Allegan County Board of Commissioners



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Jim Storey, Chairperson Gale Dugan, Vice Chairperson

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING - AGENDA

Thursday, June 24, 2021 – 1PM

DISTRICT 1

Dean Kapenga 616-218-2599 dkapenga@ allegancounty.org Pursuant to MCL 15.263a, the Board will conduct its meeting via electronic communications to prevent the spread of COVID.

Virtual Meeting – Connectivity Instructions Attached

1PM CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

OPENING PRAYER: Commissioner Gale Dugan

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: COMMUNICATIONS: Attached APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 3, 2021 & June 10, 2021 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

PRESENTATIONS: PROCLAMATIONS:

INFORMATIONAL SESSION:
Judge Michael Buck—Probate Court
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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DISTRICT 5

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CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve of claims paid and to incorporate into proceedings of the Board (6/18/21 & 6/25/21)

ACTION ITEMS:

1. None

DISTRICT 6

Gale Dugan 269-694-5276 gdugan@ allegancounty.org

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1. Executive Director Steve Currie, Michigan Association of Counties Update & Legislative Issues
- 2. Facilities Management—approve Sewage Lagoon Transfer Valve Project (201-910)
- 3. COVID-19 Vaccine Passport

DISTRICT 7

Rick Cain 269-744-7918 rcain@ allegancounty.org

Mission Statement

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS: APPOINTMENTS:

- 1. 911 Policy & Procedure Board
 - One Citizen At-Large Representative—term expires 7/31/21 Application REC 6/10/21
 - One Elected Government Representative—term expires 7/31/21 Application REC 6/10/21
 - Emergency Services Representative—term expires 7/31/21 Application REC 6/10/21
 - One City/Village Police Chief Representative—term expires 7/31/21 Application REC 6/10/21
- 2. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
 - One Representative—term expired 12/31/2019
- 3. Solid Waste Planning Committee
 - One General Public Representative—term expired 12/31/20 Application REC 3/1/21
 - One Township Representative—term expired 12/31/19 Application REC 2/16/21
 - One City Representative—term expired 12/31/20 Application REC 2/16/21
 - One Solid Waste Industry Representative—term expired 12/31/19
 - One Solid Waste Industry Representative—term expired 12/31/20
 - One Industrial Waste Generator Representative—term expired 12/31/20
- 4. Tourist Council
 - Two Representatives—term expired 12/31/20
- 5. Water Study Workgroup
 - Two County Commissioners Representatives
 - One Manager or Supervisor of a Local Unit of Government Representative
 - One Municipal Water Supply Supervisor or Technician Representative
 - One Academia (Not directly related to the development of the groundwater study) Representative
 - Agricultural Businesses: Growers & Livestock Representative
 - Allegan County Conservation District (ACCD) Representative
 - Real Estate: Builder, Developer, and Realtor Representative
 - Industrial Representative
 - Well Driller Representative
 - Restaurant Owner Representative
 - Community Member (owner of a private water supply) Representative
 - Tribal Member Representative
- 6. Broadband Action Workgroup
 - One County Commissioner Representative
 - Three City or Township Representatives
 - One Agri-business Representative
 - One Industry/Large Employer Representative
 - One Medical Industry Representative
 - One Economic Development Representative
 - One Holland Board of Public Works (BPW) Representative

- One Allegan Area Educational Service Agency (AAESA) Representative
- One Local Public Schools Representative

ELECTIONS:

- 1. Commission on Aging
 - One Member Representative—term expires 12/31/22

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

REQUEST FOR PER DIEM/MILEAGE:

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS:

ROUND TABLE:

ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting - Thursday, July 8, 2021, 1:00PM @ COUNTY

