

NEWS RELEASE

MAY 13TH, 2026

OPENING FOR

ISABELLA COUNTY APPOINTED TREASURER POSITION

The Isabella County Elected Official Appointment Commission, Probate Judge Stuart Black, County Prosecutor Mark Kowalczyk and County Clerk Minde B. Lux announce an opening for a “partial term” appointment to the Isabella County Treasurer position. The partial term begins August 1st, 2026 – December 31st, 2028. All qualified candidates may apply with the following:

Letter of interest, resume and up to 3 references (optional). Please mail or drop off to Isabella County Clerk, 207 Court Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Deadline: June 15th, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.

General Qualifications for Appointed County Treasurer

Age: Must be at least 18 years of age.

Residency: Must be a resident of Isabella County.

Voter Status: Must be a registered voter of Isabella County.

Background: Must be trustworthy, as they must often secure a surety bond to perform the duties of the office. Background check is required.

Article XI, sec. 8 of the Michigan Constitution:

“A person is ineligible for election or appointment to any state or local elective office of this state and ineligible to hold a position in public employment in this state that is policy-making or that has discretionary authority over public assets if, within the immediately preceding 20 years, the person was convicted of a felony involving dishonesty, deceit, fraud, or a breach of the public trust and the conviction was related to the person's official capacity while the person was holding any elective office or position of employment in local, state, or federal government. This requirement is in addition to any other qualification required under this constitution or by law.”

Professional Background: Preferred backgrounds often include finance, accounting, or management experience, though formal, high-level education requirements may not be explicitly mandated by state law in all regions.

Constitutional Oath/Bond: Upon appointment, the candidate must take a constitutional oath of office and file a bond.

Description of an Elected Official

A county elected official in Michigan is an individual chosen by voters every four years as a partisan candidate to manage county-level government functions, including legislative oversight, law enforcement, record-keeping, and financial administration. Key officials—sheriff, clerk, treasurer, register of deeds, and prosecutor—are mandated by the state constitution, while others, like commissioners, are elected to set policy. The current term is to finish a partial term starting August 1st, 2026 through December 31st, 2028.

The salary of the Isabella County Treasurer is \$ \$96,100

Benefit package: \$43,907.09

Total Compensation: \$140,007.49

Letters of Interest and Resumes can be sent starting May 13th, 2026 through June 15th, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Tentative Interview Date set for June 25th, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Duties of a County Treasurer

The office of the County Treasurer was established by the Michigan State Constitution. The County Treasurer is elected on a partisan basis for a four-year term. The duties and powers of the County Treasurer are provided by state law and by authorization of the Board of Commissioners, under the guidance of the State Treasury Department.

The two main roles of the County Treasurer are the collection of delinquent taxes and the custodian of all county funds.

The County Treasurer is also responsible for the sale of dog licenses, tax clearance of deeds and other documents pertaining to tax histories. By statute, the Treasurer is a member of the County Plat Board, the Election Commission and may also serve on other boards such as Planning Board, Local Development Companies, Economic Development Commissions, Retirement Commissions, Transportation Authorities etc.

The collection of delinquent taxes involves reimbursing all of the taxing units, townships, cities & villages, schools, intermediate schools, libraries etc., for their delinquent taxes through the delinquent tax fund. This may or may not involve the sale of bonds to finance those reimbursements. The county then collects the delinquent taxes with interest. If taxes remain unpaid for 2 years after the due date, the county through an extensive procedure; forecloses on the taxes and sells the properties at auction.

The Treasurer receives money from many sources. The principal source is from property taxes. Other income is received from state and federal grants, interest income

from investments, court fines and other service fees. The Treasurer is responsible for investing the idle funds of the county, in accordance with the investment policy as set forth in a Board of Commissioners resolution.