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**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
BAY COUNTY
AND
THE UNITED STEELWORKERS
LOCAL NO. 15157-10, (FULL-TIME) COUNTY UNIT**

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ARTICLE 1
PREAMBLE AND TERM OF AGREEMENT

SECTION 1 - PARTIES

This agreement is entered into this 1st day of January, 2026 by and between the County of Bay, including the Bay County Executive, Bay County Board of Commissioners, Bay County Prosecuting Attorney, Bay County Sheriff, Bay County Register of Deeds, Bay County Clerk, Bay County Treasurer, and Bay County Drain Commissioner (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Employer" or the "County"), and the United Steelworkers, AFL-CIO-CLC, on behalf of the members of Local Union #15157-10, Full-Time, Bay County Unit, as are covered hereunder (hereinafter referred to as the "Union" or the "Employees").

SECTION 2 - EFFECTIVE DATES

This agreement shall become effective on the 1st day of January, 2026, and shall continue in full force and effect through December 31, 2029. In the event that no new agreement is reached upon the expiration date of this agreement, it shall remain in full effect until thirty (30) days after either party has given written notice to terminate the agreement, but subject to the provisions of PA 54 (2011) and PA 152 (2011).

In accordance with the provisions of Public Employment Relations Act (Act 336 of 1947, §423.215 (7)), the parties recognize that such Act provides for an emergency manager appointed under the local financial stability and choice act, 2012 PA 436, MCL 141.1541 to 141.1575, to reject, modify, or terminate the collective bargaining agreement as provided in the local financial stability and choice act, 2012 PA 436, MCL 141.1541 to 141.1575 and that Provisions required by this subsection are prohibited subjects of bargaining under this act.

SECTION 3 - NEGOTIATIONS

A. The County and the Union shall each be limited to six (6) representatives for the purpose of collective bargaining. The Union International Representative will not be included in this limitation and shall attend or not attend at his discretion.

B. Members of the Union Bargaining Committee shall not lose any pay for attendance at negotiating sessions if scheduled during normal working hours. The pay shall be at the current hourly rate.

C. Negotiations shall take place at mutually agreeable times. Employees shall return to their work stations after negotiations have ended, provided there is time left in their normally scheduled work period. Employees shall report to work prior to negotiations in the event negotiations are to start subsequent to the start of their normal schedule. Employees must receive the approval of their supervisor if they wish to meet with a Union representative before or after negotiations, if it is during their normal hours of work. The parties pledge their support, to begin contract negotiations in the first half of the year in which the contract expires.

ARTICLE 2
RECOGNITION

SECTION 1 - RECOGNITION

The County recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for the purposes of establishing salaries, wages, hours, and other conditions of employment for those employees designated as within the bargaining unit.

SECTION 2 - BARGAINING UNIT

The bargaining unit shall be defined as all permanent, full-time County employees who are classified technical, office, or para-professional and are not otherwise excluded.

SECTION 3 - FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE

Any employee who is regularly scheduled to work thirty (30) or more hours per week shall be considered a full-time employee.

SECTION 4 - EXCLUSIONS

Any employee whose regular duties include contact with confidential information, as defined by M.E.R.C. or N.L.R.B. relating to the wages, hours, and working conditions of other employees shall not be considered as members of the bargaining unit.

SECTION 5 - PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEES

All employees shall be considered probationary employees until the employee has completed six (6) months of work. During the probationary period, the employee may be terminated without recourse to or without regard to this Agreement, and shall not be entitled to the benefits of the grievance procedure as it relates to discipline and/or discharge. The probationary employee can be terminated for any reason or for no reason. Upon completion of the probationary period, the employee's name shall be placed on the seniority list as of his/her last date of hire; provided, however, that if an employee is absent from work for any reason, his/her probationary period shall be extended by a period equal to the duration of such absence.

ARTICLE 3
UNION SECURITY

SECTION 1 - NON-INTERFERENCE

The Employer will not aid, promote or finance any labor group or organization which purports to engage in collective bargaining or make any agreement with any such group or organization for the purpose of undermining the Union.

SECTION 2 - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Union is not compulsory. Regular employees have the right to join, not join, maintain or drop their membership in the Union, as they see fit. Neither party shall exert any pressure on nor discriminate against any employee in regard to such matters.

SECTION 3 - EQUAL REPRESENTATION

Membership in the Union is separate, apart, and distinct from the assumption by one of his equal obligation to the extent that he receives equal benefits. The Union is required under this agreement to represent all of the employees in the bargaining unit fairly and equally without regard to whether or not an employee is a member of the Union. The terms of this agreement have been made for all employees in the bargaining unit and not only for members of the Union.

SECTION 4 - UNION DUES OR UNION REPRESENTATION FEES

The Employer agrees to deduct Union dues or Union representation fees from those employees who have chosen to become union members' to become effective the first payday of the month, following the employee's successful completion of thirty (30) days of employment or thirty (30) days from when the employee becomes a member of the union, whichever is later. The Union dues or representation fees shall be sent to the Union's designated officer.

The Employer also agrees to deduct from an employee's paycheck the initiation fee of the union, for those employees joining the Union, which is payable only once when a new hire completes thirty (30) days of employment.

SECTION 5 - DEDUCTIONS

The Employer agrees to deduct from the salary of each individual employee in the bargaining unit who becomes a Union member, the Union's dues and initiation fee, subject to all of the following conditions:

A. The Union shall obtain from each of its members a completed and signed authorization form which shall conform to the respective state and federal law(s) concerning that subject, or any interpretation(s) thereof.

B. All checkoff authorization forms shall be filed with the Personnel Office, who may return any incomplete or incorrectly completed form to the Union's designated financial officer, and no checkoff shall be made until such deficiency is corrected.

C. The Employer shall only checkoff obligations which come due at the time of checkoff, and will make checkoff deductions only if the employee has enough pay due to cover such obligation. The Employer is not responsible for refund to the employee if he/she has duplicated a checkoff deduction by direct payment to the Union.

D. The Employer's remittance shall be deemed correct if the Union does not give written notice to the Personnel Office within fifteen (15) calendar days after remittance is transmitted of its belief, with reason(s) stated therefor, that the remittance is incorrect.

E. The Union shall provide at least thirty (30) days' written notice to the Personnel Office of the amount of Union dues and/or representation fees and/or initiation fee to be deducted from the wages of employees in accordance with this Article. Any changes in the amounts determined will also be provided to the Personnel Office at least thirty (30) days prior to its implementation.

SECTION 6 - CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT

The Union shall notify an employee who has not paid his/her dues or representation fee by certified mail, with a copy to the Employer. If that employee does not pay the dues or representation fee within thirty (30) days after that notice is received, the Union shall notify the Employer by certified mail of this omission.

SECTION 7 - HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION

The Union agrees to defend, indemnify and save the Employer harmless against any and all claims, suits, or other forms of liability arising out of its deduction from an employee's pay of Union dues, representation fees and/or initiation fee, or in reliance upon any list, notice, certification or authorization furnished under this Article or the termination of an employee as provided hereunder. The Union assumes full responsibility for the disposition of the deductions so made once they have been sent to the Union.

SECTION 8 - STEWARDS AND ALTERNATE STEWARDS

Five (5) stewards and five (5) alternate stewards shall be selected under rules established by the Union. The Union shall provide in writing to the Employer a current list of stewards and alternate stewards.

SECTION 9 - GRIEVANCE PROCESSING

A. A steward, during working hours, without loss of time or pay may, in accordance with the terms of this Section, investigate and present grievances to the Employer, upon having advised his/her department head of same. The department head will grant permission and provide sufficient time to the steward to leave his/her work for these purposes as long as the work force can be properly maintained.

B. The privilege of stewards leaving their work during working hours without loss of time or pay is subject to the understanding that the time will be devoted to the proper handling of grievances and will not be abused. Stewards will perform their regularly assigned work at all times, except when necessary to leave their work to handle grievances as provided herein as long as the work force can be properly maintained.

SECTION 10 - UNION BUSINESS

Aside from meetings with the County as outlined in Article 1, Section 3(C); Article 3, Section 9; and Article 7, Section 11, no employee may conduct Union business while being paid by the County except as authorized by the Personnel Director or his designee.

The Union Representative shall have a collective maximum of 60 minutes of paid time per month to speak with new employees at the option of the new employee and at a mutually agreeable time as approved by the supervisor.

ARTICLE 4 **MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

SECTION 1 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Except as expressly abridged by any provision of this agreement, the County reserves and retains all of its normal and inherent rights with respect to management of its affairs in all respects in accordance with its responsibilities, whether exercised or not, including, but not limited to its rights to determine and from time to time to redetermine the number, location and type of work forces, facilities, operations, and the methods processed and equipment to be employed; the scope of services to be performed, the method of service and the schedule of work time; to contract and subcontract existing and future work not to adversely affect the personnel work force, to discontinue conduct of its mission or operations in whole or in part; to determine whether and to what extent the work required in its operations shall be performed by employees covered by this agreement; to transfer its work from or to, either in whole or in part, to any number, types and grades of positions or employees assigned to any organization or unit, department or project; to establish and change work schedules, assignments and facility locations, to hire, transfer, promote and demote employees; to layoff, terminate, or otherwise relieve employees from duty; to suspend, discharge, or discipline non-probationary employees for cause, to use supervisors or other County employees to perform work of the kind performed by employees of the unit provided employees of the unit are not adversely affected except as per past practice; to alter, discontinue or vary past practices and otherwise to take such measures as management may determine to be necessary for the orderly, efficient and economical operation of the County.

SECTION 2 - SUSPENSION OF AGREEMENT

If, in the sole discretion of the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, or in his absence, the Official so designated by law to act in his absence, it is determined that civil emergency conditions exist including, but not limited to riots, civil disorders, hurricane conditions, or similar catastrophes, the provisions of this Agreement may be suspended during the time of the declared emergency, provided that wage rates and monetary fringe benefits shall not be suspended.

ARTICLE 5
PROHIBITIONS AGAINST STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

SECTION 1 - PROHIBITIONS

The Union agrees that there shall be no strikes, sit downs, slow downs, willful absence from assigned work station, the stoppage of work, the interruption or interference with operations of full, faithful, and proper performance of the duties of employment. The County agrees that no lockout against any or all of the employees shall take place during the life of this agreement.

SECTION 2 - DISCIPLINE

Any employee who participates in a strike shall be subject to disciplinary action which includes possible discharge.

ARTICLE 6
NON-DISCRIMINATION

SECTION 1 - NON-DISCRIMINATION

A. The parties hereby agree not to discriminate against employees because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, handicap, religious or political affiliations, as required by law.

B. The parties hereby agree that no officers, agents, representatives, members, or anyone connected with either party shall in any manner intimidate, coerce, restrain, or interfere with the rights of employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from any of these activities, specifically including the right of employees to withdraw, revoke, or cancel union membership.

ARTICLE 7
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

SECTION 1 - STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

A. The parties intend that the grievance procedure shall serve as a means for the peaceful settlement of disputes as they arise concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement, without any interruption or disturbance of the normal operation of the County.

B. The parties seek to secure, at the earliest level possible, equitable solutions to complaints or grievances of members of this bargaining unit. Both parties agree that proceedings under this article shall be kept as informal and confidential as may be appropriate. To that end, the parties agree that prior to writing a grievance, the employee shall discuss the matter with his or her supervisor. Thereafter, if no resolution is reached, and if the matter concerned is a subject of the collective bargaining agreement, the union representative will be notified that the employee desires union representation. When a grievance is filed, the union

and the employer recognize that the Union is the exclusive bargaining representative of the employee or employees who have requested the grievance and the employee (s) is (are) barred from further negotiation with the employer concerning the subject matter of the grievance.

SECTION 2 - DEFINITION OF GRIEVANCE

A. A grievance under this Agreement is a written dispute, claim, or complaint arising under and during the term of this Agreement and filed by either an authorized representative of, or an employee in, the bargaining unit. Any grievance filed shall refer to the provision or provisions of the Agreement alleged to have been violated, shall set forth the facts pertaining to the alleged violations, and shall state the settlement or correction requested.

B. Grievances are limited to matters of interpretation or application of express provisions of this Agreement. The parties recognize that an orderly grievance procedure is necessary and agree that each step must be adhered to as set forth herein.