SERVICES BUILDING, BOARD ROOM



Allegan County **Board of Commissioners**



Allegan County Board of Commissioners Meeting

June 24, 2021



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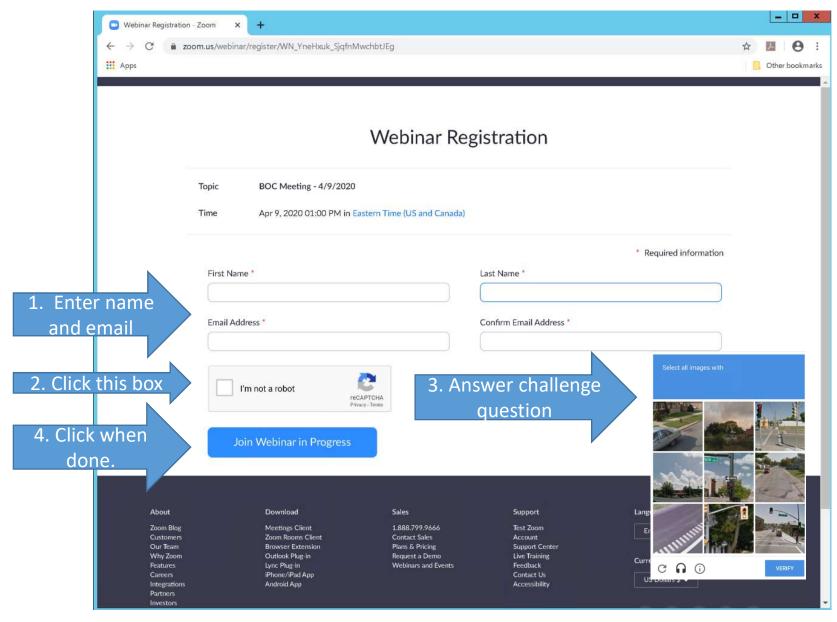
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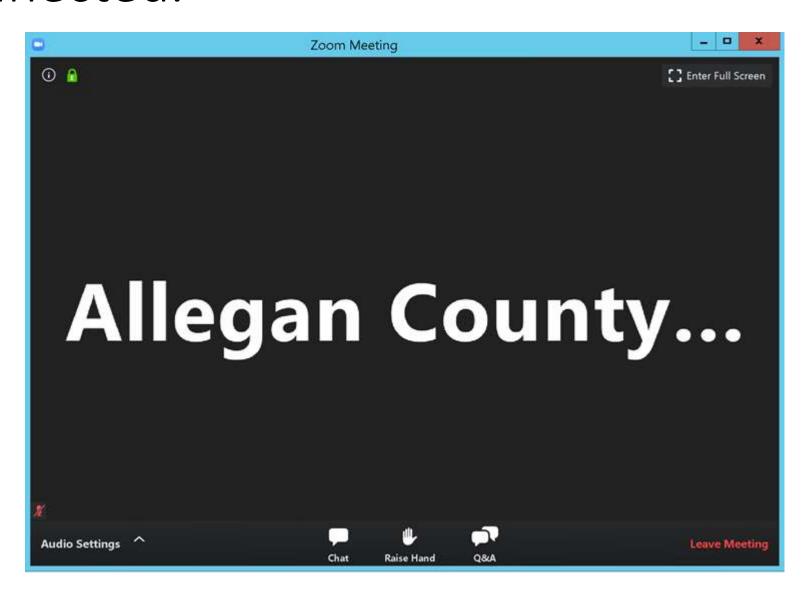
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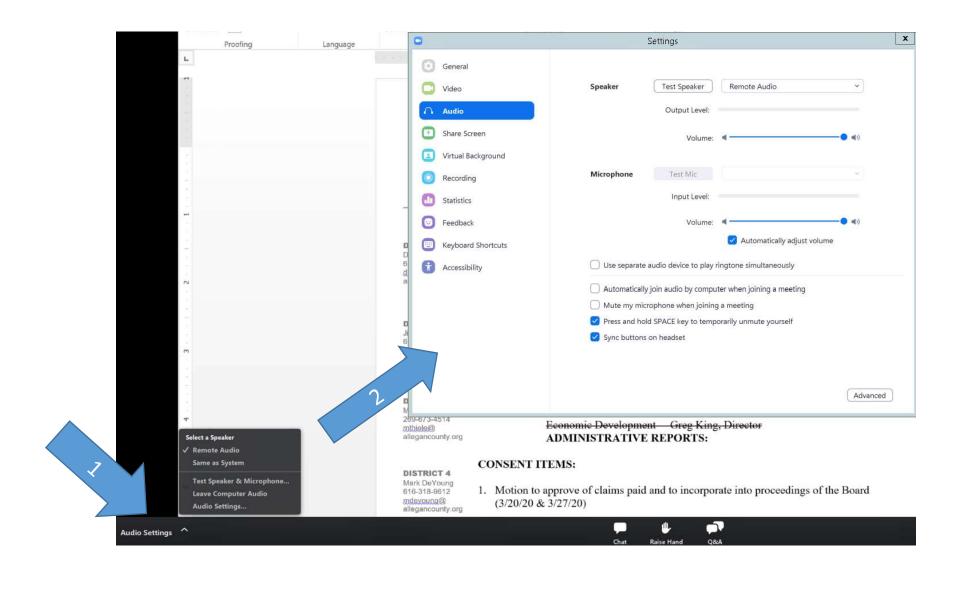
