND ROLL CALL VOTE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT Next regular meeting scheduled for April 15, 2024, 7 p.m.

All documents are available on the website: www.marshalltownship.org with this proposed agenda and for inspection at the township offices.

Monthly Permit List

03/04/2024

Building

Permit #	Contractor	Job Address	Fee Total	Const. Value
P24B0003	SNEED JAMES III	13869 15 MILE RD	\$175.00	\$0
Work Description: ROOF MOUNT SOLAR				
P24B0004	SNEED JAMES III	13869 15 MILE RD	\$175.00	\$0
Work Description: INSTALL 7 WALL ANCHORS				
P24B0005	FINGAS MICHAEL & CAROLYN	15221 16 1/2 MILE RD	\$175.00	\$0
Work Description: RE-ROOF				
P24B0006	BULLER STEVE TRUST	161 12 MILE RD	\$100.00	\$0
Work Description: EXPAND GRADE DOOR OPENING BY ONE FOOT				

Total Permits For Type: 4

Total Fees For Type: \$625.00

Total Const. Value For Type: \$0

Electrical

Permit #	Contractor	Job Address	Fee Total	Const. Value
P24E0005	SNEED JAMES III	13869 15 MILE RD	\$185.00	\$0
Work Description: ROOF MOUNT SOLAR				
P24E0006	KALISZ BERNADETTE	13964 L N DR	\$100.00	\$0
Work Description: SERVICE ONLY FOR A RE-CONNECT				

Total Permits For Type: 2

Total Fees For Type: \$285.00

Total Const. Value For Type: \$0

Mechanical

Permit #	Contractor	Job Address	Fee Total	Const. Value
P24M0007	FISH BRIAN & KINBERLY, TRU	15515 A N DR	\$100.00	\$0
Work Description: BATH EXHAUST				
P24M0008	VILLENEUVE ROBERTA & JOH	17779 18 MILE RD	\$130.00	\$0
Work Description: INSTALL PIPING				

P24M0009

REDMAN RICK & KELLI

52 FRIENDSHIP LN

\$110.00

\$0

Work Description: WATER HEATER**Total Permits For Type:** 3**Total Fees For Type:** \$340.00**Total Const. Value For Type:** \$0

Plumbing

Permit #	Contractor	Job Address	Fee Total	Const. Value
P24P0003	HAGAMAN DEREK	17651 14 MILE RD	\$226.00	\$0

Work Description: NEW BUILD**Total Permits For Type:** 1**Total Fees For Type:** \$226.00**Total Const. Value For Type:** \$0

Report Summary

Population: All Records

Permit.DateIssued Between
2/1/2024 12:00:00 AM AND
2/29/2024 11:59:59 PM**Grand Total Fees:** \$1,476.00**Grand Total Permits:** 10**Grand Total Const. Value:** \$0

MARSHALL TOWNSHIP TREASURER'S REPORT
As of February 29, 2024

Deposit Balances

Southern Michigan Bank & Trust....	\$ 2,111,579.35
Marshall Community Credit Union...	69.25 (12/31/23)
KCCU.....	1,027.63(12/31/23)
Riley Wealth Management	2,193.19
Total.....	\$ 2,114,869.42

Certificates of Deposit

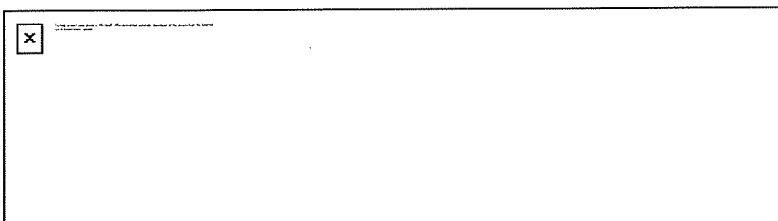
Marshall Community Credit Union...	32,109.92 (05/05/24 – 1.45%)
Kellogg Community Credit Union....	51,461.85 (05/20/24 – 3.06%)
Kellogg Community Credit Union....	51,313.63 (01/20/24 – 4.889%)
Highpoint Community Bank.....	250,000.00 (03/26/24 – 4.899%)
Mizuho Bank USA.....	444,951.05 (03/27/24 – 5.150%)
Blue Ox Credit Union.....	250,000.00 (07/19/24 – 5.50%)
Total.....	\$1,079,836.45
GRAND TOTAL.....	\$ 3,194,705.87*

January 31, 2024 Ending Total.....	\$2,974,042.21
December 31, 2023 Ending Total.....	2,903,836.73
November 30, 2023 Ending Total.....	2,869,417.83
October 31, 2023 Ending Total.....	2,952,637.41
September 30, 2023 Ending Total....	2,920,188.57
August 31, 2023 Ending Total.....	3,018,549.40
July 31, 2023 Ending Total.....	3,045,818.75
June 30, 2023 Ending Total.....	2,973,374.45
May 31, 2023 Ending Total.....	2,562,554.71
April 30, 2023 Ending Total.....	2,585,804.04
March 31, 2023 Ending Total.....	2,606,580.06
February 28, 2023 Ending Total.....	2,489,832.20
January 31, 2023 Ending Total.....	2,428,195.67

*As of 3/31/23, \$1,027,694 is restricted fund balance from the fire department millage and county park millage sharing. Assigned fund balances are: \$300,838 for fire equipment and facilities; \$23,000, for township development; \$115,130 for general facility improvements and \$400,000, for subsequent year budget use (budget stabilization). Unassigned fund balance is \$460,893 including unspent ARPA funding. Total fund balance is \$2,336,226 as of 3/31/23.

David VanArman, Treasurer

From: Michigan Treasury Local Government <MITreasury@govsubscriptions.michigan.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 11:15 AM
To: Jeff Albaugh
Subject: Adult-Use Marijuana Payments



Adult-Use Marijuana Payments

February 29, 2024

Intended Audience: Any municipal or county employee, including clerks, treasurers, elected officials, finance directors, city, township, or village managers, auditors and accounting staff, among others.

The Michigan Department of Treasury is making annual distributions to municipalities and counties that have adult-use marijuana facilities in their jurisdiction that were licensed as of September 30, 2023. These distributions will cover the taxes and fees collected in state Fiscal Year 2023 under the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (Initiated Law 1 of 2018).

As a part of the Act, unexpended balances are distributed as follows:

1. 15% to municipalities in which a marijuana retail store or a marijuana microbusiness is located, allocated in proportion to the number of marijuana retail stores and marijuana microbusinesses within the municipality.
2. 15% to counties in which a marijuana retail store or a marijuana microbusiness is located, allocated in proportion to the number of marijuana retail stores and marijuana microbusinesses within the county.
3. 35% to the School Aid Fund to be used for K-12 education.
4. 35% to the Michigan Transportation Fund to be used for the repair and maintenance of roads and bridges.

