

Cass County approved the 2012-2013 Budget at their September 4, 2012 Board Meeting. The Finance Committee comprised of John Baroni, Janet McCartney and Richard Wassinger, worked diligently over the past few months reviewing budgets to keep the County General mill levy as near as possible to last year's mill levy of .393264. Through budget cuts they were successful in getting the mill levy for County General to .389110. This was accomplished first with the willingness of the county officials to make the needed cuts identified by the Finance Committee and secondly through the Inheritance Tax Fund. The County Board is careful on what projects are paid for out of the Inheritance Fund by selecting projects that are either capital improvements or infrastructure projects that will give benefit to the majority of the county offices or population. This year the board authorized \$950,000 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to be used for the final payments on the court house roof, partial payment of 18<sup>th</sup> St., the federally mandated radio frequency upgrade, data processing servers/backup systems, redundant air conditioner in the computer server room and a new phone system for the Emergency Management and Extension Office building. The transfer of \$950,000 resulted in a savings to the county levy of .03593.