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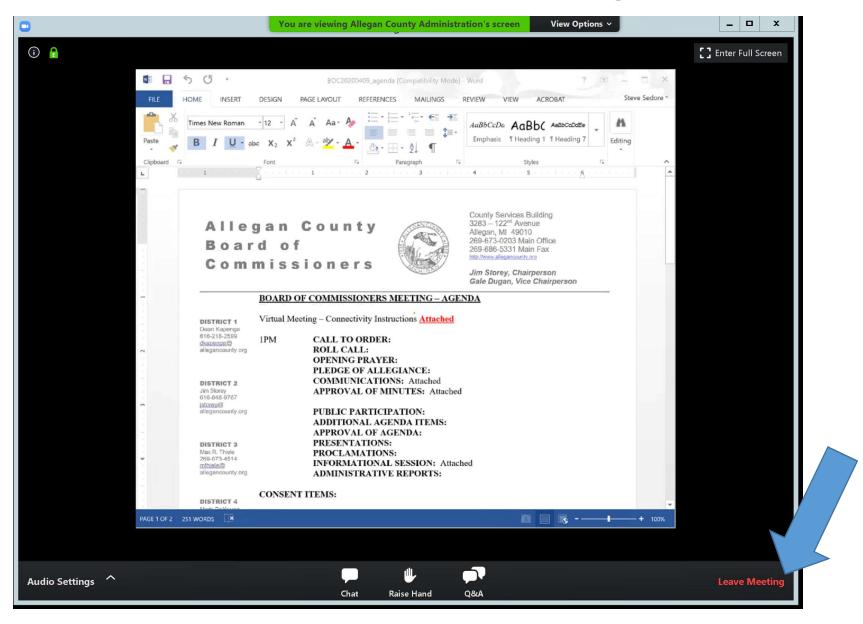
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Minutes of a regular meeting of the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners, held at the Roscommon County Municipal Bldg., 500 Lake St., Roscommon, Michigan on the 9th day of June, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Bob Schneider, Commissioner Dave Russo, Commissioner Marc Milburn and