SECTION 3 - PROCEDURE

A. Step 1. Written Complaint: The employee shall, within ten (10) working days after the occurrence of the circumstance giving rise to the grievance or the time of the employee's first knowledge thereof, or the time the employee should have known thereof, reduce the matter to written form stating all facts in detail, sign it and provide the other information required in Section 2(A) above, and submit same to the supervisor above the employee's immediate supervisor. The supervisor shall within five (5) working days return his/her answer in writing.

B. Step 2. Department Head, Division Head, Elected Official: Failing to resolve the grievance in the first step, the Union representative may, within five (5) working days of receipt of the supervisor's disposition, present the grievance to the Department Head, Division Head or Elected Official, unless that person is the supervisor in Step 1, in which case the grievance shall proceed to Step 3, as is appropriate, who shall within five (5) working days of receipt of the grievance return his/her answer in writing.

C. Step 3. County Executive: Failing to resolve the grievance in the second step, the Union may, within five (5) working days of receipt of the Department Head, Division Head, or Elected Official's disposition, present the grievance to the County Executive or his designated representative who shall within five (5) working days of receipt of the grievance return his answer in writing.

D. Step 4. Mediation: Failing to resolve the grievance in the third step, the Union may submit the matter to the Michigan Employment Relations Commission for mediation within five (5) working days of the receipt of the answer in Step 3.

E. Step 5. Arbitration: If either party is unsatisfied with the results from the previous step, within five (5) working days of the meeting with the Mediator, either party may submit the grievance for arbitration to the American Arbitration Association. The arbitrator shall be

selected in accordance with the then applicable rules of the American Arbitration Association. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon all parties.

SECTION 4 - SETTLEMENT

Any and all grievances resolved at any step of the grievance procedure as contained in this Agreement shall be final and binding on the County, the Union, and any and all employees involved in the particular grievance.

SECTION 5 - PROCESSING

Grievances shall be processed from one step to the next within the time limit prescribed in each of the steps. Any grievance not carried to the next step by the Union within the prescribed time limits or such extension which may be agreed to in writing by the parties shall be automatically considered to be settled based upon the Employer's last answer. Any grievance not answered by the Employer within the prescribed time limits or such extension which may be agreed to in writing shall be advanced to the next step.

SECTION 6 - BACK PAY

The Employer shall not be required to pay back wages for periods prior to the time a written grievance is filed; provided, that in the case of a pay shortage, of which the employee had not been aware before receiving his pay, any adjustment made shall be retroactive for thirty (30) days providing the employee files his grievance within the prescribed times from the date of receipt of such pay.

SECTION 7 - ENTERING OR ADVANCING OUT OF ORDER

Grievances may, with the consent of the parties, be commenced at any stage of the grievance procedure or may, with the consent of the parties, be advanced and processed out of order. Time limits may be waived upon written agreement of the parties.

SECTION 8 - CLAIMS FOR BACK WAGES

All claims for back wages shall be limited to the amount of wages that the employee otherwise would have earned less any unemployment compensation or compensation from normal services that he may or could have received from any source during the period on which the back pay was provided. Any back pay awarded pursuant to a grievance settlement shall be paid in the next pay period following the settlement.

SECTION 9 - LIMITATIONS OF THE ARBITRATOR

A. The power and authority of the arbitrator shall be strictly limited to the interpretation of the explicit terms of this Agreement as herein expressly set forth. He shall not have the authority to add to, subtract from, or modify any of said terms or to limit or impair any right that is reserved to the County or Union or employees or to establish or change any wage or rate of pay that has been agreed in this Agreement.

B. The decision of any arbitrator or of the County in one case shall not create a basis for retroactive adjustment in any other case.

SECTION 10 - ARBITRATION COSTS

Arbitration costs shall be shared by both parties evenly. These will be limited to actual costs of the Arbitrator and necessary room or other accommodations only and any costs incurred by the parties in presenting their cases shall be borne by the party incurring such costs. Each party shall make arrangements for and pay the witnesses which they call.

SECTION 11 - UNION REPRESENTATION

Union involvement in the processing of grievances shall be as follows:

- Step 1. Written complaint: Employee and Steward.
- Step 2. Department Head, Division Head, Elected Official: Employee and Steward.
- Step 3. County Executive: Grievance Committee, Steward, and/or Staff Representative.
- Step 4. Mediation: Grievance Committee, Steward, and/or Staff Representative.
- Step 5. Arbitration: Grievance Committee, Steward, and/or Staff Representative.

ARTICLE 8 **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

SECTION 1 - JUST CAUSE

Non-probationary employees will be disciplined only for just cause and any disciplinary action taken by the County may go into immediate effect. Employees will be offered the opportunity to be interviewed prior to discipline being assessed, where circumstances permit.

SECTION 2 - TYPES OF DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

It is recognized by both the County and the Union that all matters regarding disciplinary action must take into account the seriousness of the offense, the number of previous offenses, the employee's past record of performance, and the circumstances under which the offense was committed. Disciplinary action shall be defined as follows:

A. **Oral Reprimand**

This form of disciplinary action may be used to correct and/or warn an employee of errors, poor work performance or violation of a minor nature. Such warnings will be

given privately with only those persons involved present. (The employee and employer shall have the option to have a representative present.)

B. **Written Reprimand**

1. This is an action taken by a supervisor in which he writes out the action or behavior which he wishes the employee to change, cease, or begin. The written reprimand will describe in detail the behavior to be corrected and will give direct and concrete orders for the future and will point out the consequences of repeating the actions which brought about the written reprimand.

2. The written reprimand must be presented to the employee. The employee and employer shall have the option to have a representative present.

C. **Withholding a Salary Increase After the Prerequisite Length of Service in the Classification Has Been Completed**

1. Increases in salary are given after the passage of a certain amount of time in the employee's classification and on the recommendation of the employee's supervisor. (See the County Salary Schedule for the time intervals between increases for the various classifications.)

2. Increase forms are prepared by the Personnel Department and sent to the supervisor prior to the effective date.

3. A copy of the disapproved increase form, with the supervisor's comments must be presented to the employee.

D. **Suspension Without Pay**

This is an action taken by a supervisor removing an employee from employment in his department and from the County payroll.

1. This action does not require the employee's consent to place him on such a leave without pay.

2. The employee does not accrue salary, annual leave credit or sick leave credit during the time he is suspended.

3. At the end of the suspension, the employee shall be returned to the payroll at the same department, classification, and salary as when he was suspended.

4. Suspension without pay must be written and must be presented to the employee. The employee and employer shall have the option to have a representative present.

5. Any grievance regarding a suspension must be filed within five (5) working days and will go directly to Step 3.

E. **Demotion**

This is an action taken by a supervisor which reduces an employee's classification to a classification with a lower maximum salary.

1. The employee's salary must be reduced to fall within the range of the new classification but to no lower step designation than the one held in the higher classification.
2. The employee's duties and responsibilities must be reduced to those of the lower classification.
3. The reasons for the demotion must be given.
4. Demotions must be in writing and must be presented to the employee.

F. **Dismissal**

This is an action taken by a supervisor which permanently removes an employee from employment in his department and from the County payroll.

1. Dismissed employees need not be kept in employment or be paid for any time after the completion of their normal working day on the day they are dismissed.
2. Dismissed employees who are not reinstated through the grievance procedure shall not receive payment for unused sick leave accumulations.

SECTION 3 - DISCIPLINARY RECORDS

Records of all disciplinary actions shall be maintained as follows:

All disciplinary actions, other than oral reprimands, shall be issued in writing by the supervisor with copies going to the employee, Union, and the Executive office.

SECTION 4 - REVIEW

After a period of two (2) years from date of filing, such records shall not be used for subsequent disciplinary actions unless they are related to new infractions. For suspensions only, after a period of three (3) years from date of filing, such records shall not be used for subsequent disciplinary actions unless they are related to new infractions.

ARTICLE 9
SENIORITY

SECTION 1 - DEFINITION

Seniority means a permanent employee's length of continuous service with the County within the bargaining unit since his or her last date of hire. An employee who has not completed six (6) months of continuous employment shall not be considered to have seniority and shall not be considered a permanent employee.

SECTION 2 - SENIORITY LISTS

The seniority lists on the date of this Agreement will show the names and job titles of all employees in the unit entitled to seniority. Such lists shall show county-wide seniority. The Employer shall keep the seniority list up-to-date and present such lists to the Union twice per year upon request or in the event of a layoff of a bargaining unit employee.

SECTION 3 - LOSS OF SENIORITY

An employee shall lose all seniority credit and his/her employment for any of the following reasons:

- A. Voluntary or involuntary termination.
- B. Failure to report to work after an expired leave of absence of any kind, or recall from layoff, on the specified date for return (including sick leave), unless the failure to return was due to circumstances beyond the control of the employee. The Employer may require verification of the circumstances.
- C. Layoff, for three (3) years or for a continuous period equal to the seniority acquired at the time of such layoff, whichever is less.
- D. He/she is absent for three (3) consecutive working days without notifying his/her Supervisor. In proper cases, exceptions may be made by their Supervisor.
- E. He/she is convicted or pleads guilty or no contest to a felony, or non-traffic misdemeanor which misdemeanor results in sentenced jail time. (Nothing herein shall preclude the Employer from taking appropriate disciplinary action for any criminal offenses.)
- F. He/she intentionally falsifies his/her employment record or employment application.

SECTION 4 - SAME DATE OF HIRE

Employees hired on the same date into the bargaining unit shall have the seniority between themselves determined by adding their social security numbers with the higher number having more seniority. Zero shall be counted as zero.

SECTION 5 - NEW DEPARTMENTS

In the event the County assumes a new department with employees who fit within the scope of the Union's bargaining unit, such employees shall have the date their department was assumed by the County as their seniority date and their relative positions on the seniority list shall be determined by their date of hire with the assumed department.

SECTION 6 - TRANSFERS OUTSIDE BARGAINING UNIT

An employee who accepts a position with the County as an employee not included in this bargaining unit shall maintain all accumulated seniority to date of transfer. Upon applying to return to the bargaining unit, said employee shall comply with the posting requirements for the vacant position including having the presently required qualifications, education and skills.

A returning employee shall accrue benefits at a level consistent with his or her bargaining unit seniority. To be eligible for the above, there must be a vacancy. The above-stated rights shall only last for four (4) years from the date the person leaves the bargaining unit. Notwithstanding the above, an employee who is discharged shall not be entitled to return to the bargaining unit.

ARTICLE 10 **LAYOFF AND RECALL**

SECTION 1 - NOTICE OF LAYOFFS

The County shall give written notice to the permanent employee and the Union of any proposed layoff. Such notice shall be submitted at least ten (10) working days before the effective date thereof.

SECTION 2 - ORDER OF LAYOFFS

Any layoff of employees shall be made by inverse order of seniority within the affected department and classification, except when normal operations of the various departments would be jeopardized. In the event of a layoff, the Employer shall discuss these exceptions with the Bargaining Committee.

SECTION 3 - BUMPING RIGHTS

Employees laid off or displaced under this Article will be allowed to bump the person with the least seniority in that wage classification for which they have the qualifications as determined by reasonable testing procedures, including temporary positions within divisions covered by this Agreement. Where practicable, employees will be tested and/or interviewed to determine whether they are qualified prior to the move. If there is no position available in the wage classification that the displaced employee can perform, the employee may then bump the person with the least seniority in the next lower wage classification for which they have the qualifications, as described above.

SECTION 4 - BUMPING PROCEDURE

Employees electing to bump may only bump to equal or lower graded classifications and shall be placed at the same step level of the new grade as held in the higher grade. An employee's increment date shall not change as a result of bumping.

SECTION 5 - PREFERENTIAL SENIORITY

Union officers (i.e. President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Recording Secretary) and the three elected members of the Union Bargaining Committee shall exercise the highest seniority in the bargaining unit for the purpose of layoffs. This preferential seniority can be used, together with the provisions of this section, to hold a job in the bargaining unit as long as there is work which they are qualified to perform.

SECTION 6 - RECALL FROM LAYOFF

Permanent employees to be recalled from layoff shall be recalled to the job from which they were originally reduced or to the job into which they bumped, seniority permitting.

SECTION 7 - NOTICE OF RECALL

Five (5) working days' notice of recall shall be sent by certified or registered mail, or hand delivered, to the laid off employee's last known address. If the employee fails to report to work within five (5) days after receiving notice of recall, he or she shall lose all seniority and recall rights. If an employee cannot return to work within the five (5) days because of medical reasons verified by a physician who may be selected by the Employer, he or she shall not be recalled to that position, but shall have the right to be recalled to another position under the terms provided herein in the event of a future recall notice. It is the employee's responsibility to notify the County of his or her current address.

