

## 2021 Legislative Priorities

**Preserve Local Government Dollars** – Monies due to local governments are critical, especially with the uncertainty of future revenues. The MCCG continues to support returning the fullest amount of Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) dollars and sales tax dollars, including internet sales tax, to local governments. Additionally, the MCCG advocates for the elimination of the sales tax administrative fee.

**Uphold Principles of Self Determination** – The MCCG strongly encourages the legislature to respect self-determination in regards to property taxes, zoning, unfunded mandates and other areas pertaining to local oversight.

**Support Public Safety Pension Reform** – The MCCG is pleased with the consolidation of police and fire pensions in a concerted effort to lessen the pension burden on the state and its municipalities. The MCCG agrees that additional reform is still needed and will work to inform legislators and leaders of the impact pensions, and associated actuarial methods and pension guidelines, have on local government budgets.

**Support Social Service Agencies** – Social service agencies are essential to McHenry County and its residents. The MCCG will work aggressively with legislators to preserve and enhance the work of social service agencies through responsible funding levels. Further, the MCCG will work with the McHenry County Mental Health Board to forward and support legislation to assist local law enforcement agencies in the performance of their duties when interacting with individuals suffering from mental illness.

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