Distributions to Local Units of Government

Cities, villages, townships and counties will be receiving over \$87 million under the Act. The distribution rate for FY 2023 adult-use marijuana payments is slightly over \$59,000 per licensed marijuana retail store or microbusiness.

Each city, village, township and county will receive a payment based on the number of licensed marijuana retail stores and microbusinesses located within its jurisdiction as of September 30, 2023.

A listing of adult-use marijuana payments can be found in the following document:

- [FY 2023 Adult-Use Marijuana Payments \(by municipality and county\)](#)

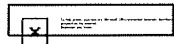
Questions? Comments?

For more information about distributions under the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act, go to www.michigan.gov/revenuesharing. Questions regarding payments can be emailed to TreasRevenueSharing@michigan.gov or call 517-335-7484.

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**MARSHALL TOWNSHIP
CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED 2024-25 BUDGET**

The Marshall Township Board will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting on Monday, March 18, 2024, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Marshall Township Hall, 13551 Myron Avery Drive, Marshall, MI 49068 for the purposes of considering the proposed 2024-25 General Fund Budget and Appropriations Act and 2024-2029 Capital Outlay Budget.

At the public hearing, the Township Board will consider any written comments which might be filed with said Board at or prior to the time of the hearing, and any comments raised at the hearing; and at the hearing (or at any adjournment of the hearing which may be made without further notice) the Township Board may revise, correct, amend, or change the proposed budgets.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will also be a subject of the public hearing.

The proposed budget documents are available for inspection at the township offices, 13551 Myron Avery Drive, Marshall, MI, during normal business hours of 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. The proposed budget documents are also posted on the township website:

www.marshalltownship.org

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the office in writing at the below address or by phone at 269-781-7976 at least four (4) days prior to the hearing.

Marshall Township
Jeffrey S. Albaugh, Clerk
13551 Myron Avery Drive
Marshall, MI 49068
269-781-7976

**MARSHALL TOWNSHIP GENERAL FUND BUDGET, AUTHORIZATION TO LEVY AND GENERAL
APPROPRIATIONS ACT – Fiscal Year 2024-25**

Proposed 3-8-24

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Actual 2020-21</u>	<u>Actual 2021-22</u>	<u>Actual 2022-23</u>	<u>Adopted 2023-24</u>	<u>Proposed 2024-25</u>
<u>REVENUE</u>					
Delinquent Taxes	14,936	0	4,955	0	0
Taxes (current)	106,898	116,179	127,448	129,000	142,062
Fire Millage (current)	203,527	216,245	232,251	240,677	264,378
Special Assessments	1,164	1,164	1,164	1,164	1,164
Summer Tax Fee	31,012	33,619	34,796	37,000	38,480
Winter Tax Fee	22,077	23,948	24,746	26,800	27,872
PA 425 Payment	50,314	50,741	53,625	53,040	90,325
Permits/License	53,309	49,910	40,179	382,000	55,000
Revenue Sharing	271,312	333,997	348,601	335,000	347,500
Essential Services-O	861	131	120	500	150
Essential Service-	1,599	0	1,375	1,500	1,375
Service Charges	3,895	16,409	2,350	4,000	2,500
Streetlights	13,900	14,812	13,639	14,688	14,500
Fire Run Charges	12,959	2,396	5,888	2,000	2,000
Investment/Interest	3,283	666	7,890	3,000	20,000
Other/Grants	28,478	23,879	232,480	0	302,630
Metro Act	5,078	5,308	5,416	5,000	5,000
Cable Franchise Fee	20,903	22,588	18,866	22,000	20,000
Convis Fire Contract	38,435	37,411	34,398	35,000	35,000
Casino Rev Shari	168,836	178,985	133,637	165,000	165,000
Refunds, Misc.	11,388	18,205	4,071	5,000	5,000
Ordinance Fine	0	0	266	0	0
Park Millage Sharing	0	15,993	8,759	9,250	10,052
TOTAL	\$ 1,064,163	1,162,586	1,336,920	1,471,619	1,549,988

EXPENDITURES

	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
Supervisor	22,459	22,712	23,905	24,900	24,900
Clerk	29,033	31,275	40,146	50,000	50,000
Treasurer	25,469	26,873	24,369	31,750	31,750
Twp. Board	88,734	108,064	112,735	101,750	138,000
Twp. Hall	82,509	98,857	88,464	104,000	94,000
Elections	25,609	16,639	33,206	35,000	52,000
Zoning Appeals Bd	(125)	600	240	1,200	1,200
Board of Review	1,480	1,071	2,386	2,500	2,500
Cemetery	4,236	3,365	6,648	6,500	6,500
Assessor	24,602	26,273	27,914	30,000	31,300
Fire Department	229,257	232,551	219,512	242,492	258,915
Fire Board	600	700	1,440	1,250	1,200
Debt Service	22,687	0	0	0	0
Fire Millage Use	0	0	296,571	240,677	264,378
Warning Siren	5,214	5,542	3,619	6,000	6,500
Inspections/Permits	34,374	31,768	35,424	378,350	66,063
Ordinance Enforce	1,477	2,381	0	3,500	3,500
Streets/Drains	53,986	37,173	37,417	57,500	289,337
Street Light Districts	20,421	16,848	18,376	26,000	26,000
Planning/Zoning	28,031	44,579	28,063	49,000	49,000
Capital Outlay	27,330	87,826	31,522	35,000	35,000
Park Project	0	0	0	9,250	10,052
Dispatch Authority	27,838	25,323	35,386	35,000	9,000
Covid Response	2,165	0	0	0	0
Sheriff Contract-ARPA	0	0	0	0	20,000
ARPA Projects	0	24,699	0	0	282,630
TOTAL	\$ 757,386	820,420	1,067,613	1,471,619	1,753,725

	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
Revenue(expense)	306,777	342,166	269,307	0	(203,737)
Beg. Fund Balance	1,390,879	1,697,656	2,039,822	2,309,129	2,309,129
End Fund Balance	1,697,656	2,039,822	2,309,129	2,309,129	2,105,392

*An amount approximately 1% of the winter total tax levy is budgeted and then added to the fire equipment and facilities assigned fund balance annually for this reserve when it has a balance at the end of the prior fiscal year of less than \$300,000.

GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT AND AUTHORIZATION TO LEVY PROPERTY TAXES:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MARSHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD that the fiscal year 2024-25 budget as set forth above is adopted and appropriated for township government purposes subject to the following provisions and that the property tax rates set forth in provision four (4) below are to be levied on the winter 2024 property tax bills in support thereof:

- 1) Purchasing and expenditures within this budget shall be in accordance with adopted township policies and procedures.
- 2) The budget is adopted on a budget activity (departmental) basis. The Budget Officer may refer any requested line-item adjustment and shall, except as may be otherwise provided herein, refer all between activity adjustments to the Board for prior approval.
- 3) The Budget Officer assists the Supervisor in the performance of duties as Chief Administrative Officer under the Local Government Uniform Budget and Accounting Act.
- 4) A property tax rate for general township operations in the amount of 0.7928 of the voter approved allocated 1.0 mill and 1.4754 mills of the voter approved 1.5 mills for fire department operations, vehicles, and equipment (both subject to adjustment based upon

the final approved taxable value and Headlee mandatory capped rate) on all taxable value for 2024-2025 is approved. The general operational tax yield is estimated at \$142,062. The fire department voted millage yield is estimated at \$264,378.