Commissioner Tim Muckenthaler

ABSENT: Vice-Chair Ken Melvin

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner Milburn and seconded by Commissioner David Russo.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06-01 OPPOSING MICHIGAN SECRETARY OF STATE "BY APPOINTMENT ONLY"

WHEREAS, Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, recently stated Michigan residents will always need an appointment to conduct business at a Secretary of State branch office and suggested making this permanent change as an improvement in service; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State called walk in service at the branches an "antiquated, inefficient, take-a-number system that nobody liked"; the reality is that most people do want the option to walk into a branch office for service at *their* convenience; and

WHEREAS, not only Roscommon County residents but all residents of the State of Michigan should have the ability to renew and make changes to all necessary documentation timely and locally through services provided by the Michigan Secretary of State; that this change will significantly reduce the convenience of public services; and

WHEREAS, while some industry changes were positive during the Covid-19 pandemic and made sense, this will negatively impact rural counties, such as Roscommon, where residents are over fifty miles from kiosk services and a large majority of the population are over sixty years of age; and

WHEREAS, these changes have been established without input from constituents, who are directly affected by this sweeping change and web-based services, which completely replaces the need for walk in service at the branch offices, many older residents and those without computers or internet will simply be turned away at the Secretary of State door; and

WHEREAS, these changes will only continue to frustrate citizens who would just like their license renewed or to be able to sell a vehicle, without having to wait weeks or months for an appointment or even drive to a different service area to accomplish these simple tasks;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners hereby STRONGLY opposes 'By Appointment Only', but supports the value of BOTH online and walk in service and believes the best practice for flexibility and choice for the public is a hybrid model for Roscommon County residents and the entire State of Michigan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, Senate and House leaders, and Michigan Association of Counties.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES: Bob Schneider, David Russo, Marc Milburn, Tim Muckenthaler

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Robert E. Whreeder
Robert E. Schneider, Roscommon County Board of Commissioners Chairman
Michele M Stevenson
Michelle M. Stevenson, Roscommon County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF ROSCOMMON)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Roscommon County at a regular meeting held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

Michelle M. Stevenson, Roscommon County Clerk



OFFICE OF THE OCEANA COUNTY CLERK

Any L. Anderson, County Clark

100 State Street, Suite 1 - Hart, MI 49420 Telephone: (231) 873-4328

RESOLUTION OPPOSING COVID-19 VACCINE PASSPORTS

Moved by Mr. Beggs and seconded by Ms. Meyette to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, medical records and information are private and fall under protection provided by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996; and

WHEREAS, individual COVID-19 vaccination records are private health information which should not be shared by mandate; and

WHEREAS, so-called COVID-19 vaccine passports reduce individual freedom and will harm patient privacy; and

WHEREAS, the Food and Drug Administration has authorized the use of the COVID-19 vaccines under the "Emergency Use Authorization" (EAU), Section 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and under this act the federal government cannot mandate (require) vaccination for people.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) seeks to ensure that every resident in Oceana County who desires a COVID-19 vaccine can obtain one, but such vaccines are not mandated(required); and

WHEREAS, MDHHS acknowledges there are instances where an individual, along with their doctor, decide that being vaccinated may be unsafe; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan allows for medical, religious, and philosophical exemptions from vaccines; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to protect the fundamental rights and privacies of the residents of Oceana County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Oceana County Board of Commissioners does not support or endorse COVID-19 vaccine passports.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Whitmer, Senator Jon Bumstead, Representative Scott VanSingel, the Michigan Senate, the Michigan House of Representatives, Michigan Association of Counties and to the Clerk of each County in the State of Michigan.

Roll call vote: Mr. Beggs - yes; Ms. Meyette - yes; Mr. Christians - yes; Mr. Morse - yes; Mr. Hardy - yes; Mr. Erickson - yes; and Mr. Walker - yes.

Motion carried.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by Oceana County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on June 10, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. in Oceana County, with a quorum present.

Amy L. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk

Dated: June 10, 2021

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CHAIR

RES#2021-18

MICHIGAN SOCIAL WELFARE ACT Opposition to Gearing Towards Integration Proposal

WHEREAS, Senator Shirkey's Gearing Towards Integration Proposal is not a public-private joint venture, but a wholly private managed care organization, leaving no role for the public management and oversight which is currently provided by our Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) system; and

WHEREAS, in the requirements for creating a new entity Senator Shirkey's proposal only outlines requirements to become a Medicaid Health Plan and is silent to all the roles and responsibilities of the current PIHP system (recipient rights, housing and employment supports, community collaboration, etc.) that are core to the social determinants of health, safety net role, and community collaborative work of the public system; and