ARTICLE 11 **VACANCIES**

SECTION 1 - POSTING

When a job vacancy is being filled in any department the Employer will post a notice on the bulletin boards giving all employees an opportunity to make application for the job by filling out the appropriate application forms. All employees who are on sick leave, vacation, or other leave at the time of posting shall be eligible to apply.

SECTION 2 - NOTICE

Notice of a job vacancy shall be posted for a period of seven (7) working days. The notice will show the classification and rate of the position. At the employer's discretion, the seven (7) working day posting requirement may be waived if the position has been posted within the last 60 days

SECTION 3 - ASSIGNMENT OF JOB

All posted vacancies shall be assigned to the senior qualified bidder who has the present qualifications, education and skills for the position as determined by objective criteria provided by the Human Resources Director. The Employer may hire from the outside in the event that no qualified bidder is available from the bargaining unit. The successful applicant will then be notified of the date his or her new assignment shall commence. The results of the job posting shall be communicated in writing to the Unit President.

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE and SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. Prior to assigning a position, the Employer reserves the right to conduct a drug test and criminal history investigation for applicants who apply for vacancies in the Prosecutor's office and/or Sheriff's Department. The results of a drug test and criminal history investigation are each to be considered as part of the objective criteria used in making an appointment to a vacancy. Applicants currently assigned to the Prosecutor's office who apply for another position within the Prosecutor's office shall not be given a drug test or have a criminal history investigation conducted. Applicants currently assigned to the Sheriff's Department who apply for another position within the Sheriff's Department shall not be given a drug test or have a criminal history investigation conducted.

SECTION 4 - TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENTS

During the bidding period the Personnel Director may make a temporary assignment to fill the posted vacancy.

SECTION 5 - TRIAL PERIOD

An employee bidding into a change of a job shall be given thirty (30) calendar days to satisfactorily perform the job. If such employee fails to satisfactorily perform the job, as reasonably determined by the Employer, he or she shall be returned to the previous position, unless his or her trial period is extended up to an additional thirty (30) calendar days by mutual agreement of the Employer, the Union, and the employee. If returned to the previous position, all appointments made as a result of the original job assignment shall be reversed.

SECTION 6 - VACANCIES CREATED BY LEAVES

See Article 15, Section 8 (F).

SECTION 7 - RETURN FROM LEAVES

See Article 15, Section 8 (G).

SECTION 8 - LATERAL TRANSFERS

In the event that an employee successfully bids for a position at the same salary grade ("lateral transfer") during the term of the Labor Agreement, he or she shall receive credit for all previous time spent at that salary grade with respect to future in-grade increases.

In the even that an employee successfully bids for a position at a less than lateral transfer (i.e. TU07 transfer to TU06 position), the employee will start at the entry rate but will progress through the wage steps in 30 days, 60 days and 90 days.

SECTION 9 - TRANSFERS FROM PART-TIME USW TO FULL-TIME USW

Candidates for full-time positions are evaluated on a number of criteria, such as education, prior work experience, resumes, interviews, tests and other objective criteria, such as duties performed and references from prior employers. Prior work experience as a part-time Steelworker will be assessed in the same manner in which other applicants are judged by their prior work experience.

SECTION 10 – TRANSFER TO HIGHER CLASSIFICATION

Job awards in a higher classification from within the unit - Employees who are awarded a position at a higher pay level will begin at the step which allows them a pay increase.

ARTICLE 12 **BULLETIN BOARDS**

SECTION 1 - LOCATION AND USE

The County will furnish and maintain reasonable Union bulletin board space agreeable to the parties at locations where employees covered by this agreement are employed. This includes an exclusive bulletin board at the Juvenile Home, Animal Control Department and Community Center. The boards shall be used for the following subjects:

- A. Union recreational, social, and related news bulletins;
- B. Scheduled Union meetings;
- C. Information covering Union elections or the results thereof;
- D. Reports of official business of the Union, including reports of committees, Local officers, or the International;
- E. Any other material which has been approved by the County Executive and Local Union President.

SECTION 2 - CONTENT

Postings shall not contain any political or libelous statements, materials or anything reflecting discredit upon the County or any of its officials or employees.

ARTICLE 13 **HOURS OF WORK**

SECTION 1 - WORK SCHEDULES

- A. All employees will have a designated work schedule/shift with an established starting and quitting time.
- B. The regular hours of work each day shall be consecutive except for interruption for lunch periods.
- C. The normal workday for most employees shall consist of eight (8) consecutive hours except for interruptions for lunch periods. The employee may have the option to work (4) four ten (10)-hour days where feasible, not to interrupt hours of operation and upon permission of the Department Head and not to exceed 40 hours per week. Should the employee be offered and elect a (4) four ten (10)-hour day schedule, no overtime will be paid over 8 hours during that period. The workday shall be divided into three equal shifts for those employees engaged in continuous operations.
- D. The normal work week for most employees shall consist of five (5) consecutive days with two (2) days of rest. An exception will be made for those employees engaged in continuous operations.

SECTION 2 - CHANGING WORK SCHEDULES/SHIFTS

- A. Schedules/shifts may be changed for a temporary period not to exceed ninety (90) days when five (5) days advance notice is given to the employees and the Union.
- B. Work schedules/shifts may be changed without advance notice in the case of emergency or necessity.
- C. Scheduled days of rest may be altered by mutual consent between the employee and the Employer, except where overtime would result as a result of the change.
- D. Any new permanent work schedule/shift not now in effect shall be discussed with the Union.
- E. In the case of the Recreation Department and Animal Control Department, it is necessary to alter shift schedules with the seasons of the year. These will be made well in advance and assignments will be made on the basis of needed skills and seniority.
- F. Upon mutual agreement between the employee affected and the County, an employee's schedule may be flexed within the week. No overtime will result from flexed work hours. Individual department heads and elected officials may grant flex time on an individual basis to employees when effectiveness of operations and quality of service is not affected.

SECTION 3 - LUNCH PERIODS AND REST PERIODS

Each employee shall be allowed a one hour unpaid lunch period and two (2) fifteen minute rest periods daily. Lunch periods and rest periods shall be staggered so as not to curtail services to

the public. Rest periods shall be considered as working time and may not be added to the lunch period or accumulated in any manner.

SECTION 4 - NO MINIMUM HOURS

Nothing herein shall be construed as guaranteeing employees forty (40) hours of work per week or eight (8) hours of work per day.

ARTICLE 14 **PAY PROVISIONS**

SECTION 1 - WAGES

The wages for all employees are listed in the County's Wage and Salary Program, according to the attached wage schedules, and are in effect for the duration of this agreement. 6% added to base salary the first year of this contract and 5% (five percent) added to base salary in each of the remaining three years of the contract. The first year wage increase implemented the first full pay period after ratification by both parties and will include new/updated hourly stipends (electrician, mechanical contractor, builder's license, mechanic, CDL, SCM). A one-time .50% lump sum payment of the members 2025 gross wages will be processed in 2026.

SECTION 2 - STIPENDS

License and Certification Stipends

a) Employees who are assigned to positions that require the following licenses or certifications, as determined by the Employer, shall receive the corresponding hourly stipend:

- **Electrician/Mechanical Contractor License:** \$4.00 per hour
- **Builder's License, Mechanic Certification, or Commercial Driver's License (CDL):** \$2.00 per hour

b) Stipends shall be based solely on the licenses or certifications required for the employee's current position. Possession of additional licenses or certifications not required for the position shall not qualify the employee for additional stipend compensation.

c) **No Pyramiding:** Employees shall not receive multiple stipends for overlapping or redundant licenses or certifications. Only the highest applicable stipend shall be paid.

d) **Juvenile Home Safe Crisis Manager Training Incentive:** Employees who perform duties requiring Safe Crisis Manager training at the Juvenile Home shall receive an additional stipend of \$2.00 per hour for each hour spent performing such duties.

SECTION 3- CLASSIFICATION

When a new permanent technical, office and para-professional position is established, the Personnel Director shall designate a job classification and provide a job description. The Union shall be notified in writing of such new classifications and pay rates. If no written objection to the rate thus set is registered with the Employer within ten (10) work days after the rate has been set, such rate shall become permanent. If the Union disagrees with the rate, it shall serve a written notice upon the Employer within such ten (10) work days of its desire to negotiate with respect to such rate. Such negotiations shall be initiated within fifteen (15) work days after receipt by the Employer of such written notice. In the event the parties cannot reach an agreement, the Employer may implement its last best offer as permitted by law.

SECTION 4 - RECLASSIFICATION

When an employee believes that his or her classification is deserving of consideration, the Union may present their request. The Personnel Director and the Union agree to discuss such reclassification requests applying the methods set forth in the County's Wage and Salary Program. In order to receive consideration, such requests must be received by the County prior to May 1 of each year and any adjustments will become effective as of January 1 of the following year. The Employer may also present reclassification changes at this time. The current pay scale will continue to be used, to determine the appropriate pay step in which to place an employee whose position was reclassified. When reclassified, the position will go to the step in the new classification which awards them an increase.

Nothing in this SAF, Section 3 is subject to the grievance procedure.

SECTION 5 - OVERTIME

A. Permanent employees shall be compensated at time and one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) the employee's regular hourly rate of pay for work under any of the following conditions:

1. All work performed in excess of eight (8) hours in any work day.
2. All work performed in excess of forty (40) hours in any work week.
3. When the employee's work schedule is changed for the convenience of the County with less than 24 hours' notice. In this case, overtime will be paid for those hours worked outside of the employee's regular schedule and if the shift change is for more than one consecutive shift, overtime shall be paid only for the first such shift worked.

B. By mutual consent of the parties, compensatory time at the rate of one and one-half (1½) times may be taken in lieu of receiving overtime pay. Compensatory time will be taken at a time mutually agreed upon between the employee and his immediate supervisor in accordance with the provisions of The Fair Labor Standards Act. Compensatory time will be paid out annually. Employee will roll over a maximum of 40 hours of compensatory time with all amounts over 40 hours to be paid out annually at the current rate of pay. (i.e. paid out in the first quarter of 2022 based on the 12/31/2021 pay scale.)

C. Any employee called in to work other than during the scheduled work shift shall be paid a minimum of two (2) hours pay at his/her regular straight time rate or the applicable overtime rate for actual hours worked, whichever is greater. This does not include overtime worked as a continuation of a scheduled shift. An IT Employee serving in on-call status will receive one hour straight pay for days scheduled on call (ex: max 7 days per week). Additionally, they will receive time and one half for hours worked. If the IT employee is required to report to the office outside of normally scheduled hours, employee will be paid a minimum of two hours or time and one half for hours worked in the office for that call, whichever is greater. This does not include overtime worked as a continuation of a scheduled shift.

D. No overtime will be worked unless previously approved by the Supervisor or Department Head.

E. For the purposes of computing overtime, holidays, vacation days, funeral leave and paid sick leave shall be considered as days worked, provided these days fall within the employee's scheduled work week.

F. It is the intent of the County that overtime shall be equally distributed among qualified employees in each department insofar as practicable over the period of this contract. Failure to work overtime shall be considered as time worked for purposes of overtime records. It is mandatory that employees work reasonable amounts of overtime when requested by their supervisor. In case of emergency or necessity, mandatory overtime can be scheduled without advance notice.

G. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be interpreted as authorizing or permitting a duplication or a pyramiding of daily or weekly overtime payments involving the same hours of work.

SECTION 6 - SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL HOURS

A. All bargaining unit employees who work shifts designated as night shifts shall be given a night shift differential in addition to the regular hourly job rate for all hours worked within the designated shifts.

1. Second shift - Seven and one-half (7-½) or eight (8) hours commencing between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.
2. Third shift - Seven and one-half (7-½) or eight (8) hours commencing between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

B. Where a scheduled shift overlaps the above designations, differential shall be paid on the basis of the shift in which the greater time is worked.

C. The shift differentials shall be forty cents (\$0.40) per hour on the second shift and fifty cents (\$0.50) per hour worked on the third shift.

D. In the event a night shift is worked as an overtime assignment, no differential shall be paid.

SECTION 7 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

For employees working the second and third shifts in continuous operation assignments, it will be understood that when the time is changed from Eastern Standard Time to Daylight Savings Time and back, one shift shall work nine (9) hours and one shift shall work seven (7) hours. It is agreed that each shift shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of The Fair Labor Standards Act.