- 5) A tax administration fee of 1%, as permitted by state law, is continued until further resolution of the Board. This fee assists in offsetting the expenses of tax collection and assessment. The 1% monthly interest penalty for late payment of summer taxes shall continue as provided by law. A statutory 3% late fee for payment of property taxes after the 2-14-25 due date but prior to returning any taxes unpaid to the County Treasurer as delinquent on March 1, 2025. A 1% monthly interest penalty for late payment after the due date on real and personal property taxes and a onetime 3% delinquent fee shall be assessed on unpaid personal property taxes as of March 1 following the statutory due date.
- 6) Salaries shall be paid elected township officials as per the adopted salary resolutions. Effective April 1, 2024, the pay rates for township employees and members of Boards and Commissions shall be paid at the rates established in the annual salary/compensation resolutions. All employees of the township are at-will employees.
- 7) The Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical Inspectors salaries shall be increased from the current level of 87% of the authorized permit fee to 90% effective with services performed on and after April 1, 2024. The remaining 10% as well as the administrative fee shall be retained by the township to offset the cost of the permit officer and other inspection/permit administration expenses.
- 8) The per meeting pay for members of Township Boards and Commissions attending meetings of the board or commission they are appointed to for which compensation is authorized or permitted by law shall be \$60 per meeting for all meetings occurring on and after April 1, 2022. Township Trustees are paid \$60 for attending each special meeting of the Township Board. Township Board members shall be paid \$60 for attendance at any meetings or events representing the township when assigned by the Board or Supervisor. When performing assignments that are not otherwise the statutory duty of the official as may be assigned by the Board or Township Supervisor, Township Board members will be paid at the rate of \$60 per day for performing such assignments unless the Board has established compensation specifically for that additional assignment or duty. Unless the Township Clerk is designated by law as the Clerk or Secretary of a township Board or Commission, the Secretary of the Board or Commission shall be paid an additional \$60 for each meeting for which he or she prepares the official proceedings and/or determinations.
- 9) The mileage reimbursement rate for official approved township business shall be the federal Internal Revenue Service determined rate for business miles in effect at the time of the travel.

- 10) The appropriation for streets/drains is comprised of \$7,000, for the annual township at-large county drain assessments and \$282,337, for road projects to preserve prior township general fund road investments or for joint projects with border townships as may be specifically approved in advance by the township Board.
- 11) The state METRO Act funds included in this budget and any remaining METRO balance designated in the general fund balance are used for the township at-large share of public street lighting of roads and rights of way and lighting at the Michigan Avenue at I-69 Park 'n Ride lot as well as intersections of public roads within the township.
- 12) Various fees for permits, licenses and applications shall remain at their currently approved levels pending receipt of the annual audit at which time the Board may determine whether adjustments are needed to assure that the aggregate of fees received, as nearly as is practical, covers allowable expenses.
- 13) As of March 31, 2023, the restricted fire department millage balance within the general fund balance was \$1,002,942, as verified by the township audit. The anticipated balance as of 3/31/24 is \$1,243,619, after adding the annual authorized tax levy and deducting Board authorized expenses. The appropriation in the 2024-25 budget estimates a tax levy of \$264,378, which is the 9th annual levy of the renewed 1.5 mills authorized in 2016 by township electors for 10 years for replacement of fire trucks, construction of new facilities and purchase of major equipment. The annual fire millage levy for 2024-25 will be added to the reserve in anticipation of the Fire Board approving the purchase of a replacement brush truck and pumper truck during the fiscal year.
- 14) As of March 31, 2023, the fire equipment and facilities improvement assigned balance within the general fund balance was \$300,838, as verified by the township audit. The anticipated assigned balance for this purpose as of March 31, 2024, is \$300,838 and is designated for fire department equipment purchases and facility improvements not paid for through the voted fire millage levy. The 2024-25 budget does not allocate funds to this reserved balance as it is above a level of \$300,000, which the Board determines to be sufficient. No expenditures are contemplated from this reserve for the 2024-25 budget year.
- 15) The \$35,000, appropriated for capital outlay shall be utilized as may be specifically approved by the Township Board. Up to \$10,000, of this amount may be used for replacing and upgrading information technology equipment as may be determined by the Clerk and Treasurer.

- 16) The fire department operations budget includes \$26,000 for insurance coverages attributed to fire department operations and \$42,300, for department operational equipment replacement and updating as recommended by the Fire Chief and approved by the Fire Board in the submitted budget.
- 17) The budget includes \$9,000, for the service charge assessed the township for 911 calls by the County Dispatch Authority. This amount is a significant decrease from prior years because of approval in 2022 of a county wide operational millage for the 911 Dispatch Authority.
- 18) Within the assigned fund balance as of 3/31/23 as verified by the township audit was the amount of \$23,000, for township development purposes; \$115,130, for facility improvements; and \$400,000, for a budget stabilization fund. These reserves were maintained in the 2023-24 budget and will be reviewed by the Board after receipt of the 2023-24 audit to determine sufficiency.
- 19) The unassigned general fund balance as verified by the auditors as of 3/31/23 was \$460,893. The 2023-24 budget did not anticipate utilizing any of this balance; however, the Board approved (and the county approved) two (2) road projects for which the township committed to utilize up to an estimated \$282,337 of surplus township funds in the 2024 construction season. The projects include repaving and conduit replacement/enlargement for H Drive North from Verona Road to the Emmett Township line and repaving of 15 ½ Mile Road from Tau Road to Division Drive. Both projects were recommended by the County Road Department.
- 20) The Planning and Zoning appropriation includes \$5,000 for consultant services as may be determined necessary by the Planning Commission or Zoning Administrator to evaluate specific zoning requests and site plans.
- 21) Casino revenue sharing is estimated at \$165,000, and is utilized and appropriated within this budget as follows: \$74,700, for general operational expenses; \$9,000, to cover the service assessment by the County Dispatch Authority; \$7,500, for the township county drain at large assessments; \$20,000, for salaries paid to firefighters for monthly training and also for assisting with medical emergency responses; \$42,300, for fire department operational equipment; \$5,000, for public street lighting not otherwise covered by METRO and special assessment funding (including for upgrading existing lighting); \$6,500, for maintenance and operation of the warning siren system.
- 22) The essential services tax is a payment received from the State of Michigan to offset losses to personal property tax collections resulting from state laws exempting most personal property from property taxes. The amounts received are appropriated herein to assist in financing township general operational and fire department expenses.