WHEREAS, the proposal does not eliminate any layers – Medicaid Health Plans will pick up the managed care functions from PIHPs at a much higher cost (15% versus 6%) and this money will be removed from the care our people are receiving today; and

WHEREAS, Section 116(b) of the Code (MCL 330.1116[b]) requires that the Department of Community Health shift primary responsibility for the direct delivery of public mental health services from the state to a community mental health services program whenever the community mental health services program has demonstrated a willingness and capacity to provide an adequate and appropriate system of mental health services for the citizens of that service area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners strongly urges its State Senate and House of Representatives to oppose Senator Shirkey's Gearing Towards Integration Proposal and subsequent changes proposed to the Michigan Social Welfare Act which would privatize the public mental health system and essentially eliminate the public safety net; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners supports Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority as a public behavioral health system that provides necessary community safety net services and supports; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Dale Zorn (17th District), Representative Bronna Kahle (57th District), Representative Sarah Lightner (65th District), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director Elizabeth Hertel, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration Senior Deputy Director Allen Jansen, the Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan counties.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE of the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held Wednesday, June 9, 2021, in, Adrian, Michigan.

David Stimpson, Chair

Roxann Holloway, County Clerk



KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OPPOSING GEARING TOWARDS PRIVATIZING MICHIGAN'S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM

WHEREAS, The Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners has entered into an enabling resolution to create Kalamazoo County Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, dba Integrated Services of Kalamazoo, pursuant the Mental Health Code, 1974 PA 258, as amended (the Code), (MCL 330.1100 et seq.; MCL 330.12052); and

WHEREAS, Kalamazoo Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, dba Integrated Services of Kalamazoo is a community mental health authority of the county of Kalamazoo, organized under terms of Section 204(a) of the Code, (MCL 300.1204(a)); and

WHEREAS, Section 116(b) of the Code (MCL330.1116(b)) requires the Department of Community Health shift primary responsibility for the direct delivery of public mental health services from the state to a community mental health services program (CMHSP) whenever the CMHSP has demonstrated a willingness and capacity to provide an adequate and appropriate system of mental health services for the residents of the service area; and

WHEREAS, Integrated Services of Kalamazoo as demonstrated such a willingness and capacity to provide a broad array of innovative, cutting edge, and community based mental health services for the over 30 years and is properly certified as a CMHSP under terms of Section 232(a) of the Code (MCL 300.1232(a)); and

WHEREAS, proposed state legislation known as 'gearing toward integration' would change the very nature of CMHSPs and make them simply another provider of a private managed care entity, which is a dramatic shift from what they do today; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes do not create a public-private joint venture, but a wholly private managed care organization, leaving no role for the public management/oversight, which is currently provided by our public Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) system, by eliminating the public PIHP system and dramatically reducing the role of the public CMHSP system; and

WHEREAS, proposed changes are silent to all the roles and responsibilities of the current PIHP system (recipient rights, housing and employment supports, community collaboration, etc.) that are core to health equity, the social determinants of health, community collaborative work, and the safety net role of the public system; and

WHEREAS, this proposal does not decrease complexity or improve efficiency in the mental health system as MHPs will pick up the managed care functions from PIHPs but at a much higher cost (MHPs have 15% administrative costs today vs 6% in PIHPs) these resources will be diverted from providing services to our people in need; and

WHEREAS, integration of physical and behavioral health care must begin and remain focused at the patient level rather than on financial integration, which will divert time, resources, and attention from current gaps in services and stabilizing the mental health workforce;



KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners strongly urges its State Senator and House Representatives to oppose Senator Shirkey's Gearing Toward Integration Proposal and subsequent changes proposed to the Michigan Social Welfare Act which would privatize the public mental health system and essentially eliminate the public safety net; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners supports Integrated Services of Kalamazoo as a CMHP that provides the necessary community safety net, services and supports for youth, families, and adults with mental illnesses, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners, State of Michigan, opposes moving our Community Mental Health System from publicly run to privately run; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the resolution be provided to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Sean McCann (20th District), Representative Julie Rogers (60th District), Representative Christine Morse (61st District), Representative Matt Hall (63rd District), Representative Beth Griffin (66th District), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director Elizabeth Hertel, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration Deputy Director Dr. George Mellos, the Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan Counties.