SECTION 8 - OUT OF CLASSIFICATION PAY

When an employee has been notified by his or her immediate supervisor to fill a vacancy in a higher level job for the period of eight (8) or more hours within a seven (7) calendar day period, he or she shall be compensated for such hours worked at the rate of the step he/she is at for that job. This agreement is subject to the following conditions:

A. In the opinion of the immediate supervisor, the employee is fully qualified to perform the duties of that position.

B. A vacancy shall mean the replacing of a regular employee who is off work for illness, vacation or other compelling reason.

C. If, in the opinion of the employer, it is not necessary to fill such vacancy, it need not be filled. In this case, no remaining employee shall be required to perform work above his/her classification in order to compensate for the absent employee.

SECTION 9 - HOLIDAY PAY

Should a holiday fall during the time an employee is off on paid sick leave, he/she shall be granted holiday pay in lieu of sick paid sick leave for such holiday if all other requirements are met. The above holiday pay does not apply to an employee on sick and accident insurance compensation.

SECTION 10- EMERGENCY CONDITIONS

The County's Service Interruption Policy, which may be changed from time to time, is made a part of this Agreement by reference.

ARTICLE 15 **LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

SECTION 1 - PERSONAL LEAVE

A. The Employer may grant an unpaid leave of absence not to exceed one (1) year for good cause. Such good cause might include:

1. Serious illness of the employee or a member of his/her immediate family.
2. Education leave when such additional education would serve to the advantage of the County.
3. A legal matter in which the employee is directly involved.

B. All such leaves must be approved by the Personnel Director.

C. In the case of unpaid leave of absence for serious illness, upon written confirmation of a serious illness by the attending physician and/or County Physician, hospitalization insurance payments shall be continued for a period of one (1) year (or longer if approved by the Personnel Director and Personnel Committee) for the employee and medically eligible dependents providing all insurance requirements are met.

SECTION 2 - MATERNITY LEAVE

Maternity leave shall be treated the same as leaves for any temporary disability.

SECTION 3 - UNION LEAVE

A. Members of the Local Union elected to or selected for International Union positions which take them from their employment with the Employer shall, at the written request of the International Union, be granted leaves of absence without pay and without fringe benefits for a period not to exceed one (1) year and said leave may be renewable for one (1) additional year, each leave request requires forty-five (45) calendar days' prior written notice to the Employer.

B. A total of no more than 40 work days per calendar year maximum shall be allowed as unpaid leave for employees selected by the Local Union who are called upon to perform bona fide services on behalf of the Union, subject to thirty (30) days prior notice to the Employer for request of such leave consistent with the efficient operation. However, not more than ten (10) days per calendar year shall be allowed for any one (1) employee. Subject to management approval.

C. The Union may request a leave of less than one day by notifying the employee's supervisor in writing at least two work days in advance. The leave shall be granted, unless it creates an undue hardship. The employee shall be paid for the time off by the County and the County shall bill the union for that time.

SECTION 4 - POLITICAL LEAVES

Political leaves of absence shall be granted when an employee assumes a full-time elective political office. Such leave shall be granted for one (1) term of office or four (4) years, whichever is greater, and shall be governed by the same rules and procedures that apply to leaves granted under Article 9, Section 6 (Transfers Outside Bargaining Unit) of this Agreement.

SECTION 5 - MILITARY LEAVE

A. The Employer shall comply with all mandatory Federal and State laws dealing with the reemployment rights of Veterans.

B. A full-time employee with reserve status in the Armed Forces of the United States or membership in the Michigan National Guard who is called to participate in training sessions shall be permitted leave for this purpose. He/she shall furnish to the Employer, in writing, a statement of the total amount of Government base paid wage received for this service during this period. If such Government wage does not equal the employee's usual salary, he/she shall be paid the difference by the Employer for a period not to exceed ten (10) working days in any one (1) calendar year. The employee shall notify the Employer as soon as possible when called upon to report for training.

SECTION 6 - FUNERAL LEAVE

A. When death occurs in an employee's immediate family, i.e. spouse, including same-sex spouse, parent, grandparent, parent or grandparent of a current spouse, child, step-child, current stepparent, brother or sister, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchild, step-grandchild or a permanent member of the employee's family, the employee, on request, will be excused for twenty-four (24) hours within 30 calendar days from the date of death, to attend to matters pertaining to the death. The employee must give prior notice to his or her manager of the days to be taken.

B. An employee excused from work under this Section shall, after making written application, receive the amount of wages, exclusive of shift or any other premiums, that he/she would have earned by working during straight time hours on such scheduled days of work for which he/she was excused. Time thus paid will not be counted as hours worked for purposes of overtime.

C. In the event of a simultaneous tragedy affecting more than one of the covered relatives enumerated above, not more than twenty-four (24) hours shall be excused with pay, and all such paid days shall be subject to the terms and conditions heretofore stated in this section.

D. In the event of death of an employee's aunt, uncle, nephew, niece, or brother or sister of a current spouse; eight (8) hours paid leave will be allowed subject to the terms and conditions heretofore stated in this section. When death occurs of an employee's sister-in-law or brother-in-law, the employee, on request, will be excused for sixteen (16) hours within thirty (30) calendar days following the date of death, subject to the terms and conditions heretofore stated in this section.

E. Other benefits shall continue to accrue and be paid as provided in this agreement while an employee is on funeral leave.

F. Additional paid time may be granted for extenuating circumstances at the discretion of the Personnel Director. Total of all leave shall not exceed forty (40) hours.

SECTION 7 - JURY DUTY AND WITNESS LEAVE

A. During the time an employee is actually reporting to the Court for jury duty and following receipt of "Certificate of Jury Service," the department head or his/her designate will convert the employee's usual shift to a regular five-day, Monday through Friday day-shift basis.

B. For each day that an employee serves as a juror when he or she otherwise would have worked, the employee shall be compensated by the Employer. Any wage paid to the

employee by the court system shall be turned over to the County Treasurer with the exception of those funds allocated for mileage. An employee shall return to regularly scheduled employment with the Employer when temporarily excused from attendance at court, provided that there is at least one-half (½) hour remaining of scheduled work. Employees shall submit evidence of attendance at jury duty upon request.

C. Whenever any full-time permanent employee is required to be absent from work by a proper subpoena, issued by a court or commission legally empowered to subpoena witnesses, which compels his or her presence as a witness for a matter directly related to his or her employment on behalf of the Employer, or civic duty which is not a personal matter, he/she shall be allowed the time necessary to be absent from work at his/her regular pay to comply with such subpoena, provided he/she deposits any witness fees, except mileage, with the County Treasurer.

D. Other benefits shall continue to accrue and be paid as provided in this Agreement while an employee is on jury duty or witness leave.

SECTION 8 - PROCEDURE FOR LEAVES

A. An employee must submit a letter of application to the Personnel Director at least two (2) weeks prior to the start of any leave except funeral leave, for which advance notice is not required.

B. Employees must notify the Personnel Director in writing at least one week prior to any contemplated change in termination date. Any change in such termination date must be mutually agreed upon.

C. It will be the option of the employee to utilize any accumulated vacation days.

D. Fringe benefits will be retained but not accrued or paid during leave unless otherwise stated in this Agreement. At the employee's option, he or she may continue in the County's Medical Insurance Plan at his or her own expense during a leave.

E. During a leave of absence seniority will be maintained but shall accrue only during the following leaves: sick and accident, union, funeral, National Guard or Reserve, jury duty, and witness.

F. Vacancies created by leaves may be filled or left vacant at the discretion of the Personnel Director. If the position is filled, it shall be filled by a substitute employee, whenever

feasible. If it is not feasible to fill the position with a substitute employee, a permanent employee may be hired after discussing the matter with the Union Bargaining Committee.

G. An employee desiring to return from a leave may return directly to his or her job if the position was left vacant or if a substitute employee was used. If a permanent employee was used the returning employee cannot bump, but must take an available position for which he or she has the seniority and qualifications. If no such position is available immediately, the employee will be laid off without bumping rights. An available position shall include a vacant, posted position and substitute positions. However, if the employee returns as a substitute he or she shall be entitled to all benefits of this contract until displaced by the returning employee.

SECTION 9 - FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

The parties recognize that the Employer, the Union and employees have certain rights and obligations under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). The parties agree that no provisions of the Labor Agreement shall operate to waive any rights that each may have under the FMLA.

ARTICLE 16 **SICK LEAVE**

SECTION 1 - ACCRUAL

A. Sick leave for each permanent employee shall be one (1) eight hour day with pay for each month of service. For the purpose of this section, a month of service is completed when the employee has worked twenty-four (24) hours in any one month. For this section, worked hours include paid leave including sick, vacation, personal, funeral and holiday. Paid sick leave accumulation shall be limited to a maximum of ninety (90) days (See Letter of Understanding). Any employee who is on paid sick leave shall be entitled to all contractual benefits as if he/she were working.

SECTION 2 - ELIGIBLE USE

Eligible employees mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; medical diagnosis, care or treatment of the eligible employees mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; or preventative medical care for eligible employees.

Eligible employees family member mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; medical diagnosis, care or treatment of the eligible employees family member mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; or preventative medical care for family member of eligible employee.

If the eligible employee or eligible employees family member is a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault; the medical care of psychological or other counseling for physical or psychological injury or disability; to obtain services from a victim services organization; to relocate due to domestic violence or sexual assault; to obtain legal services; or to participate in civil or criminal proceedings related to or resulting from domestic abuse or sexual assault.

For closure of eligible employees primary workplace by order of a public official due to a public health emergency; for an eligible employees need to care for a child whose school or place of care has been closed by a public official due to a public health emergency or when it has been determined by the health authorities having jurisdiction or by a health care provider that the employee's or employee's family member's presence in the community would jeopardize the health of others because of the employee's or family member's exposure to a communicable disease regardless of whether the employee or family member has actually contracted the communicable disease.

For meetings at a child's school or place of care related to the child's health or disability, or the effects of domestic violence or sexual assault on the child.

DEFINITION OF FAMILY MEMBER:

A biological, adopted or foster child, step child or legal ward, or a child to whom the eligible employee stands in loco parentis.

A biological parent, step parent, foster parent, or adoptive parent or a legal guardian of an eligible employee or an eligible employees spouse or an individual who stood in loco parentis when the eligible employee was a minor child

An individual to whom the eligible employee is legally married under the laws of any state.

A grandparent

A grandchild

A biological, foster or adopted sibling

Any other individual related by blood

“Domestic partner” means an adult in a committed relationship with another adult, including both same-sex and different-sex relationships.

“Committed relationship” means one in which the employee and another individual share responsibility for a significant measure of each other’s common welfare, such as any relationship between individuals of the same or difference sex that is granted legal recognition by state, political subdivisions, or the District of Columbia as a marriage or analogous relationship, including, but not limited to, a civil union.

B. Effective January 1, 2023, sick leave may be taken in any unit from one-quarter (1/4) hour to the maximum available in one-quarter (1/4) hour increments.

C. If the use of sick leave is excessive or the Employer has reason to believe it is being abused, medical verification will be required. This may include a requirement for examinations by a doctor selected by the Employer. If this entails a cost not otherwise required, it shall be borne by the Employer only if it is determined that the use of sick leave was proper. Payment by the Employer will be made only if the examination is directed by the Employer. If the dispute still exists, at the request of the Employer or employee, the designated physician of the Employer and the employee’s doctor shall agree upon a third doctor to submit a report to the Employer and the employee, and the decision of the third party shall be binding on all the parties. On the basis of that examination, the Employer shall take appropriate action, subject to the employee’s rights as established in the collective bargaining agreement.

E. Any abuse of this Section shall be cause for disciplinary action.

SECTION 3 - PAY OR CONVERSION

A. Any employee who is eligible for retirement and retires from County service and is entered on the Retirement or Pension Roll of the County or any employee who leaves the County's employ having attained the age of sixty-two (62) years shall be paid for one-half (½) of his/her unused sick leave at the time of departure. The estate of an employee who dies while employed by the County shall, upon death of the employee, be paid for one-half (½) of his unused sick leave on record at the time of death.

B. Any employee who leaves the employ of the County having accumulated at least twelve (12) years of service, shall be paid one-half (½) of his or her accumulated sick leave at his/her prevailing hourly rate, not to exceed \$3,500.

