

## Judy Houts

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 18, 2014 9:11 PM  
**To:** Judy Houts  
**Cc:** Linda Forwerck  
**Subject:** Fwd: County Board Report - June, 2014

Hello Judy and Linda,

County Board Report for Fife Lake Township board meeting scheduled for June 26, 2014.

Thank you,

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### COUNTY FINANCES

The adopted 2014 Budget was approved by the Board of Commissioners with an estimated \$1 Million deficit. Several budget analysis sessions were held to identify and propose suggestions to address the shortfall. Although informative, the analysis did not reveal any area where significant savings could be made without reducing services. The Board of Commissioners is awaiting a summary statement, along with recommendations from the County Administrator as the 2015 Budget Process begins. The 2015 Budget Calendar has been approved, calling for all budget requests submitted to the Administrator/Controller on July 7, 2014, the Administrator/Controller "recommended" 2015 Budget assembled and transmitted to the Board of Commissioners on September 17, 2014, and the Board of Commissioners adopting the general appropriations resolution and 2015 Budget on October 29, 2014.

Looking forward to 2015 and beyond, the County's financial appears somewhat improved. The Grand Traverse County Equalization Report (approved 4/15/14) indicates the County SEV has stabilized and is projected to slowly increase going forward.(SEV stabilization due to residential property improvement while commercial/industrial properties continue to lag) The Governor's recommendation for 100% full funding of "Revenue Sharing" has been approved, and legislation has been proposed to protect county and local units of government from potential funding losses due to tax law changes in the Personal Property Tax, veterans homestead property tax, and other unfunded mandates. Building and soil erosion permitting increased significantly in 2013 and is expected to keep pace in 2014. Addressing the County's unfunded retiree pension and healthcare obligations, and labor contract negotiations for all represented employees are critical issues that will be addressed in 2014.

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