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## WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION

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## Wayne County adopts 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive balanced budget with funds to boost hiring

Wayne County Commissioners today adopted a \$2.23 billion county operating budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year, marking the county's 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive balanced budget.

The new budget takes effect on Oct. 1.

This will be the first budget to fully include operations at the county's new criminal justice complex, which opened earlier this month.

With that in mind, the budget includes \$500,000 to recruit Wayne County Sheriff's Deputies to fill longstanding department vacancies.

"Today, we conducted our most important business which is to deliver a budget. It takes a team effort to get this done and I would like to thank all department heads and elected officials who sat down to discuss their budgets and how they plan to implement them in the 24-25 fiscal year," commission Chair Alisha Bell (D-Detroit) said.

"We look forward to a prosperous year and something the residents of Wayne County can be very proud of."

The budget is bolstered by increases to taxable revenue and personal property taxes.

Taxable revenue increased by 8 percent over the past year, contributing just under \$25 million.

Personal property tax revenue, mostly generated from taxes on county business holdings, accounted for a \$64 million increase.

“We worked hard on successfully achieving the most important policy this body oversees,” said Commissioner Jonathan C. Kinloch (D-Detroit), chair of the commission’s Ways & Means Committee. “I would like to thank our fiscal, legal and policy departments of the commission for their diligence in reviewing budget numbers along with County Executive Warren Evans and Deputy County Executive Assad Turfe for their intense cooperation working with us.”

The committee met throughout the summer to discuss budget proposals with the executive’s office, county department heads and county elected officials.

In addition to approving the new budget, commissioners also approved a spending plan to govern development of the 2025-26 county operating budget.