- 23) The Township Board appropriation includes \$2,000 for maintenance of the Township's official website by the website developer to be coordinated by the Office Manager.
- 24) The 2024-25 budget is based on the township offices being open to the public, subject to any lawful restrictions, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of each week, except observed public holidays and election days, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The offices of the Clerk and Treasurer may each maintain additional public hours as they each may determine to serve the public and to comply with any requirements of the law. Township offices will continue to be closed to the public from the observance of the Christmas Eve holiday through the observance of the New Year's Day holiday except for required tax collections.
- 25) Within the Clerk's budget activity, the amount of \$4,000 is authorized for the Clerk to continue the services of a third-party payroll service to assist with performance of township payroll functions and \$10,000, for clerical assistance for conversion of township records to an electronic system.
- 26) The sum of \$10,052 is expected to be received as the township's 4th annual allocation from the County Parks Millage sharing program. The township intends to use its allocation in partnership with Marshall Public Schools for improvements and maintenance of the Grever's Nature Sanctuary on Verona Road. The Board has designated the Clerk to coordinate the park program.
- 27) The Township has received \$327,328.31 from federal ARPA-SLFRP funding. The township must obligate these funds by 12/31/24 and expend them by 12/31/26. The township spent \$24,698.73 for various projects in the 2021-22 budget year leaving a balance of \$302,629.58 to obligate. The 2024-25 budget includes \$20,000, for contracting additional law enforcement services from the Calhoun County Sheriff for increased traffic law enforcement on Verona Road, 17 ½ Mile Road, and G Drive North, and such other locations in the township as may be determined by the Sheriff and Supervisor. This is a pilot project, and its continuance will be based on effectiveness and affordability. The remainder of the funds will be utilized in the 2024-25 fiscal year to update the township hall and offices to improve the efficiency of the HVAC system, replace the roof on the meeting hall, better utilize office space, and improve security. Other projects to be funded from the federal allocation include digitizing township records to provide better staff and public access, acquiring an electronic public notification system to improve communications with citizens and installing a permanent sound system for the meeting hall with ability to record and live stream meetings. The Budget Officer shall recommend, by not later than 7-1-24, specific proposals to implement this provision utilizing, to the extent possible, the recently approved MiDeal program.

28) This act is effective April 1, 2024.

Prepared by: Jeffrey Albaugh, Budget Officer
Proposed 3-8-24

Marshall Township 2024 – 2025 Budget Notes

The following are highlights of the proposed 2024 - 2025 budget:

1. Township government tax rates remain as in the past and can only be increased by voters. Overall property tax revenue is projected to increase by a net 4.0% (the state required Taxable Value inflation adjustment was 5.0%). The Township receives approximately 8/10s of one mill for general operational purposes and a voter approved millage for major fire equipment and facilities of 1.5 mills. Actual levied rates are slightly reduced due to the requirements of state law. The effect of Public Act 425 property transfers has been taken into account.
2. The PA 425 revenue estimate has been increased to take into account the property transfers which affected the 2024 tax year resulting in a sizeable increase.
3. Permit fees will need to be reviewed when the audit is received to assure that fee revenue offsets as much of the cost of the inspectors and permit officer as is practical.
4. We will receive some reimbursement for the special school election and possibly from the state. An estimate is not possible at this point.
5. There are increases to various expenditure activities to reflect previously approved adjustments..
6. The Elections budget is increased as there are three elections in the budget year (May School, August Primary and November General) and the county will not bill for any Early Voting Center local costs until later in the budget year.
7. The Fire Department budget increase is due to salary adjustments, insurance and equipment.
8. Streets and Drains includes \$7,000 for the drain at large assessment and \$282,337 for roads.
9. The capital outlay budget of \$35,000 is detailed in provision #15.
10. \$5,000 is included under streetlights for improvement to streetlighting.
11. Planning includes \$5,000 for consulting services as may be needed by the Planning Commission to assist with evaluating specific zoning and site plan proposals.
12. The restricted Fire Millage fund balance estimated as of 3/31/24 will be approximately \$1,243,619 of which \$925,000 will be used for replacing two (2) fire apparatus.
13. The assigned fund balance for fire equipment and facilities (the township contributed an amount annually equivalent to 1% of the total winter tax levy) as of 3/31/24 is estimated at \$300,838. When the balance falls below \$300,000, we make an appropriation to return it to \$300,000.
14. The unassigned general fund balance estimated as of 3/31/24 will be at least \$460,893. \$203,737 is used for the road projects. "Assigned" fund balances can be changed by the Board at any time but are an indication of the Board's intentions for use of the funds.
15. Item #27 in the General Appropriations Act sets forth in detail the status of federal ARPA funding. New language has been added indicating \$20,000, will be used for a contract with the the Sheriff and that proposals for the other listed projects will be required by 7-1-24.
16. A new item is a proposed \$20,000, for contracting with the Sheriff for extra patrols in those

areas of the township where we have received complaints about speeding and other traffic offenses. This will be covered in the budget by use of ARPA funding.

17. All other differences are based on review of actual expenditures and revenues in the current budget.

Prepared by:
Jeff Albaugh, Budget Officer
3-8-24

MARSHALL TOWNSHIP

Capital Improvement Budget; FY 2024-25 through 2028-29

Proposed 3-8-2024

The following identifies capital improvements either authorized by the township board or anticipated for future years. This budget document does not appropriate funds or otherwise authorize capital improvement projects. Authorization for any purchases or project must be separately provided for in the township's annual budget and general appropriations act.

Fire Department:

The Fire Chief, after consultation with the Fire Board, submits major equipment requests and vehicle replacements as part of the annual appropriation act and consistent with long range projections contained in the fire millage renewal report accepted by the Township Board in 2016. The Fire chief projects that within the 2024-25 budget year the Department will continue the process of replacing the 2007 Spartan Pumper at an estimated cost of \$850,000 and consider replacing the 2002 Ford Grass Rig at an estimated cost of \$75,000. Both would be paid from the voted millage funds.

General Township Improvements:

2024-25

1. Update information technology equipment and software

Estimated cost: \$10,000 annually

Funding source: General Fund

2. Township Meeting Hall Roof replacement

Estimated cost: \$17,500

Funding source: ARPA funds

2024-29 Projections:

-Township Offices and Hall improvements: including replacement of carpet in offices, repainting of offices and interior, remodel old meeting area into more useable meeting and office space, updating/replacement of HVAC systems as needed, security improvements.

-Electronic record system

-Electronic notification system.

--Permanent audio system for meeting room with ability record and live stream meetings.

-Seal coat station 2 parking lot

Funding Source: ARPA funds

Road projects:

1. Determined Annually, refer to General Appropriations Act

Funding source: Annually from General Fund surplus as permitted by law.

Prepared by:

J. Albaugh, Budget Officer

Proposed 3-8-24

Adopted 3-20-23

Proposed 2-21-24

Approved _____

Marshall Township Regular Board Meeting – Marshall Township

February 20, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor David Bosserd. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present: Albaugh, Bosserd, Lyng, VanArman and Walsh. Absent: None.