C. In the instance of an employee who is elected or appointed to a deputy elected official position, payout of accumulated sick time shall be treated as if the employee separated from employment.

D. In the event an employee should accrue more than ninety (90) days of sick leave at the end of any calendar year, he/she shall be granted one-half (½) of this excess sick leave accumulation to his/her vacation time available in the following year. For purposes of this computation, one half day of vacation time will be added for each full day of excess sick leave accumulation, i.e. 10 days = 5 days' vacation; 13 days = 6.5 days' vacation.

ARTICLE 17 **HEALTH AND WELFARE**

SECTION 1 - MEDICAL AND HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE

A. MEDICAL/HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE

The COUNTY will provide the following options for medical/hospitalization coverage:
BCBS PPO with dental, vision and orthodontic riders.

BCBS HDHP with dental, vision and orthodontic riders.

The Employer will provide an option to "buy up" to the employees from the \$1000 annual dental spend to a \$1500 annual dental spend contingent upon 20% of eligible full-time employees enrolling and Bay County continues to provide a fully insured dental plan. Employee will pay the difference in plan cost should they elect to "buy up."

The employer may use or substitute other health insurance companies which provide comparable coverage for any or all of the health insurance component coverages (medical, prescriptions, dental, vision).

The employer will notify the union immediately of any change or proposed change in health insurance carriers or covered benefit levels.

B. PAYMENT IN LIEU OF HEALTHCARE COVERAGE

Any active unit member who is eligible, but chooses not to participate in the medical/hospitalization insurance package, who has health insurance coverage from another source and who signs a waiver from the Employer, shall be paid an annual amount of One Thousand Eight Hundred and No/100 (\$1,800) Dollars. The annual payment will be paid in equal amounts over twenty-six (26) pay dates in a calendar year. An employee who elects Payment in

Lieu of Health Insurance Coverage after January 1 of any year, shall be paid a pro- rata amount of the \$1,800 in the same manner as described in the previous sentence with the amount calculated based on the number of full months remaining in the calendar year after the date of the election (example: employee hired June 15, will be entitled to \$900 for that year effective July 1). An employee who subsequently loses medical/hospitalization coverage from another source shall have the right to obtain medical/hospitalization coverage from the Employer as provided in this Agreement at the earliest date possible after written notice to the Personnel Director and approval by same. Said employee shall be entitled to a pro-rata payment in lieu of health insurance to the date the employee becomes covered by the Employer's medical/hospitalization plan calculated in the same manner as described above for new hires.

When family members work for Bay County and both or all are eligible for health care, the other family member(s) shall be ineligible for the Payment In Lieu of Health Care. It is agreed between the parties that those who received this Payment in Lieu of Health Care in 2016 shall continue to be eligible to receive this benefit. If such employee at any time becomes ineligible to receive the payment in Lieu of Health Care coverage, they will lose this grandfathered status.

Any employee who elects Payment in Lieu of Health Insurance Coverage may elect at the same time to be enrolled in dental and/or vision coverage. The amount the employee will receive for Payment in Lieu of Health Insurance will be determined by deducting the cost of the dental and/or vision coverage from \$1,800 (example: On January 1 employee elects family dental coverage for which the annual cost is \$1,200, the employee will be paid \$600 cash in lieu of health coverage). For elections made after January 1 of any year, both the Payment in Lieu of Health Insurance and the cost of the dental and/or vision coverage shall be prorated.

C. METHOD OF COMPUTING EMPLOYEES' SHARE OF PREMIUMS

Effective January 1st of each year effective 1/1/2026, employees' contributions shall be fifteen percent (15%) of the illustrative rates for the PPO plan. Effective 1/1/2026, employee's contributions shall be 10% of the HDHP illustrative rates.

D. EMPLOYER HEALTH SPEND ACCOUNT (HSA) CONTRIBUTIONS

Health Spend Account (HSA)– Employer will fund \$500 single, \$1000 two-person and family contribution as follows:

2026 – For those that have 6 months of service, employer will contribute in January of 2026. Prorated amount once an employee reaches 6 months of service.

2027 – Employer will contribute prorated amount per pay period for those after the 6 months of service.

2028 – Employer will contribute prorated amount per pay period for those after 6 months of service.

2029– Employer will contribute prorated amount per pay period for those after 6 months of service.

No further contributions will be made after 2029 unless negotiated in future bargaining sessions.

E. RETIREES

Effective upon execution of this agreement by the parties in 2003, retirees who are not eligible for Medicare shall select only the Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO health plan without dental and vision; retirees who are eligible for Medicare shall select only the Medicare Supplemental plan; retirees' contributions toward the cost of health insurance shall be calculated using the same formula as that used for employees, as described in Section III above.

The County shall provide paid health care benefits for the retiree's current spouse (at time of employee's retirement) in an amount equal to 50% of the difference between the premium required to purchase employee/one dependent coverage and the premium for employee only coverage. Retirees can elect to cover eligible dependent children with the cost to cover eligible dependent children to be paid 100% by the retiree.

Health care benefits for an eligible spouse shall be paid for, under the terms provided in the preceding paragraph for as long as retirement benefits are being paid to the retiree or in the event of the retiree's death, the spouse remains eligible for health care benefits for as long as he/she receives a Bay County pension as a beneficiary.

Effective for employees hired on or after January 1, 2007, the employer paid portion of retiree and retiree spouse health insurance will be in accordance with the following schedule:

Years of Service	Employer Paid % of Retiree's Premium	Employer Paid % of Spousal Coverage
10	55%	0%
11	55%	0%
12	55%	0%
13	55%	0%
14	55%	0%
15	80%	0%
16	80%	0%

17	80%	0%
18	80%	0%
19	80%	0%
20	85%	15%
21	85%	15%
22	85%	15%
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35	85%	50%
36	85%	50%
37	85%	50%
38	85%	50%
39	85%	50%
40	85%	50%
*FOR EMPLOYEES HIRED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2007		

The obligation of the Employer to pay for health insurance for the retiree and/or retiree's spouse shall cease in the event that comparable health insurance is available to the retiree or his/her spouse through another Employer or other source. For example, if the retiree accepts other employment and health insurance is available from that Employer, then the County's obligation to the retiree and spouse shall cease, or in the event that the retiree is eligible for health insurance through his/her working spouse, the County shall not be obligated to provide health insurance benefits. All questions of eligibility shall be determined by the rules and regulations established by the carrier providing such coverage. However, if the retiree's health insurance through another Employer ceases or if covered by his/her spouse's health insurance and the benefits cease or are not comparable with the Bay County Health Insurance Plan the retiree and his/her spouse shall have the right to revert to the County of Bay Health Insurance Plan during any annual open enrollment period or by submitting a completed enrollment forms within thirty (30) days of the occurrence. In the event of the death of the retiree, the deceased retiree's spouse who was otherwise previously qualified shall have the right to revert to the County of Bay Health Insurance

Plan provided he/she continues to receive a Bay County pension as beneficiary of the deceased retiree.

To be eligible to receive Employer payments for benefits as set forth herein, the retiree and/or his/her spouse must coordinate with other available governmental health insurances such as, but not limited to, Medicaid and Medicare, which may be available in part or in total to the retired employee and/or his/her spouse. The retiree and/or the retiree's spouse receiving health benefits under this contract shall be required to apply for Medicaid, Medicare Parts A and B or similar Federal program benefits as soon as he/she is eligible. As of the date of eligibility, all benefits payable by the Employer shall be reduced by an amount equal to the Federal benefits or other benefits available and shall be supplemental to such coverage. In the event that the name of any of the coverages or benefits referred to are changed, the replacement programs shall apply to the above replacements.

Eligible Retirees will be provided health insurance if there is no break between their last day of work and their first day of retirement as a retiree receiving a monthly pension check. That is, those who separate from employment, and either defer retirement or who are not immediately eligible for pension benefits, will not be provided with health insurance at any time.

F. HEALTH CARE – EMPLOYEES HIRED AFTER JANUARY 1, 2012 ONLY

This Section supersedes any other provision of this collective bargaining agreement which is in conflict with it for employees hired after January 1, 2012. Similarly, those other provisions of the collective bargaining agreement which are not in conflict with this section continue for all employees.

Employees hired after January 1, 2012 will, if otherwise eligible, become covered for health care benefits on the first of the month following the month in which hired.

Such employees shall not be eligible for County-provided health care in retirement.

SECTION 2 - SICK AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE

A. The County will provide "Sickness and Accident" insurance or self-insurance for employees covered by this Agreement after an employee has served their initial probation period. Said insurance payments shall become operative on the thirty-first (31st) calendar day after occurrence of verified disability unless the employee first chooses to utilize available vacation or sick days, and will provide payment of eighty percent (80%) of the employee's regular base rate of pay to a maximum of \$550 weekly. An employee will be eligible for 26 weeks of Sick and Accident for the first five (5) years of employment and up to 30 weeks thereafter for any one disability under the conditions of the insurance policy or County self-insured conditions. Medical

verification shall be required as determined by the Employer. Effective after this contract is executed in 2007, employees shall have the option to augment "Sick and Accident" insurance by using their accumulated vacation, sick, or personal time to a maximum of eighty percent (80%) of their regular base rate of pay.

B. Payments shall be less any amounts available from other sources including any local, state or federal government.

C. If it is determined that an employee will not return to work and if eligible for pension under the County's Retirement System, such retirement shall not be deferred in order to collect on this benefit.

D. A recurrence of a previous illness which occurs within six (6) months of return to work shall be considered to be a continuation of that illness for computation of the sick and accident benefits.

E. The County shall furnish a copy of the policy to each employee. The County shall immediately notify the Union of any proposed change of insuring company and/or policy wording. This change shall then be subject to negotiation.

F. Time spent on sickness and accident shall not count toward earning sick, vacation, or personal days.

G. Available sick and vacation days may be used to receive payments during the thirty (30) day waiting period.

H. Benefits (except for health and life insurance) shall neither accrue nor be paid while an employee is on sick and accident coverage. Seniority shall be accrued while an employee is on sick and accident coverage effective January 1, 1988.

I. Effective January 1, 2023, The Sick and Accident benefit is capped at 52 weeks in a rolling three-year period.

SECTION 3 - UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Bay County is established as a Reimbursing Employer with the Michigan Employment Security Commission in conformity with State and Federal Rules and Regulations and as such, extends unemployment compensation coverage under the rules established by said commission.

SECTION 4 - WORKERS' COMPENSATION

A. Bay County is registered as a "Self-Insuring Employer" under State and Federal rules for payment of workers' compensation benefits and as such does provide this benefit to the employees.

B. The County contracts with a third party to handle such claims and agrees to notify the Union of any change in this arrangement.

C. Benefits provided under this contract will be retained but not accrued or paid during periods covered by workers' compensation. During coverage under workers' compensation seniority will be maintained and shall accrue. Coverage under the Medical and Hospitalization Insurance will also continue.

SECTION 5 - SOCIAL SECURITY

A. Bay County provides Social Security coverage for employees covered by this Agreement under the usual conditions.

B. The Employee contributes his/her share, as defined by the Federal Government through payroll deduction.

SECTION 6 - RETIREMENT

A. Bay County provides a retirement program to eligible employees according to terms contained in the Bay County Retirement System Ordinance established January 1, 1947, and as subsequently amended from time to time.

B. All of the terms and conditions of said Ordinance are hereby made a part of this contract as through written herein.

C. Effective July 1, 2000, for members of this unit, said Ordinance will provide for a benefit formula based on two and one quarter percent (2.25%) of the employees' average annual income based on his or her best five (5) years' earnings times the number of years of credited service.

Effective January 1, 2012, for members of this unit hired on or after January 1, 2012, said Ordinance will provide for a benefit formula based on 1.6% percent of the employees' average annual income based on his or her best five years earnings times the number of years and who have attained 62 years of age.

Effective January 1, 2026, the retirement multiplier will increase for current employees hired on or after 1/1/2012 from 1.6 to 2.25 for all years of service.

D. For members of this unit said ordinance provides for full retirement for members who have thirty (30) years of credited service and who have obtained fifty-five (55) years of age, except that, for those employees hired on or after January 1, 2012, they may retire after completing the 10-year vesting period and upon reach age 62. Retirement for those employees shall also be capped at 75% of the average of the employee's five best years, but is only achieved through years of service times the 2.25% multiplier.

