

**Dukes County Advisory Board on Expenditures (CAB)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 30, 2025**  
**1:00 PM**  
Hybrid meeting

**County Advisory Board Members Present:** Skipper Manter – West Tisbury (12.76%), Jeffrey Maida – Chilmark (15.17%), Thomas Murphy- Aquinnah (2.54%), Emma Green Beach- Oak Bluffs (16.59%), John Cahill -Tisbury (13.79)

**Other County Officials Present:** Martina Thornton, Juliet Mulinare

**Couty Commissioners:** Randy Milch, Doug Ruskin

**Others:** Norm Werthwein (Finance Committee member) Mary Holmes (Center for Living), Dean Teague, Abby Foley (CORE), Cindy Trish (Healthy Aging) Sharon Brown & Jeannette DeJesus (Harbor Homes)

**Skipper called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.**

Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2025

**John/Tom moved to approve the minutes from September 30, 2025 meeting as presented. All in favor, the motion carried.**

FY2027 Funding Requests

Each department had a representative review their programs. Detail services and budgets on file.

- Healthy Aging MV
- MV Community Services – Counseling, Outreach \* Referral for Elders
- MV Center for Living
- Harbor Homes MV
- DC Health and Human Services – Health Care Access, Public Benefits Access
- DC Veterans Services

**John/Emma move to send Counseling, Outreach Referral for Elders budget to the towns for their consideration. All in favor, the motion carried.**

**Tom/John move to send the Healthy Aging MV budget request to the towns for their consideration. All in favor, the motion carried.**

**Tom/Jeff move to send the MV Center for Living budget request to the towns for their consideration. All in favor, the motion carried.**

**John/Tom move to send the Harbor Homes budget request to the towns for their consideration. All in favor, the motion carried.**

Martina requested the combining of the 2 departments which are under the same 1 director.

**Emma/Tom move to send the DC Health and Human Services budget request to the towns for their consideration. All in favor, the motion carried.**

It was brought up using the county reserve fund/emergency fund to assist with the temporary discontinuation of the SNAP benefits. The County Commissioners will discuss holding an emergency joint meeting with the CAB to discuss how to make that happen.

Martina brought up the direct assessment to the towns for the, Skipper agrees.  
**Tom/Emma move to send the DC Veterans Services budget request to the towns for their consideration. All in favor, the motion carried.**

It was requested to have a clearer definition of any overlap in services. Martina will add to the summary page of each department a definition of the main services provided.

FY2027 County warrant article requests

Capital Improvement: Courthouse roof, Health Care Access Handicapped Ramp

Skipper would like the state to pay for any repairs to the courthouse. Skipper believes the County should sell the courthouse. All the steps needed to do so were reviewed, again.

warrant article for replacing two sections of the courthouse roof and replacing the trim for \$120k with the balance going to the improvement fund.

warrant article for Replacing the Health Care Access Ramp/plans for \$75k with the balance going to the improvement fund.

**Emma/Tom moves to approve the 2 capital Improvement warrant articles, as proposed. All in favor, the motion carried.**

Supplemental Income – placeholder

A “placeholder” Warrant article to be submitted to Oak Bluffs for FY2027 Dukes County supplemental income.

**John/Tom moves to approve the “placeholder” for up to \$50k in supplemental income warrant article, as proposed. All in favor, the motion carried.**

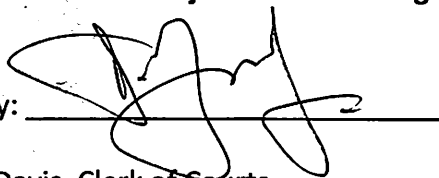
County Capital Improvements FY26

County Administration Building- stairs & handicap ramp

**Emma/John moves to approve up to \$50 from the capital improvement fund for replacing the steps and ramp at the administration building, as proposed. All in favor, the motion carried.**

**Emma/Tom moved to adjourn the meeting at 2.54pm. So voted. The motion carried.**

Certified by: \_\_\_\_\_



T. George Davis, Clerk of Courts