Motion by Walsh, supported by Lyng, approve the proposed meeting agenda and addendum. The agenda was considered approved there being no objection.

REPORTS: Permits issued, Fire Department, Planning and Zoning Annual Reports and Treasurer reports were received and placed on file. The Fire Chief gave a brief verbal report.

COMMUNICATIONS: Board of Review Corrected March Meetings Notice and Early Voting for Presidential Primary Notice were received and placed on filed.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON LISTED AGENDA ITEMS: Three residents offered comments.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk Albaugh reported that Township Attorney Koches, the township's designated agent with regard to MAEDA's proposal to relocate Fire Station 1 for road and utility right of way purposes, indicated he is working with Special Counsel, the Engineering firm and MAEDA with regard to follow up on the proposed Fire Station 1 Development Agreement and recommends the issue remain tabled until the March 18 regular Board meeting. Motion by Albaugh, supported by Walsh the two items regarding the Station 1 Development agreement tabled from the January 16, 2024, meeting remain tabled until the March 18th regular meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Walsh, Lyng, Bosserd, Albaugh, and VanArman. NO: None. CARRIED.

Motion by Walsh, supported by Lyng, approve the attached 2024-25 compensation resolution for the Office of Supervisor with the annual salary remaining at \$19,524. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Lyng, Bosserd, Albaugh, VanArman, and Walsh. NO-None. CARRIED

Motion by Walsh, supported by Lyng, approve the attached 2024-25 compensation resolution for the Office of Clerk with the annual salary remaining at \$34,658. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Bosserd, Albaugh, VanArman, Walsh and Lyng. NO-None. CARRIED

Motion by Walsh, supported by Lyng, approve the attached 2024-25 compensation resolution for the Office of Treasurer with the annual salary remaining at \$22,293. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Albaugh, VanArman, Walsh, Lyng and Bosserd. NO-None. CARRIED

Motion by Albaugh, supported by VanArman, approve the attached 2024-25 compensation resolution for the Office of Trustee with the annual salary remaining at \$3,636. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: VanArman, Walsh, Lyng, Bosserd and Albaugh. NO-None. CARRIED

Motion by Lyng, supported by Walsh approve: Minutes of the January 16, 2024, regular board meeting; the bill list with a total of \$276,081.44; the attached Calhoun County Parks Millage 2023 Allocation Report and 2024 Allocation Request; and, confirming the Supervisor's approval of the retention of Miller

Johnson Attorneys of Kalamazoo as Special Counsel to the Township for the matter of the proposed Fire Station #1 Development Agreement. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Walsh, Lyng, Bosserd, Albaugh, and VanArman. NO: None. CARRIED.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Eight people offered comments.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Supervisor Bosserd, Clerk Albaugh, Trustee Lyng and Trustee Walsh all commented regarding various questions raised by residents in attendance.

Motion by Lyng, supported by Walsh, the meeting adjourn. The Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned, there being no objection, the time being 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFREY S. ALBAUGH, Marshall Township Clerk

Check Date	Bank	Check	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
Bank SMB SOUTHERN MICHIGAN BANK					
02/22/2024	SMB	22403	CONSUMERS ENERGY CO.	Utilities	418.82
02/23/2024	SMB	22402	CONSUMERS ENERGY CO.	STREET LIGHTS	764.65
02/23/2024	SMB	22404	CONSUMERS ENERGY CO.	STREET LIGHTS	638.32
02/23/2024	SMB	22405	CONSUMERS ENERGY CO.	STREET LIGHTS	37.71
02/23/2024	SMB	31608	BOB CAFFREY	REPLACE LIGHT BALLAST TWP HALL	230.00
02/23/2024	SMB	31609	CALHOUN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT	WATER SUPPLY ANNUAL TESTING FEE	234.00
02/23/2024	SMB	31610	CALHOUN COUNTY TREASURER	DBOR TV DECREASE 2020-22	383.37
02/23/2024	SMB	31611	CALHOUN COUNTY TREASURER	2023 DRAIN AT-LARGE ASSESSMENT	234.00
02/23/2024	SMB	31612	COMCAST BUSINESS	VOICE & INTERNET 2-20 - 3-9-24	1,200.00
02/23/2024	SMB	31613	JUSTICE FENCE	RELOCATE FENCE FOR FIRE EXIT	510.22
02/23/2024	SMB	31614	OUTDOOR LIVING INC	VOICE & INTERNET 2-20 - 3-9-24	1,212.00
02/23/2024	SMB	31615	CARD SERVICES CENTER	SOLAR PROJECT LANDSCAPE REVIEW SERVICE	375.00
02/23/2024	SMB	31616	VENTURE TECHNOLOGIES LLC	ELECTION SUPPLIES & POSTAGE	157.91
02/23/2024	SMB	31617	VENTURE TECHNOLOGIES LLC	PRINTERS FOR ELECTION DAY USE	763.00
02/23/2024	SMB	31618	WALTERS DIMMICK PETROLEUM	REPLACE PCS & PRINTERS AT STATIONS	3,134.00
02/28/2024	SMB	22406	CONSUMERS ENERGY CO.	FUEL FOR APPARATUS 12-8-23 - 01-30-24	545.68
02/28/2024	SMB	22407	CONSUMERS ENERGY CO.	SIRENS	40.71
02/28/2024	SMB	22408	CONSUMERS ENERGY CO.	SIRENS AND ANNUAL INSPECTION	40.57
02/28/2024	SMB	22409	CONSUMERS ENERGY CO.	SIRENS	40.71
02/28/2024	SMB	22410	CONSUMERS ENERGY CO.	SIRENS	40.71
02/28/2024	SMB	22411	CONSUMERS ENERGY CO.	SIRENS	40.42
02/28/2024	SMB	22412	CONSUMERS ENERGY CO.	Utilities	360.25
02/28/2024	SMB	22412	CONSUMERS ENERGY CO.	SIRENS	40.29
03/06/2024	SMB	31619	ADVISOR	PUBLIC NOTICES	462.38
				PUBLIC NOTICES	293.94
				PUBLIC NOTICES	179.34
					<u>935.66</u>
03/06/2024	SMB	31620	AUTO WARES	OIL DRY	286.60
03/06/2024	SMB	31621	BAUCKHAM THALL	LEGAL SERVICES THROUGH 2-15-24	5,241.42
03/06/2024	SMB	31622	RANDY BUSHEE	FEBRUARY PLUMBING INSPECTIONS	192.42
03/06/2024	SMB	31623	CLEAN SWEEP MAINTENANCE	FEBRUARY OFFICE CLEANING	470.00
03/06/2024	SMB	31624	DARLINGS ACE HARDWARE	PAINT FOR ELECTION MARKING	5.99
03/06/2024	SMB	31625	ED TERSTEEG	ELECTION INSPECTOR 2-27-24	152.00
03/06/2024	SMB	31626	ELECTION SOURCE	VOTING MACHINES ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTR	620.00
03/06/2024	SMB	31627	REPUBLIC SERVICES	REFUSE SERVICE 3-1 THRU 3-31-24	116.75
03/06/2024	SMB	31628	SAM'S CLUB	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE	155.00
03/06/2024	SMB	31629	US BANK	COPIER RENTAL-SERVICE - THRU 3-20-24	355.52
03/16/2024	SMB	31630	CITY OF MARSHALL	STREET LIGHTS2-7 - 3-26-24	135.00
03/16/2024	SMB	31631	COMCAST BUSINESS	VOICE & INTERNET SERVICE 3-10 - 4-9-24	500.22
03/16/2024	SMB	31632	CSI EMERGENCY APPARATUS LLC	ENGINE 13 REPAIRS	825.12
				TANKER 13 ANNUAL INSPECTION & SERVICE	1,602.32
				ENGINE 13 ANNUAL INSPECTION & SERVICE	3,641.77
				ENGINE 31 & RESCUE 13 ANNUAL SERVICE & I	4,247.58
					<u>10,316.79</u>
03/16/2024	SMB	31633	ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	ASSESSOR NOTICES & ATT SERVICE	1,493.85
03/16/2024	SMB	31634	FIRST CLASS LAWN CARE	SPRING CLEAN UP MONUMENT AND CEMETERY	1,375.00
03/16/2024	SMB	31635	MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT/EMERGENCY	FIRE DEPT NEW EQUIPMENT	1,842.09
03/16/2024	SMB	31636	OFFICE 360	ADDRESS LABELS	28.48
03/16/2024	SMB	31637	CARD SERVICES CENTER	ELECTION SUPPLIES	1,279.56
03/16/2024	SMB	31638	SPECTRUM PRINTERS	ELECTION SUPPLIES	553.33
					<u><u>37,264.02</u></u>
SMB TOTALS:					
Total of 42 Checks:					

