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## **Eaton County and Delta Township Agree to Financial Framework for Police Services Contract**

*The official contract must be adopted before September 30*

**EATON COUNTY, MI**—Eaton County and Delta Charter Township have reached a tentative agreement on a financial framework for a new police services contract that reflects the full cost of providing law enforcement services to the township. A full contract will be developed in the coming weeks.

At two special meetings on June 5, both the Township and County moved to accept a financial framework for a police services contract. This agreement comes amid significant financial challenges facing Eaton County, which has already had to make millions of dollars in budget reductions. Under the new framework, Delta Township will pay roughly \$8.0 million annually for dedicated police coverage, which reflects the cost for police services without an Eaton County Sheriff's Office (ECSO) presence to support local communities. The financial framework includes personnel, equipment, training, and administrative support. Historically, some of these costs were supported by the standing police services that ECSO was able to provide to all communities, but unfortunately, Eaton County can no longer afford to provide the services.

"Our goal has always been to protect as many jobs as we could," Eaton County Board of Commissioners Chair Jim Mott said. "I truly didn't think something like this was possible, but Delta Township saw the value in our Sheriff's Deputies and stepped up to provide an agreement that leaves both the County and the Township stronger together. This agreement reflects a commitment not just to providing services today, but to move the County forward in the pursuit of finding a sustainable financial future."

"This framework reflects our long-term commitment to the safety of our residents and business community while acknowledging the very real financial pressures at the county level," said Delta Township Supervisor Fonda Brewer. "We value our partnership with Eaton County and believe this is a necessary step to maintain high-quality law enforcement for our community."

The final agreement, including contract terms, is expected to be finalized and approved by the Eaton County Board of Commissioners and the Delta Township Board in the coming weeks.



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Eaton County plans to use any final agreement as a template framework for other communities or government entities interested in a police services contract.

### **Framework Summary**

**Personnel Allocation** – The Framework includes provisions for 38 sworn ECSO Deputies and Command Officers, plus two support staff. This represents an increase of five sworn Officers above the staffing level contained in previous police service contracts.

**Revenues and Expenses** – Similar to the original Delta Township contract, there will be a budgeted amount that is billed, but the new agreement will include an annual reconciliation process where the contract will provide for payment or refund to reflect the actual cost for the ECSO providing police services, including technology, vehicles, equipment, among other expenses.

**Administrative Fee** – The agreement includes a 15% administrative fee for human resources, budgeting, communications, accounting, technology, and other areas impacted by creating a contractual relationship that, in turn, impacts other officers.

**Pension Funding** – The agreement includes provisions for one-time deposits into the County's pension system and an ongoing contribution above and beyond the normal required contributions. This will, in the long run, help to reduce operating costs for the ECSO.

Additional information will be forthcoming as both the County and Township continue working towards a final contractual agreement, which will be reviewed by both entities' legal counsel.

There is no further information at this time.

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