
Credit Card Information / Claims and Accounts

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Lauren,

Just so you are aware of the concerns that were expressed during the Regular session last night.

I have looked into changing the posting date of the Sheriff's Office Credit Card and at this point have had no luck. Further contact can be made but it appears as if changing that date is something that the credit card company is not interested in doing. I did look at the history and have determined that that card was opened on September 2, 2023. The closing date(s) has always been in and around the same time, which is usually around the date of the Executive session depending on the calendar. However, I will note that over almost three years of having the card, paying the bill has always been handled on or before the due date until this last month. If you would please advise how you would like me to continue.

I also want to say that as of this morning, July 22 and according to the online account, the balance is still **unpaid** and the problem has not been addressed. For further clarification here is my timeline of events as I know them.

June 9 - Statement / Bill for June is released with a due date of July 7, 2026. It is downloaded and printed, by me. I attached all three individual invoices related to the charges and hand delivered it to the finance office. Now this is the day of the Executive session, which was already in session, but 6 days prior to the June Regular session where it could have been put into late claims.

June 16 - Regular session - Bill not in claims.

July 10 - July Statement / Bill for July is released with a due date of August 8, 2026. It is downloaded and printed, by me. I attached all of the individual invoices related to the charges and hand delivered it to the finance office. It is at this time that I notice that the June bill has not been paid. On that same day, I also dropped off a letter from ATT that one particular phone long distance bill was not paid for June either. For some reason all County phone related bills are routed through the Sheriff's Office. Upon dropping these off, I inquire with the Finance staff why these bills were not paid and I am told that it was a probably a "bank" issue. At that time, I accept and believe the reasoning.

I then come see you either the about the issue later that day or the next day and we discuss it. This is after making some inquiries that the late / no payment will have an effect on my personal credit history. You assured me that you would get the problem rectified and that the late payment would be in claims for the Executive session on July 14th, which I believe it was. You also, at that time, assured me that this problem is not that of the Sheriff's Office and that any fees accessed would not come from our budget. However, once again, as of this morning this bill still has not cleared nor posted and is not paid. Almost 40 days after its original receipt within the Finance office. See picture below.

I do not wish to belabor this point any further nor do I wish for it to sour any of the great working relationships that I have with other Leelanau County employees. I simply want the problem addressed, not repeated and move on.

Related to the question in claims and accounts about the animal vet bill that was requested to be paid. That bill is related to an animal welfare seizure. Where charges are being requested against the owner. If that owner is charged and convicted, then the County will have a chance at reimbursement for the animal's care. Once we make an animal seizure, per the ordinance, state law, and our contracts with animal care providers we are on the hook for all of the animal's care and medical costs. The bills relating to this case are not complete. There will probably be more medical bills as well as boarding costs as we are responsible for paying \$11 a day after day 4 of the seizure, which occurred on July 10th. The hearing on this issue is not until July 29th which will also potentially force us to cover a lodging bill for approximately 2 weeks. I hope this answers the inquiry.

Visa® Business Cash Preferred Card ...9255

\$1,800.76

Current balance

OverviewAccount detailsCard number

Available credit ⓘ\$18,199.24

Credit limit ⓘ\$20,000.00

Statement info

Statement balance (as of 07/10/2026) ⓘ\$1,559.76

Minimum payment (due on 08/07/2026) ⓘ\$96.00

Next statement closing dateAugust 12

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Date	Description	Amount
POSTED		
> 7/16/2026	Holiday Inn Express	\$241.00
> 7/10/2026	Interest Charge On Purchases	\$29.45
> 7/07/2026	Late Fee - Payment Due On 07/07	\$41.00
> 6/30/2026	Ed.com	\$29.50
> 6/11/2026	Delta Hotels	\$303.02
> 6/11/2026	Delta Hotels	\$303.02
> 6/01/2026	Hotel Secr	- \$19.80
> 6/01/2026	Payment Thank You	- \$1,416.82
> 5/28/2026	Hotel Secr	\$424.77



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