E. Any employee hired after January 1, 1991, shall receive no "refund" of contributions made by the Employer on the employee's behalf to the Bay County Employees' Retirement System if that employee leaves the employ of the county for any reason prior to eight (8) years of employment; employees hired on or before January 1, 1991, shall be eligible for such refunds according to previous practice. After a layoff and upon re-entry to the County work force, that employee shall not lose prior earned credit.

For employees hired on or after January 1, 2007, the following shall apply:

1. The vesting period shall increase to ten (10) years.
2. The minimum number of required hours of work to be included in the retirement system shall increase from eight hundred (800) hours to one thousand (1,000) hours.

SECTION 7 - PHYSICALS

If, in the opinion of the County, a medical examination is required to assure the County that an employee is able to continue his/her present assignment, the Employer reserves the right to require an employee, at the Employer's expense if not covered by the employee's insurance, to take a medical examination. If the employee does not satisfactorily meet the medical requirements for his/her position, the Union will be so notified and he/she may be reassigned, required to take earned sick leave or required to take sick and accident, if eligible, or to take an unpaid leave of absence.

SECTION 8 - HEALTH BENEFITS

A. All employees under the terms of this agreement shall be afforded the following:

1. Tuberculin tests
2. Tetanus Toxoid series or booster
3. Influenza immunization
4. Diphtheria series or booster
5. Polio series or booster
6. Cholesterol test

7. Hepatitis B vaccination for employees who need such vaccination as determined by the County physician

B. The above health benefits shall be available through the Bay County Health Department and arrangements must be made by the employee at the convenience of his or her department and the Health Department.

SECTION 9 - LIFE INSURANCE

Effective the first of the month within sixty (60) days after the contract is executed by the parties in 2007, the County will provide \$40,000 Group Term Life Insurance coverage to each employee. This coverage will be canceled when the employee leaves the County for any reason, including retirement.

Effective the first of the month within sixty (60) days after the contract is executed by the parties in 2010, the County will provide \$10,000 Group Term Life Insurance coverage to each employee who retires on or after the effective date of this agreement. This does not apply retroactively to employees who retired before the effective date of this agreement.

Effective January 1, 2023, the County will discontinue the \$10,000 Group Term Life Insurance coverage in retirement to eligible employees as previously provide. A one-time \$1000 lump sum will be paid to eligible members for this benefit. This will be paid in December 2022.

Employees hired on or after January 1, 2020 are not eligible for life insurance in retirement.

Under no circumstance may an employee be eligible for both life insurance provisions at the same time.

ARTICLE 18 **VACATION**

SECTION 1 - VACATION ACCRUAL AND USE

Vacation leave shall be earned at the rate of one (1) eight hour day per month of service. For the purpose of this section, a month of service is completed when the employee has worked twenty-four (24) hours in any one month. For this section, worked hours include paid leave including sick, vacation, personal, funeral and holiday. Vacation shall accrue from date of employment and be available to use monthly; however, Merit will still be awarded in a lump sum based on years of service.

SECTION 2 - EXCEPTIONS

The Personnel Director may make an exception to the above procedure in case of extenuating circumstances.

SECTION 3 - COMMUNICATION

The Personnel Director shall keep the employees advised as to their accumulated vacation.

SECTION 4 - TERMINATION

In the event of termination, the employee will be paid for all of his or her unused accumulated vacation at the then prevailing hourly pay rate including the current year.

SECTION 5 - MERIT DAYS

A. For employees hired prior to December 31, 1990, the following applies:

In addition to the one (1) day per month accrual of vacation, one (1) merit vacation day shall be added for each consecutive year of service following the first full year to a maximum of ten (10) merit days (i.e. after completion of the eleventh consecutive year of service, the employee would accrue twelve (12) days plus ten merit days). While Merit is awarded in a lump sum based on the table below in Section 5.b, it is also earned when the employee works twenty-four (24) hours in any month as defined in Article 18, Section 1.

B. In addition to regular vacation, merit vacation is credited for consecutive years of service as follows:

3 and 4 years	2 merit days
5 and 6 years	3 merit days
7 through 9 years	4 merit days
10 through 14 years	6 merit days
15 years	12 merit days

The above rules apply to persons hired after December 31, 1990.

C. Upon termination of employment an employee shall be paid for merit days accrued to date of termination and that a newly-earned merit day shall be awarded on an employee's anniversary date, and all other merit days earned in previous years shall be awarded on January 1st of each year.

SECTION 6 - HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS

Recognized holidays, as listed elsewhere in this Agreement, falling within a vacation period, shall not be counted as vacation time.

SECTION 7 - UNITS

Vacation may be taken in any unit from one-quarter (1/4) hour to the maximum available for that year in one-quarter (1/4) hour increments.

SECTION 8 - ACCUMULATION

Employees may, at their option, accumulate vacation periods up to and including thirty (30) days' vacation, provided that all employees must take at least 48 hours of vacation each and every calendar year; however, no employee shall take more vacation leave than has been accumulated.

SECTION 9 - REIMBURSEMENT

Said vacation over thirty (30) days shall be reimbursed by the County in full as of the end of the year and payable in the second pay period in February of each year. If the employee does not use 48 hours of vacation, the payment will be decreased by the unused portion of the 48-hour requirement.

SECTION 10 - SCHEDULING

All vacation must be scheduled by the Employer with consideration for the seniority and desires of the employee concerned, consistent with efficient operation. The Employer will not be required to schedule more employees for vacation at any one time or season than the operation of the department can accommodate.

SECTION 11 - LEAVES

No vacation will be earned by employees while on any unpaid leave of absence.

ARTICLE 19 **HOLIDAYS**

SECTION 1 - HOLIDAYS

A. The following days are recognized as holidays for pay purposes:

New Year's Day, Martin L. King, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Friday Following Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve

B. Each full-time employee shall be paid for these holidays at his/her regular straight time rate of pay, not including shift differential, under the following eligibility requirements: He/she must have worked or been on properly prearranged leave his/her last scheduled working day prior to the holiday, and his/her next scheduled working day after the holiday. The employer allows the use of sick time before and after a holiday, if not pre-arranged, if the employee is hospitalized or if the employee is quarantined due to a public health order.

C. County employees called in to work on a holiday shall be guaranteed a minimum of four (4) hours at the regular straight time rate of pay or time and one half (1 ½) hours worked, whichever is greater, and be paid eight (8) hours idle holiday pay. By mutual consent, an employee may take compensatory time off in lieu of the aforementioned overtime pay for hours worked; however, such compensatory time must be used within the same pay period.

An employee who is directed to be on call on any of the following holidays will be paid two hours of straight time pay if they are not called into the office. If the employee is called into the office, they will be paid four hours minimum or time and one half for actual hours worked, whichever is greater.

1. Christmas Eve
2. Christmas
3. Thanksgiving
4. Day After Thanksgiving
5. 4th of July

D. Whenever one of the designated holidays falls on a Saturday, it shall be celebrated on Friday; if the holiday falls on a Sunday, it shall be celebrated on Monday. However, if the holiday falls on a Saturday and Friday is also a holiday, Thursday and Friday shall be celebrated as holidays. If the holiday falls on a Sunday and Monday is also a holiday, Monday and Tuesday shall be celebrated as holidays. However, for employees who are scheduled to work shifts in a continuous operation facility the holiday shall be celebrated on the day of its occurrence.

SECTION 2 - PERSONAL HOLIDAYS

A. In addition to the above, each employee shall be entitled to three and one-half (3-1/2) personal holidays per year, excluding employees hired after February 22, 1995, who will have three (3) personal holidays until they have been employed by the Employer for at least five (5) years and then after five (5) years will have three and one-half (3-1/2) personal holidays. Upon separation, personal holidays will be pro-rated equally over twelve months.

B. Personal holidays will be assigned on a lump sum basis and available to the employee as of January 1 of each year or at time of hire. Personal Holidays may be used in any increments from one-quarter (1/4) hour increments up to the maximum allowable in one-quarter (1/4) hour increments. Any personal holidays used by terminating employees in excess of the pro-rating procedure as outlined in paragraph "A" above shall be deducted from the employee's final payroll check.

C. Personal holidays shall be scheduled by the Employer with consideration for the seniority and desires of the employee concerned, consistent with efficient operation.

D. There shall be no reimbursement for unused personal holidays.

ARTICLE 20 **BENEFITS**

SECTION 1 - MILEAGE

A. The Employer agrees to pay mileage to all County employees who are required to use their personal car for and while on County business.

B. The mileage allowance shall be adjusted to the Internal Revenue Service allowable deduction rate effective on the date any such change is officially announced by the I.R.S.

C. The County may require proof of insurance for employees required to use their personal car on County business.

SECTION 2 - UNIFORMS AND PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT ALLOWANCE AND UPKEEP

The employer shall provide and maintain all required protective equipment. The employer shall also provide uniforms, boots, and necessary foul weather gear for Animal Control Officer and Mosquito Control Employees pursuant to uniform policies and approved County budgets. Foul weather gear for Recreation and Maintenance shall be Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350) per year, paid to each employee in July, except new hires who shall receive the Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350) within thirty (30) days after their date of hire. The Employer shall deduct a prorata amount from the employee's paycheck if the employee is not employed for twelve (12) months. This provision shall take effect after the contract is executed by the parties.

A. The County shall also provide its maintenance, Mosquito Control mechanic, and

custodial staff with five (5) wash and wear shirts, and two (2) wash and wear sweatshirts to be maintained by the employees, which will be replaced on an as-needed basis. The County shall provide two hundred (\$200) per year for wash and wear pants paid to each employee in July, except new hires who shall received two hundred (\$200) within thirty (30) days after their date of hire.

B. Uniform upkeep allowance for Animal Control officers and attendants shall be \$200.00 per year paid in two (2) equal increments, the first to be paid in July and the second to be paid in January of the following year, on a pro rata basis from the date of hire.

C. Uniform allowance for all persons required to wear uniforms in the Bay County Health Department Laboratory and Women, Infants and Children Division will be \$200.00 per year payable in two (2) equal increments, the first to be paid in July and the second to be paid in January of the following year, on a pro rata basis from the date of hire. It is understood that this allowance is for the purchase of the uniforms. The County will provide or pay for the upkeep of the purchased uniforms.

D. Second shift custodians, maintenance staff and mechanic (excluding Mosquito Control mechanic) shall be allowed a \$250 every two years, during the course of this agreement, work boots/shoes allowance, reimbursement only, prorated if in position less than full year.

SECTION 3 - COUNTY POLICIES

A. The County's Travel Policies are hereby made a part of this agreement by reference. The Union shall be provided an updated copy of such policies each year.

B. If any terms contained in these policies differ from terms contained in this contract, this contract shall supersede.

SECTION 4 - EDUCATIONAL EXPENSE

A. The County agrees to reimburse an employee for the cost of tuition for job related courses of study up to \$3,000 per year for undergraduate classes, licensing, certification or CEC's (continuing education credits) and \$1,500 per year for graduate classes. Such courses must be directly related to the employee's field of endeavor or make employees eligible for a higher classification or promotion, and must be advantageous to the County. There will be an annual cap of \$10,000 total for the entire bargaining unit.

B. The course must be previously approved by the Department Head and the County Executive prior to the employee entering the course or no reimbursement shall be granted.

C. The County reserves the right to refuse any particular request.

D. To be reimbursed, the course must related to the work the employee is then performing, including certification or licensing, or such course must be part of a recognized degree awarding curriculum with the degree program being directly and concretely related to the employee's current classification or a higher classification within the unit.

E. Attendance at requesting course instruction must be on employee's free time.

F. Grants or scholarships by the Federal or State Government, Educational Institution or other sources of whatever description shall be deducted from the County reimbursement.

G. If the County requires attendance at any particular course of instruction, the County reserves the right to designate the institution and will compensate employees for the use of employee's personal vehicle on a one-time basis to the location and return at the standard rate. Distances will be calculated from a recognized road atlas.

H. Employee must be employed with the County for one year prior to application for tuition reimbursement. In the event the employee voluntarily separates employment within two years of receipt of reimbursement for an undergraduate degree and three years of receipt of reimbursement for a graduate degree, employee is responsible for repayment of 50% of funds reimbursed to Bay County. Amount owed will be deducted from the final payroll with any difference being owed invoiced accordingly.

SECTION 5 - PRINTING OF CONTRACTS

The County agrees to supply 50 copies of this contract to the members of Local 15157-10, United Steelworkers of America, within sixty (60) days after the signing of this Agreement. The Union shall pay for 50% of the cost of printing.