Adopted:	June	15,	2021
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Moved

McKissak

Seconded

Quinn

Carried Roll Call Vote: Yes (10): Bauer, Bruder-Melgar, Gisler, Hall, Heppler, McKissak, Quinn, Rey,

Strebs, Tuinier; No (1): Shugars; Absent (0) None.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
7) SS
COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO)

I, Meredith Place, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Kalamazoo County, Michigan (the "County") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a proclamation adopted by the Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on June 15, 2021. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 17 day of June, 2021.

SOUND RAIN

Meredith Place, County Clerk

Kalamazoo County

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MORNING SESSION

JUNE 3, 2021 SESSION - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Allegan, State of Michigan, met at Dumont Lake Park on June 3, 2021 at 12:38 P.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of May 27, 2021, and rules of this board; Chairman Storey presiding.

The Deputy Clerk led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Upon roll call the following members answered as Commissioners for the respective Districts:

DIST #1	DEAN KAPENGA	- PRESENT	DIST #5	TOM JESSUP	- PRESENT
DIST #2	JIM STOREY	- PRESENT	DIST #6	GALE DUGAN	- PRESENT
DIST #3	MAX THIELE	- PRESENT	DIST #7	RICK CAIN	- ABSENT
DIST #4	MARK DeYOUNG	- PRESENT			

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

FACILITIES PLANNING

2/ Chairperson Storey opened the meeting for round table to Elected Officials and Honorable Judges to receive feedback regarding building conditions and operations.

Honorable Chief Bakker & Judge Kengis (48th Circuit Court):

- Courts maintained operations throughout the pandemic.
- Friend of the Court remains at a distance with the need for social distancing with clientele.
- Working on social distancing for jury trials (118 Jury Trials on log)
- Entering Phase III
- Per Supreme Court ruling, courts will continue to wear face masks
- Concerned people may just "roll the dice" (thinking trial may not happen) on trial, when people see trials will actually happen they may change their position.
- Stacking cases pushes stacks of subpoenas to be served by Sheriff's Office. A lot of collaboration amongst the offices.

Honorable Judge Kengis (48th Circuit Court):

• Keep in mind the ability to work remote is a new piece to recruiting and keeping people.

Sheriff Frank Baker (Law Enforcement):

- Corrections follow Michigan Department of Corrections, no major issues or outbreaks.
- Operations were maintained throughout the pandemic
- Early in pandemic did stagger schedule for officers, otherwise pretty normal.
- Lobby has been limited and had to shut down tele-visits from the lobby (did remote tele-visits).
- Lobby is now open, still appointments for fingerprinting.

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- Clerical did remote, likely will still continue (hybrid).
- Tele-visits still closed, looking for how to open backup.
- Stopped having volunteers in corrections during early pandemic, reevaluating this as things open.
- Trying to incorporate more technology in GED program e.g. tablets, etc.

Prosecuting Attorney Myrene Koch:

- Early in pandemic did hybrid remote. Due to challenges with files, etc. switched to onside since May 2020 with limitations or outside individuals entering office.
- Staff has been great.
- Joey is back in office which has been helpful for morale.
- Fully staffed, 1 more position coming for 2022 which will share office.
- Backlogged in cases.
- Challenges with storage space, still water issues from roof/ceiling.

Drain Commissioner Denise Medemar:

- Started hybrid in office early in pandemic; back in office since June 2020.
- Spacing works well, did Board of Review (Assessments) outside.