Check Date	Bank	Check	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
Less 0 Void Checks:					0.00
Total of 42 Disbursements:					37,264.02

MARSHALL TOWNSHIP 2024-25 WAGE SCHEDULE**Proposed 3-7-24****MONTHLY SALARIED:**

<u>Title</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25 Proposed*</u>
Deputy Supervisor	\$ 260.00	\$271.00	\$ 282.00	\$ 282.00
Deputy Clerk	158.00	165.00	172.00**	178.00**
Deputy Treasurer	158.00	165.00	172.00	178.00
Assessor**	1,216.00	1,268.00	1,319.00	1,368.00
Deputy Assessor**	626.00	653.00	679.00	679.00
Budget Officer		800.00	800.00	800.00
Office Manager			3,167.00	3,167.00***
Fire Chief	1,000.00	1,043.00	1,085.00	1,125.00
Assistant Fire Chief	500.00	521.50	542.00	562.00
Fire Officer/Captain	80.00	125.00	130.00	135.00
Fire Officer/Lt.			83.44	87.00
Medical Response Coordinator		50.00	52.00	54.00

HOURLY:

Election Inspectors	17.00	18.00	20.00	21.00
Election Inspector Chairperson	19.00	20.00	23.00	24.00
Election Assistant			26.00	27.00
Firefighter	32.00	34.00	35.50	37.00
Probationary Firefighter/				
Medical Responder	16.00	17.00	17.75	18.50
Deputy Clerk			35.00**	35.00**
Office Assistant	16.20	16.90	17.58	18.00

OTHER:

Inspectors Building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing inspectors will be paid 90% of the associated permit fee monthly for services performed on and after 4-1-24. This is an increase from the current 87%.

Per Diem	50.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
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Per Diem is paid as set forth in the annual General Appropriations Act.

*2024-25 rates are effective for all hours worked or activities performed on and after April 1, 2024.

**The Deputy Clerk is paid a monthly salary plus an hourly for any services in a month more than 3 hours.

***The Officer Manager salary will increase to \$3,284 per month starting 9-1-24 which marks completion of 1 year of service.

NOTES:

1. Some rates have been adjusted to reflect a 3.7% (rounded to the nearest whole dollar) cost of living adjustment based on the increase in the CPI for Detroit Urban Consumers from December 2022 to December 2023.
2. The Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement Officer is a contract employee. Compensation for the position is provided in the terms of the service agreement. There is no contemplated increase for 2024-25.

2023-24 Budget and General Appropriations Act Amendment #2

Be It Resolved by the Marshall Township Board approve the following 2023-24 Budget and General Appropriations Act amendment based on a review of expenses and revenues through 2-29-24:

1. Adjust the following appropriations to cover increased expenses:

Increase TOWNSHIP BOARD by \$35,250 to cover increased cost of insurance premiums, public notices, audit, and township attorney fees.

Increase TREASURER by \$5,000 to cover the cost of the collection agreement with the County Treasurer.

Increase ELECTIONS by \$12,000 to cover costs for increased requirements of election law and Presidential Primary (mostly offset by reimbursements).

Increase PLANNING/ZONING by \$9,400 for costs associated with Solar Project which are reimbursable.

Decrease Capital outlay by \$25,000 to partially offset increases above.

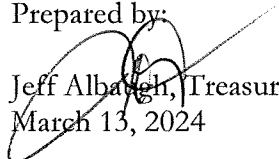
Decrease 911 DISPATCH by \$5,450 to partially offset increases above. Dispatch cost sharing formula has changed effective with the 1st quarter of 2024 reducing assessments to local units due to countywide millage.

2. Adjust estimated revenue as follows:

Increase REFUNDS AND REIMBURSEMENTS by \$31,400

The resulting budget total is \$1,503,019.

Prepared by:

Jeff Albright, Treasurer
March 13, 2024

Draft letter of support for Calhoun County's Congressional Directed Spending request to be edited and/or placed on your letterhead.

March 12, 2024

Dear Senator Peters,

We are writing to express strong support for Calhoun County's 2025 Congressionally Directed Spending Request for the construction of the Kalamazoo River Conservation Trail. This project will have a positive impact on our community by enhancing recreational opportunities and promoting connectivity through non-motorized transportation.

The proposed project will construct approximately three miles of trail along the picturesque Kalamazoo River in Calhoun County, addressing a significant gap in non-motorized transportation infrastructure. Currently, residents in Marshall and the surrounding townships lack access to off-road biking facilities that meet modern standards, requiring a minimum 20-minute drive to enjoy amenities in other communities and counties. The Kalamazoo River Conservation Trail will not only bridge this gap, but also serve as an important segment of the North Country and Iron Belle trail routes, which currently utilize on-road routes.

This trail opportunity was made possible by the construction of the Blue Oval Battery Plant in Marshall, with Ford Motor Company setting aside 241 acres of land for public conservation. The proposed trail will utilize this generous offering, providing green space for the benefit of workers, neighbors, and the wider community. This initiative provides an innovative attraction for economic development, but also significantly enhances the quality of life in the community.