SECTION 6 - CHANGES IN BENEFITS

The County shall notify the Union of any proposed changes in any benefits presently contracted by the Union. Such changes, when controllable by the County, shall require the mutual consent of the parties before taking effect for employees covered by this Agreement.

ARTICLE 21 **SEVERABILITY**

SECTION 1 - SEVERABILITY

A. Should any part of this Agreement be rendered or declared illegal or invalid by legislation, decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, National Labor Relations Board or other established or to be established governmental administrative tribunal, such invalidation shall not affect the remaining portion of this agreement.

B. If any section of this Agreement is invalidated as above defined, the parties may, by mutual consent, renegotiate those sections to bring them into conformity with the aforementioned ruling.

C. This contract may be altered at any time by mutual written consent of the parties.

SECTION 2 - WAIVER PROVISION

The parties acknowledge that, during the negotiations which resulted in this Agreement, each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any subject or matter not removed by law from the area of collective bargaining, and that the understandings and agreements arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement. Therefore, the Employer and the Union, for the life of this Agreement, each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives the right, and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated, to bargain collectively with respect to any subject or matter.

ARTICLE 22 **JUVENILE HOME**

SECTION 1 - WORK SCHEDULES

A. Juvenile Home employees shall work a regularly scheduled shift of eight (8) straight hours per day including a paid lunch period in a work week of five (5) consecutive days (except a shift may be scheduled on a "ten (10) day on - four (4) day off" basis, if needed). Shifts may be changed without advance notice in an emergency but shall normally be as follows:

First Shift	6:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Second Shift	2:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.
Third Shift	10:00 P.M. - 6:00 A.M.

B. Work schedules shall be posted in advance and choice of shift shall be awarded according to seniority, work performance, and the needs of the facility.

C. Work schedules and assignments may be altered to comply with the need for a Youth Detention Specialist of each gender on each shift.

D. Vacation schedules will be scheduled in advance and sign-up periods will be concluded 30 days prior to the Shift Selection. Shift Selection will take place prior to the second pay period of January. Shift selection will take place at least once per year and may be completed more often when there are vacancies that may affect the schedule. Vacation requests will be approved based on seniority. Upon completion of this period, vacation requests for available days must be made at least 60 days in advance. This includes vacation time before or after holidays, or before or after scheduled days off. Vacation requests made less than 60 days in advance may be approved as practicable and if they do not cause overtime.

E. Shift schedules may be staggered to allow attendance at staff meetings, however, employees working over eight (8) hours per day will be compensated at one and one-half (1-½) times their straight-time hourly rate or be granted compensatory time off if mutually agreed. Employees may accumulate up to eight (8) hours of compensatory time from staff meeting attendance.

F. Shift Leaders in the Juvenile home shall be paid at a rate of \$.28 per hour except when there is not a member of management present for at least four hours of the first or second shift, in which case the Leader shall be paid \$1.00 per hour for all hours worked during that shift.

SECTION 2 – OVERTIME ROTATION

A. Unplanned Absence:

If qualified on-call employees are unavailable, coverage attempts will move to the full-time employees as follows:

Priority for awarding overtime shift: full-time employees not already working. If an employee is willing to stay over for a partial shift, they will wait until all non-working employees are considered.

Seniority Rule: shifts offered to the most senior employee with the least amount of overtime shifts through the prior pay period.

Mandate: if there are no volunteers to work a shift, the least senior employee with the least overtime hours who hasn't been mandated in the last 7 days will be mandated to work. Exceptions apply for BFOQ (Bona Fide Occupational Qualification).

Method of Notification: an alert will be sent electronically to all employees about the available shift. When practicable, the employer will wait 30 minutes for responses and then utilize the above guidelines to assign/award the available shifts. Employees are required to keep the

Department updated with accurate phone numbers and not opt out of receiving text message notifications.

B. *Advance Scheduling of Overtime:*

Shift Availability: employer will post available shifts on the schedule after shift selection is completed and award vacation time as indicated.

If experienced on call employees are unavailable, priority will be given as follows: full-time employees not working. Shifts will be offered to the most senior employee with the least amount of overtime worked through the previous pay period. If no volunteers accept the shift, the least senior employee with the least overtime hours not working that day will be mandated. Exceptions apply for BFOQ.

Accepting overtime or being assigned overtime and failure to work the overtime shall be considered as time worked for purposes of overtime records. It is mandatory that employees work reasonable amounts of overtime when requested by their supervisor. In case of emergency or necessity, mandatory overtime can be scheduled without advanced notice.

SECTION 3 – PROBLEM RESOLUTION

Any question arising under the overtime provisions of this section shall first be referred to the Union and the Director of the Juvenile Home. If settlement is not reached and after a second claimed violation, a conference with the County Executive or his/her designee shall be set in an attempt to settle the matter. If a satisfactory resolution is not reached following a third claimed violation, the matter shall be filed at Step 4 of the grievance procedure.

SECTION 4 - VACATION AND SICK LEAVE ON HOLIDAYS

A. Any previously scheduled and mutually-agreed upon time off taken on a recognized holiday which is part of an employee's regular schedule shall not be counted as a vacation and the employee shall receive applicable holiday pay for that time off.

B. Any sick leave taken on a recognized holiday which is part of an employee's regular schedule shall be counted as sick leave and holiday pay shall not be paid, unless the sick leave was previously scheduled and made known to the employer prior to the scheduling for that holiday.

SECTION 5 - MISCELLANEOUS

A. Clothing (and a watch up to \$100) damaged by residents shall be replaced at County expense up to one hundred dollars (\$100) per year per employee.

B. The County will provide boots and coveralls to be used when custodial work is required.

C. Large Blood Spill Kits, surgical gloves and first aid equipment shall be supplied and maintained in a readily accessible area for employees and residents.

ARTICLE 23 **ANIMAL SHELTER**

SECTION 1 - STAND-BY HOURS

A. Stand-by would run for one week beginning Friday at 4:00 p.m. and ending the following Friday at 8:00 a.m.

B. The stand-by person will be responsible for being available to respond to emergency calls during all hours that the Animal Shelter is closed.

C. The stand-by person will clean the Animal Shelter from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. on Saturday and complete three (3) hours of cleaning on Sunday and any Holiday that falls within their standby period between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

D. Stand-by will be rotated weekly among the Animal Control Officers. Schedules will be posted yearly; it will be up to the employee to schedule vacation around their stand-by. Stand-by can be rotated out of schedule in daily blocks, if mutually agreed upon by the employees involved and approved by the supervisor.

E. In case of sickness stand-by would be covered by volunteers. If no volunteer is available the next person on the stand-by list would be responsible.

F. Employee who is on call the day of any of the following holidays shall receive two hours (for each holiday) of compensation in addition to the standby pay. In the event the employee trades days, the person who actually works the holiday will receive a prorated share of the standby pay based on days traded.

- A. Christmas Eve
- B. Christmas
- C. Thanksgiving
- D. Day after Thanksgiving
- E. 4th of July

SECTION 2 - PAY PROVISIONS

A. In lieu of four hours straight time pay for covering the week of standby, the Animal Control Officer will receive eight hours of compensatory time and 1 hour of pay, to be used during the current calendar year, with no more than eight hours to carry into the following year. Any hours over eight would be comparable to personal time in that his or her hours would be lost at the end of the year, if not used. Time shall be taken in a manner agreeable to both the employee and manager in a fashion not to disrupt normal department operations. This would not be inclusive of actual emergency call-out pay and other scheduled overtime pay.

B. It is mutually agreed that the standby person may opt to receive either pay at time and one half or compensatory time at time and one half for the hours worked on Saturday and Sunday cleanup.

C. Supplemental holiday clean up pay will be either four (4) hours pay, four (4) hours compensatory time, or time and one half the employee's base rate, whichever is greater.

D. In case of sickness, stand-by will be paid for days worked only.

SECTION 3 - TYPES OF CALLS TO BE ANSWERED ON STAND-BY

- A. Injured domestic animals.
- B. Sick domestic animals.
- C. Bite cases - handle only when the biting animal is a stray or when it cannot be confined.
- D. Assist Police Agencies:
 - 1. Assist with dogs in impounded vehicles.
 - 2. Entering property with vicious dogs inside.
- E. Response to other emergency calls not listed to be decided by immediate supervisor.

SECTION 4 - OPERATING RULES

A. Animal Shelter vehicles will only be used by Animal Control Officers to and from work and to and from work emergency calls. To be eligible to utilize the Animal Shelter Vehicle to

and from work, outside of the Animal Control Officers standby week, employee must reside in Bay County.

- B. The stand-by person will punch in and out for all weekend clean up.
- C. The stand-by person will punch in and out for all holiday clean up. This cleanup will be done between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- D. Uniforms will be worn on all emergency calls.
- E. No unauthorized parties will ride in the Animal Control vehicle.
- F. No alcoholic beverages will be consumed while a person is working on stand-by.
- G. It is the standby person's responsibility to answer calls from Central Dispatch on either their work cell phone or personal phone at all times during their standby week.
- H. When dispatched, the standby person must call into service on the truck radio or contact Central Dispatch by phone within sixty (60) minutes of original contact to confirm they are in route to the emergency.
- I. Stand-by person will call in service, call out at the call location, clear, and call out of service with Central Dispatch on each emergency call.
- J. Any violation of these rules will be considered cause for disciplinary action according to the seriousness of the violation

ARTICLE 24
MAINTENANCE STANDBY PAY AND BUILDING CHECK

Section 1 – Standby Hours

- A. Standby will run for one week beginning on Monday at 7:00 a.m. and ending the following Monday at 7:00 a.m. Dates and times of on call may be changed with thirty (30) days' notice.
- B. The standby person will be responsible for being available to respond to emergency calls during all hours outside of Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

C. The standby person will be responsible for Bay County building checks on Saturday and Sunday of their standby week.

D. Standby person is responsible to answer emergency calls via telephone within thirty (30) minutes or report to the site within sixty (60) minutes. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of standby compensation for that day and may result in disciplinary action.

E. Standby will be rotated weekly among qualified maintenance staff. Schedules will be posted yearly; it will be up to the employee to schedule vacation around or otherwise ensure coverage for their standby. Standby can be traded in daily or weekly blocks if mutually agreed upon by the employees involved.

F. In the case of sickness, standby would be covered by the next person on the standby list, subject to the provisions in Section 1-E.

G. Employee on standby will not consume alcoholic beverages.

Section 2 – Pay Provision

A. Standby employee will be paid seven (7) hours straight time each week they are on standby, one (1) hour per day.

B. Employee performing building checks will receive a minimum of three (3) hours pay or actual time worked at their overtime rate, whichever is greater for each day building checks are performed with the exception of building checks performed on a holiday recognized in the collective bargaining agreement. With respect to building checks on a recognized holiday under the collective bargaining agreement, employee will be paid a minimum of four (4) hours or actual time work at their holiday rate of pay.

C. If employee scheduled for standby is called into work, the provisions of Article 14, Section 4C apply.

D. An employee who is scheduled to be on standby for one week when any of the following holidays shall receive two (2) hours (for each holiday) of compensation in addition to the standby pay for that day. In the event the employee trades days, the person who actually works the holiday will receive a prorated share of the standby pay based on days traded.

1. Christmas Eve
2. Christmas
3. Thanksgiving
4. Day after Thanksgiving
5. 4th of July

E. Maintenance employees required to conduct building checks will have the option to take a designated County vehicle home, only to be used for County business. Employees are required to adhere to all County vehicle policies. Violation of such policies may lead to the privileges being revoked and disciplinary action.

ARTICLE 25 **DEFINITIONS**

Retirant	Any member of the Bay County Employee's Retirement System who retires with a pension or retirement allowance payable by the retirement system as defined in the Bay County Employee's Retirement System Ordinance.
Temporary Employee	An employee hired for a period of time not to exceed one (1) year. Temporary employees are not members of the bargaining unit.
Substitute Employee	An employee hired on a temporary basis to fill a vacancy created by a permanent employee. Substitute employees are not members of the bargaining unit.
Compensatory Time	Time off in lieu of payment for work outside the regular schedule.
Employer	The County Board of Commissioners, County Executive, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Register of Deeds, Clerk, Treasurer and Drain Commissioner.
He-She or His-Her	Whenever used will refer to either or both gender.
Lockout	Closing down the operation of the County or any department of the County as a form of economic pressure upon employees to enforce acceptance of employer's terms.
Reclassification	Approved change in the classification of an employee placing the employee under a new or revised job description.

