

Approved: February 17, 2026
Resolution No. 26-365

1. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this policy is to ensure that expenditures by the Board of Commissioners are, in the view of the majority of the members of the Board of Commissioners, reasonable and necessary for the performance of its duties.
2. **AUTHORITY.**
 - 2.1. Authority to establish rules and regulations in reference to the management of the interest and business concerns of the county is vested with the Board of Commissioners (MCL 46.11(m)). Policies shall be subject to revision or termination by the Board at its discretion.
 - 2.2. Acts of the Board of Commissioners require a vote of a majority of the members present. However, the final passage or adoption of a measure or resolution or the allowance of a claim against the county shall be determined by a majority of the members elected and serving. These voting requirements do not apply if any other provision of law imposes a higher voting requirement (MCL 46.3(2)).
3. **APPLICATION.** This policy applies to all County Commissioners duly elected by the majority of registered voters in his/her district, who have been sworn into office by the County Clerk, and who are currently serving the term for which he/she has been elected.
4. **RESPONSIBILITY.** The Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners shall be responsible for the administration, monitoring, and enforcement of this policy.
5. **DEFINITIONS.**
 - 5.1. ***“County Commissioner”*** shall refer to persons who are duly elected by the majority of registered voters in his/her district, who have been sworn into office by the County Clerk, and who are currently serving the term for which he/she has been elected.
 - 5.2. ***“Board of Commissioners”*** or ***“Board”*** shall refer to all County Commissioners, a majority of whom must vote in the affirmative to approve matters before the Board.

- 5.3. "**Goods**" shall refer to all property, including but not limited to, equipment, materials, printing, insurance and leases of real property.
- 5.4. "**Services**" shall refer to the furnishing of labor, time, consultation, or effort by a contractor. This shall also include professional services, including but not limited to, consultations with auditors and attorneys that, in the normal course of business, result in costs to Gratiot County.
6. **POLICY**. The acquisition of goods or services, and the incurring of a financial obligation for these goods or services, by an individual County Commissioner requires approval of a majority of the County Commissioners at a meeting duly noticed and held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act (MCL 15.261 *et. seq*). Goods or services acquired by a County Commissioner contrary to this policy shall be deemed a personal financial responsibility of that County Commissioner.
7. **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**. Individual members of the Board shall not authorize or participate in the expenditure of funds.
8. **ADMINISTRATOR AND LEGAL COUNSEL REVIEW**. The Administrator shall approve all new and amended policies as to substance. The County Civil Counsel shall approve all new and amended policies as to legal content. These approvals shall accompany draft policies and amended policies submitted to the Board of Commissioners for consideration and approval.