Amidst ongoing industrial development, there has been a persistent call for the allocation of conservation space and parkland in the Marshall area. The Kalamazoo River Conservation Trail meets this need by providing a recreational and trail area that will benefit generations of Calhoun County residents and visitors. Moreover, the designated land acts as an important buffer between industrial development and the river, creating a wildlife corridor, mitigating groundwater impact, and offering natural buffering through trees and landscaping.

We urge you to support Calhoun County's 2025 Congressionally Directed Spending Request for the construction of the Kalamazoo River Conservation Trail. Your support for this project is crucial, and we firmly believe it will greatly contribute to the overall development and well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

MARSHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES



DEBBIE STABENOW
United States Senator *for* Michigan

FY 2025 Appropriations Requests

Summary of Information

ATTENTION!! Your request has not yet been submitted!!

Please ensure your information is correct! You may go back and edit, if necessary. Before submitting, please print a copy of this page for your records.

If all of your information is correct, please click [SUBMIT](#) on this page.

If you have not received an Access Code or Stabenow office contact information, please call our office at (517) 203-1760 before completing the rest of this form.

Access Code 25WM065
Stabenow Office Contact Mary Judnich
Organization Calhoun County Government
315 West Green Street
Marshall MI 49068
dferrall@calhouncountymi.gov

Website Address www.calhouncountymi.gov
Please provide the recipient organization's Employer Identification Number (EIN). 38-6004358

Requestor Douglas Ferrall
Assistant Director of Community Development, Calhoun County Government
315 West Green Street
Marshall MI 49068
dferrall@calhouncountymi.gov
W: 269-781-0769
M: 2699082926

Organization Contact Kelli Scott
County Administrator
kdscott@calhouncountymi.gov
W: 269-781-0966

Appropriations Bill Transportation and Housing and Urban Development
*** Account** Housing and Urban Development Community Development Fund

*** Please provide the Tax Identification Number for the recipient Organization.**

38-6004358

*** Please provide the status of the planning and environmental work for the project.**

The Kalamazoo River Conservation Easement is a proposed greenspace located within a larger approximately 2,000-acre development site. Calhoun County received funding from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to conduct site readiness investigations on this property in order to assess its potential for development. These investigations included wetland delineation, archaeological survey, protected species assessment, and phase 1 environmental review. The results of these studies indicated that the natural state of the proposed conservation easement could serve as a buffer between the planned development and the Kalamazoo River, while also offering new opportunities for public recreation in the community. Overall, the findings of these investigations support the feasibility of developing the conservation easement as a greenspace, which would provide both environmental protection and recreational opportunities for the community.

*** Please provide a web link to the project website or relevant planning document for the project. If the project is included in an existing CDBG grantee's Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan, please provide a link to that plan.**

<https://choosemarshall.com/blueoval-battery-park-michigan/>

*** Please identify how this project meets the three CDBG National Objectives. How does this project 1) benefit low- and moderate-income persons or communities; 2) prevent or eliminate slums or blight; or 3) address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available.***

The Kalamazoo River Conservation Trail project significantly benefits low to moderate-income individuals in the Marshall area and the surrounding communities by providing accessible recreational amenities and non-motorized transportation options. According to the most recent income data, the median household income in Marshall is \$35,660. In Calhoun County, it is lower still, at \$27,567. The construction of the trail will create job opportunities, fostering economic development that directly impacts the financial well-being of residents in these communities. This project also prevents blight and plays a crucial role in maintaining a vibrant and attractive community. The addition of accessible trails and green spaces enhances the overall quality of life, making the Marshall area and its surroundings more appealing for residents across various income brackets. This increased desirability helps prevent vacant homes by sustaining community engagement, encouraging residency, and preserving property values in Marshall and the neighboring areas. The Kalamazoo River Conservation Trail project serves as a response to an immediate community development need by creating biking facilities that were diverted by the nearby industrial development. The absence of off-road biking facilities in Marshall and surrounding townships poses a hazard to residents' safety and limits recreational opportunities. Currently, residents must drive a minimum of 20 minutes to access similar amenities or use on-road facilities. The Blue Oval Battery Plant construction and the apportionment of 241 acres offer a unique, time-sensitive opportunity that aligns with the project's goals. Without alternative funding sources readily available, the Congressionally Directed Spending Request becomes imperative to kickstart this project.

Amount Requested:

1500000

What is the total dollar amount to complete the project? (Will the project require funding beyond the upcoming fiscal year? If so, please provide an annual breakdown of funding needed in future years):

6000000

What is the minimum amount of appropriation funding needed to begin, complete, or sustain this project for the upcoming fiscal year, in the event the full amount requested cannot be appropriated?	1250000
Are funds being requested for this project through a different appropriations bill this upcoming fiscal year? If so, which bill and how much?	No
Are funds being requested for this project through another Member of Congress this upcoming fiscal year? If so, please identify the Member, bill and the amount of the request?	The county is submitting a \$1.5 million request to Senator Peters as part of the HUD bill.
List any funding partners as well as pending requests for other federal, state, local, or private funding. (Please include amount):	Calhoun County has secured \$100,000 from Ford Motor Company's Ford Fund. Other expected funding partners include MDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program, Michigan DNR's Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Calhoun County Parks Millage, and other private funds.
If matching funds are required for this project, please provide a description of the funds that will be used to meet this requirement:	Matching funds are required for MDOT TAP funds, which will be secured through various sources such as the MIDNR Natural Resources Trust Fund, the Calhoun County Parks Millage, Ford Fund, and other private grantors. In addition, the Michigan DNR's Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund also requires matching funds, which can be obtained through CDS requests.
In which Michigan county will this project be completed?	Calhoun
Type of Entity	Government Entity
Brief Description of Entity:	Calhoun County, located in southern Michigan, sits between Chicago and Detroit at the crossroads of I-94 (east/west) and I-69 (north/south). Population centers include Albion in the east, Marshall in the center, and Battle Creek in the northwest, with Battle Creek being the largest metropolitan area. The majority of the county is agricultural, comprising 19 townships, four incorporated cities, and four villages.
Project Name:	Kalamazoo River Conservation Trail
What is the purpose or goal of the project?	This project aims to plan and construct a three-mile trail along the picturesque Kalamazoo River in Calhoun County. This trail opportunity has arisen due to the construction of the Blue Oval Battery Plant in Marshall. As part of their commitment, Ford has generously set aside 241 acres of conservation land to the County. This land will be utilized for the proposed trail, providing a green space for workers, neighbors, and the wider community. Additionally, this property will serve as a section of the North Country and Iron Belle trail routes, which currently rely on on-road routes.
Complete the following sentence: "This funding will be used to..."	This funding will support the construction approximately three-miles of trail along the Kalamazoo River within 241 acres of conservation land, which will serve as a much-needed off-road route for the Iron Belle and North Country Trails.
Use only a single sentence. For example: "This funding will be used to purchase a new fire engine and replace the fire station's aging roof."	