Steward A representative of Local Union 15157-10, United Steelworkers, County Unit, appointed or elected to carry out Union duties and to adjust grievances.

ARTICLE 26
SUPPLEMENTARY EMPLOYMENT

Supplemental employment is permitted under the following conditions:

- A. That the additional employment must in no way conflict with the employee's hours of employment, or in quantity or interest conflict in any way with satisfactory and impartial performance of his/her duties, as determined within the sole discretion of the Employer.
- B. The employee shall inform his/her Department Head of their supplemental employment.

ARTICLE 27
PURCHASE OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Ability to purchase unwanted or outdated Personal Office Equipment (laptops) for \$50.

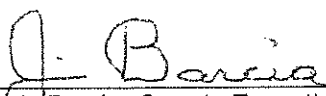
ARTICLE 28
BUDGET ALLOWANCE – FOOD

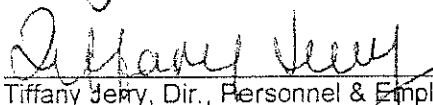
A maximum of \$2000 shall be budgeted annually for administration to be able to provide for food/non-alcoholic beverages for county-wide functions at the discretion of the Personnel Director

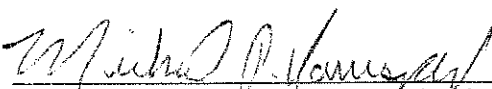
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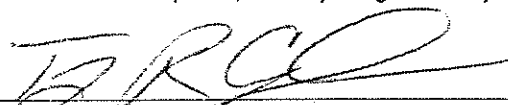
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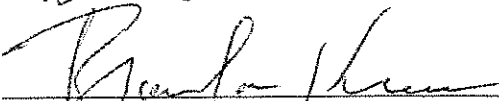

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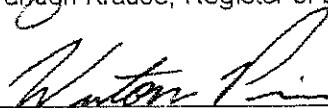

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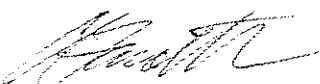

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Troy R. Cunningham, Sheriff

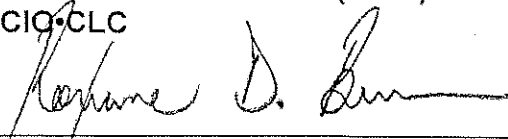

Brandon Krause, Register of Deeds


Weston Prince, Treasurer

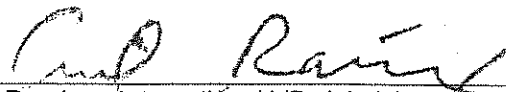

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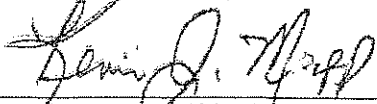

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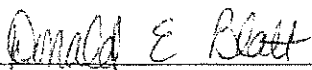
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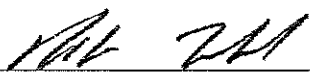

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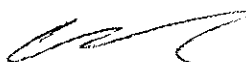

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Donald E. Blatt, Director, District 1


Robert Todd, Staff Representative

USW Local 15157-10 Committee Members


Robert W. Rosekrans, President


Chad A. Milkowski, Vice President


Eliza Gonzales, Recording Secretary

U.S.W. FULL-TIME TECHNICAL CLASSIFICATIONS
2026 Wage Scales
(6%)

Effective first full pay period following ratification by both parties through December 31, 2026
No retroactive wage increase

	HIRE	6 MONTH	ONE YEAR	TWO YEAR
TU04	\$14.79 \$1,183.20 \$30,763.20	\$15.73 \$1,258.40 \$32,718.40	\$16.53 \$1,322.40 \$34,382.40	\$17.35 \$1,388.00 \$36,088.00
TU05	\$16.11 \$1,288.80 \$33,508.80	\$17.08 \$1,366.40 \$35,526.40	\$18.04 \$1,443.20 \$37,523.20	\$19.01 \$1,520.80 \$39,540.80
TU06	\$17.35 \$1,388.00 \$36,088.00	\$18.41 \$1,472.80 \$38,292.80	\$19.51 \$1,560.80 \$40,580.80	\$20.50 \$1,640.00 \$42,640.00
TU07	\$19.05 \$1,524.00 39,624.00	\$20.29 \$1,623.20 \$42,203.20	\$21.44 \$1,715.20 \$44,595.20	\$22.63 \$1,810.40 \$47,070.40
TU08	\$20.98 \$1,678.40 \$43,638.40	\$22.27 \$1,718.60 \$46,321.60	\$23.62 \$1,889.60 \$49,129.60	\$24.94 \$1,995.20 \$51,875.20
TU09	\$23.16 \$1,852.80 \$48,172.80	\$24.62 \$1,969.60 \$51,209.60	\$26.10 \$2,088.00 \$54,288.00	\$27.58 \$2,206.40 \$57,366.40

License and Certification Stipends

- **Electrician/Mechanical Contractor License:** \$4.00 per hour
- **Builder's License, Mechanic Certification, or Commercial Driver's License (CDL):** \$2.00 per hour
- **Juvenile Home Safe Crisis Manager Training Incentive:** Employees who perform duties requiring Safe Crisis Manager training at the Juvenile Home shall receive an additional stipend of \$2.00 per hour for each hour spent performing such duties.

U.S.W. FULL-TIME TECHNICAL CLASSIFICATIONS
2027 Wage Scales
(5%)

	HIRE	6 MONTH	ONE YEAR	TWO YEAR
TU04	\$15.53 \$1,242.40 \$32,302.40	\$16.52 \$1,321.60 \$34,361.60	\$17.36 \$1,388.80 \$36,108.80	\$18.22 \$1,457.60 \$37,897.60
TU05	\$16.92 \$1,353.60 \$35,193.60	\$17.93 \$1,434.40 \$37,294.40	\$18.94 \$1,515.20 \$39,395.20	\$19.96 \$1,596.80 \$41,516.80
TU06	\$18.22 \$1,457.60 \$37,897.60	\$19.33 \$1,546.40 \$40,206.40	\$20.49 \$1,639.20 \$42,619.20	\$21.53 \$1,722.40 \$44,782.40
TU07	\$20.00 \$1,600.00 \$41,600.00	\$21.30 \$1,704.00 \$44,304.00	\$22.51 \$1,800.80 \$46,820.80	\$23.76 \$1,900.80 \$49,420.80
TU08	\$22.03 \$1,762.40 \$45,822.40	\$23.38 \$1,870.40 \$48,630.40	\$24.80 \$1,984.00 \$51,584.00	\$26.19 \$2,095.20 \$54,475.20
TU09	\$24.32 \$1,945.60 \$50,585.60	\$25.85 \$2,068.00 \$53,768.00	\$27.41 \$2,192.80 \$57,012.80	\$28.96 \$2,316.80 \$60,236.80

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**U.S.W. FULL-TIME TECHNICAL CLASSIFICATIONS
 2028 Wage Scales
 (5%)**

	HIRE	6 MONTH	ONE YEAR	TWO YEAR
TU04	\$16.31 \$1,304.80 \$33,924.80	\$17.35 \$1,388.00 \$36,088.00	\$18.23 \$1,458.40 \$37,918.40	\$19.13 \$1,530.40 \$39,790.40
TU05	\$17.77 \$1,421.60 \$36,961.60	\$18.83 \$1,506.40 \$39,166.40	\$19.89 \$1,591.20 \$41,371.20	\$20.96 \$1,676.80 \$43,596.80
TU06	\$19.13 \$1,530.40 \$39,790.40	\$20.30 \$1,624.00 \$42,224.00	\$21.51 \$1,720.80 \$44,740.80	\$22.61 \$1,808.80 \$47,028.80
TU07	\$21.00 \$1,680.00 \$43,680.00	\$22.37 \$1,789.60 \$46,529.60	\$23.64 \$1,891.20 \$49,171.20	\$24.95 \$1,996.00 \$51,896.00
TU08	\$23.13 \$1,850.40 \$48,110.40	\$24.55 \$1,964.00 \$51,064.00	\$26.04 \$2,083.20 \$54,163.20	\$27.50 \$2,200.00 \$57,200.00
TU09	\$25.54 \$2,043.20 \$53,123.20	\$27.14 \$2,171.20 \$56,451.20	\$28.78 \$2,302.40 \$59,862.40	\$30.41 \$2,432.80 \$63,252.80

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U.S.W. FULL-TIME TECHNICAL CLASSIFICATIONS
2029 Wage Scales
(5%)

	HIRE	6 MONTH	ONE YEAR	TWO YEAR
TU04	\$17.13 \$1,370.40 \$35,630.40	\$18.22 \$1,457.60 \$37,897.60	\$19.14 \$1,531.20 \$39,811.20	\$20.09 \$1,607.20 \$41,787.20
TU05	\$18.66 \$1,492.80 \$38,812.80	\$19.77 \$1,581.60 \$41,121.60	\$20.88 \$1,670.40 \$43,430.40	\$22.01 \$1,760.80 \$45,780.80
TU06	\$20.09 \$1,607.20 \$41,787.20	\$21.32 \$1,705.60 \$44,345.60	\$22.59 \$1,807.20 \$46,987.20	\$23.74 \$1,899.20 \$49,379.20
TU07	\$22.05 \$1,764.00 \$45,864.00	\$23.49 \$1,879.20 \$48,859.20	\$24.82 \$1,985.60 \$51,625.60	\$26.20 \$2,096.00 \$54,496.00
TU08	\$24.29 \$1,943.20 \$50,523.20	\$25.78 \$2,062.40 \$53,622.40	\$27.34 \$2,187.20 \$56,867.20	\$28.88 \$2,310.40 \$60,070.40
TU09	\$26.82 \$2,145.60 \$55,785.60	\$28.50 \$2,280.00 \$59,280.00	\$30.22 \$2,417.60 \$62,857.60	\$31.93 \$2,554.40 \$66,414.40

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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
12 HOUR SHIFTS – JUVENILE HOME YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WORKERS

IT IS AGREED by and between Bay County (hereinafter referred to as "the Employer" and the U5W 15157-10 (hereinafter referred to as "the Union") July 25, 2025, as follows:

1. That the workday will be 12 hours in length. Anything over 12 hours will be paid at time and one half of the employee's regular wage. In the same regard, any hours worked over 80 (36 in one week and 44 in the following week) in a biweekly pay period, will be paid at the time and one half rate of pay.
2. That it is the desire of both parties that the employees primarily work a twelve (12) hour shift schedule to equal 80 hours in a two-week pay period. One shift during the pay period will be eight-hours. The eight-hour day shall be approved by Director and will be approved in order of seniority.
3. That it is understood that the full-time shifts will run from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Part-time or casual on-call will be scheduled as needed.
4. That it is understood that employees will receive \$0.50 shift differential when working between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
5. That sick and vacation time will continue to accrue at the present rate of 8 hours per month. It is understood that in reference to paid time off in the collective bargaining agreement, a day is considered 8 hours. For example: under funeral leave three days continues to be defined as 24 hours of paid time and one day continues to be defined as 8 hours of paid leave time, 10 days accumulated sick leave for family sick leave continues to be defined as up to 80 hours, and merit days are earned in 8 hour increments, idle holiday pay is for 8 hours, etc.
6. Holidays begin at 7:00 a.m. and end at 6:59 a.m. the next day. Employees will be paid at the time and one half rate of pay for actual hours worked on a holiday. It is understood if an employee requests to take a holiday off when the employee was otherwise scheduled to work it will need to be approved by the Employer. Minimum staffing must be maintained.
7. That employees will have at least eight consecutive hours off after working sixteen hours before being required to work again.
8. That it is in the best interest of the employees and the Employer to give the overtime to an employee on a leave day (day off) before allowing an employee to work a sixteen-hour shift.
9. The County or Union may discontinue the twelve-hour shift with 30 days of advance written notice.
10. That it is understood the scheduled hours may change if necessary (9:30 a – 9:30 p).

Robert Rosekrans 12/31/25
Robert Rosekrans Date
USW 15157-10 President

Tiffany Jerry 1/2/26
Tiffany Jerry Date
Personnel Director

Robert Todd 12/31/25
Robert Todd Date
USW Staff Representative

Juliann Reynolds 1/2/2026
Juliann Reynolds Date
Juvenile Detention Director