What will the funding be used for (staffing, equipment, construction, program development)?

Construction

How does the project meet a local, state, or national need (e.g. economic, health & safety, environmental)?

The Kalamazoo River Conservation Trail addresses various local, state, and national needs across economic, health and safety, and environmental dimensions. Economically, the project stimulates local development by creating job opportunities during construction and enhancing the region's appeal, potentially attracting tourism and businesses. In terms of health and safety, the trail provides a designated and safe space for non-motorized transportation, promoting physical activity and reducing traffic-related risks. This directly contributes to the well-being of residents and aligns with broader public health goals. Environmentally, the project fosters conservation by utilizing 241 acres of land made available from the Blue Oval Battery Plant construction for public benefit. This not only preserves natural habitats along the Kalamazoo River but also establishes a green buffer between industrial development and the river, mitigating environmental impact. On a state and national level, the Kalamazoo River Conservation Trail is integral to the North Country and Iron Belle trail routes, contributing to a comprehensive and interconnected national trail network. This aligns with the broader goal of promoting sustainable, non-motorized transportation options and fostering a sense of unity and connectivity across state and national trail systems.

Is the project new, or does it expand or continue an existing program? What is the project phase or status?

New

How would you justify this project as a good use of taxpayer money? (For example, does it create jobs, improve the economy, foster energy independence, protect the Great Lakes, etc.)

This project is a prudent use of taxpayer money as it directly addresses local needs, fostering economic growth, job creation, and community well-being. Leveraging an industrial development and many other funding opportunities underscores the fiscal responsibility. The project also aligns with broader state and national goals, promoting sustainability, environmental conservation, and enhanced community connectivity through regional trails.

Describe other local, state, private or federal entities supporting this request:

The City of Marshall, North Country Trail, Michigan Trails and Greenways Association, MDOT, MIDNR, and Marshall Area Economic Development Association are local, state, or private entities supporting the project, each endorsing its positive impact on community development, trail connectivity, statewide trail initiatives, and local economic growth.

Property Acquisition	0
Design, Permitting, and Planning	900000
Site Work	2550000
Construction and Renovation	2550000
Equipment	0
Staffing	0
Program Development	0
Other	0
Property Acquisition	Not Applicable
Design, Permitting, and Planning	Not Yet Begun
Site Work	Not Yet Begun
Construction and Renovation	Not Yet Begun
Equipment	Not Applicable
Staffing	Not Applicable

Program Development

Not Applicable

Other - If funds are requested for a purpose not listed above, or if you'd like to clarify any of the above fields, please elaborate here.

Federal Sources (eg: EPA Brownfields Funding, HOME funding, federal tax credits, Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Funds, etc.)

Local or State Government Funding (eg: grants, loans, bond votes, tax credits, etc.)

Private or Nonprofit Funding (Foundation grant programs, United Way, individual donations, etc.)

Ford Fund - \$100,000

Project Income (Fees, ratepayers, etc.)

Other Sources

*** Has this organization previously requested or been awarded Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project Funding in FY22 or FY23? If yes, please list the fiscal year, project name, amount requested, award status, and the requesting Congressional offices for each project.**

In FY22, Calhoun County secured funding for the Calhoun County Safe Schools Initiative, a project led by the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department, with Representative Peter Meijer of Michigan as the requesting Congressional office. In FY23, the organization sought funding for Corrections Security Technology and Equipment, also under the purview of the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department. Senator Peters designated the requested amount of \$4,500,000 for this project.

Upload Support Letter(s) Here:

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RESOLUTION: TOWNSHIP INVESTMENT AND DEPOSITORY DESIGNATION

WHEREAS, the Marshall Township Board, in exercising its fiduciary responsibilities desires to safeguard the funds of the Township that may be invested from time to time; and,

WHEREAS, MCL 41.77 requires that the Township Board designate the banks or depositories for the money belonging to the Township, including the time for which the deposits shall be made and all details for carrying into effect the authority given in this act; and,

WHEREAS, MCL 129.91, et seq., requires Township Boards, in consultation with the Township Treasurer, to adopt an investment policy; and,

WHEREAS, The Board and Treasurer determine that the prior resolution adopted in 2018, needs updating;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this policy is applicable to all public funds belonging to the Township and in the custody of the Township Treasurer; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Board approves the following financial institutions as depositories of township funds: Huntington Bank(Marshall); Highpoint Community Bank (Marshall); Kellogg Community Credit Union; Marshall Community Credit Union; Southern Michigan Bank and Trust (Marshall); Blue Ox Credit Union; Sturgis Bank; American First Credit Union; and, Riley Wealth Management; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Treasurer may invest Township funds in certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts, or depository receipts of a bank but only if the bank, savings and loan association, or credit union meets all criteria as a depository of public funds contained in Michigan law. The standard of prudence to be used shall be the "fiduciary" standard and shall be applied in context of managing an overall portfolio; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the prior approval of the Township Board shall be required for the Treasurer to invest in any other lawful investment instruments as permitted by state law. The Township Board's standard of prudence shall be the "fiduciary" standard, which shall be applied in context of managing an overall portfolio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that decisions and actions involving the Township's investment portfolio shall meet the following criteria:

Safety: Safety of principle is the foremost objective.

Diversification: The investments shall be diversified by avoiding over concentration in securities from a specific issuer or business sector (excluding U.S. Treasury securities and insured certificates of deposits).

Liquidity: The investment portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid to meet all operating requirements that may be reasonably anticipated.

Return on Investment: Return on investment is of secondary importance compared to safety and liquidity objectives. Investments shall be selected to obtain a market average rate of return. The core of investments is limited to relatively low risk securities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Treasurer may elect to have certificates and other evidence of investments held by a financial institution, provided that the financial institution presents to the Township Treasurer on a quarterly basis, sufficient documentation and acknowledgment of the investment instruments held on behalf of the Township; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the placing of public funds for investment with Riley Wealth Management (formerly Wunderlich Investments) shall be continued in all respects subject to all other provisions of this resolution. This provision shall be considered a continuing "prior approval" of the Board as otherwise specified above; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Board concurs in the recommendation of the Treasurer that checking account and related services for the township's general and current tax accounts may be changed to Southern Michigan Bank and Trust with the Treasurer designated as Administrator of each account. Further, the Clerk and Treasurer (in their absence their deputies) are to continue as authorized signatories for the general account and the Treasurer (in his absence his deputy) is the authorized signatory for the current tax account. The Clerk and Treasurer are further authorized to execute such documents and agreements as may be required to effect this authorized change in banking service provider; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Clerk and Treasurer are authorized to conduct any financial transaction on behalf of the township by electronic means and as otherwise regulated by law; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Township and its officers and employees will comply with all applicable statutes related to public fund investments. Any provisions of this resolution in conflict with applicable law are void.

This resolution is effective March 19, 2024, and supersedes the prior resolutions of the Board concerning investment of township funds and designation of depositaries.

Prepared by: Jeff Albaugh, Clerk