Treasurer Sally Brooks:

- Remote & hybrid, still doing hybrid which works well. Something to be said about flexibility of remote as long as service is available onsite.
- Busy workload.

County Clerk/Register of Deeds (ROD) Bob Genetski:

- Been operational since start of pandemic.
- Did some remote (maybe 3 weeks) but ultimately full onsite.
- Offering services outside to public when possible.
- Believes public has moved on from COVID.
- Staff was a little short for a while but they are just now starting to regulate with new staff.
- Busy traffic onsite especially for Concealed Pistol Licenses.

County Administrator Rob Sarro:

- Maintained operations throughout pandemic.
- Offices based on the discretion of service area leaders will continue to move forward with hybrid.
- Encouraged leaders if there are any identified issues/gaps in service to escalate those to a manager and if needed right up to the Executive Directors/County Administrator.

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ADJOURNMENT UNTIL JUNE 10, 2021 AT 9:00 A.M.

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3/ Moved by Commissioner Thiele seconded by Commissioner Dugan to adjourn until June 10, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. The motion carried by roll call vote and the meeting was adjourned at 1:29 P.M. Yeas: 6 votes. Nays: 0 votes. Absent: 1.

Deputy Clerk

Board Chairperson

Minutes approved during the 00/00/2021 Session

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MORNING SESSION

JUNE 10, 2021 SESSION - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Allegan, State of Michigan, met remotely online connecting through a Zoom webinar on June 10, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of May 27, 2021, and rules of this board; Chairman Storey presiding.

The Deputy Clerk led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Upon roll call the following members answered as Commissioners for the respective Districts:

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DIST #3	MAX THIELE - Allegan Twp	DIST #7	RICK CAIN - Wayland Twp
DIST #4	MARK DeYOUNG - Allegan Twp		

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - COMMENTS

- 2/ Chairman Storey opened the meeting to public participation and the following individuals offered comments:
 - 1. Salem Township Supervisor James Pitsch of 3124 143rd Avenue addressed the board regarding FEMA flood plains and broadband
 - 2. Scott Beltman of $3110\ 130^{\rm th}$ Ave in Hopkins addressed the board regarding the importance of broadband
 - 3. Gun Plain Township Supervisor Mike VanDenBerg of 970 9th Street addressed the board regarding FEMA flood plains and broadband
 - 4. Monterey Township Supervisor Henry Reinart of 3341 30th Street addressed the board regarding broadband

AGENDA - ADOPTED AS PRESENTED

3/ Moved by Commissioner DeYoung, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

FEMA FLOOD ZONE APPEALS

4/ Emergency Management Director Scott Corbin and Matt Occhipinti of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) gave an overview of the National Flood Insurance Program. Occhipinti noted that local units have 90 days to appeal the flood plain maps once they are released. Discussion followed on mapping, appeal processes, and financial impacts to residents.

National Flood Insurance Program

Scott Corbin
Director
Allegan County Sheriffs Office
Emergency Management Division





National Flood Insurance Program Highlights

- The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is managed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and is delivered to the public by a network of approximately 60 insurance companies.
- The NFIP provides flood insurance to property owners, renters and businesses, and having this coverage helps them recover faster when floodwaters recede. The NFIP works with communities required to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations that help mitigate flooding effects.
- Flood insurance is available to anyone living in one of the 23,000
 participating NFIP communities. Homes and businesses in high-risk flood
 areas with mortgages from government-backed lenders are required to
 have flood insurance.

https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance

Historical Laws ands Regulations

- 1973: Launched the National Flood Insurance Program
- 1994: Flood Insurance Protection Act, mandated lenders to require flood insurance for are within high risk areas.
- 2004: Introduced reforms to increase lender compliance, mitigation insurance, and mitigation assistance programs.
- 2012: Briggert-Walters Flood Insurance Act, authorized funding for a national mapping program, and certain rate increases.
- 2014: Consolidation appropriations Act, to stop rate increases, and new laws to address rate concerns.
- 2014: Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014 (HFIAA), placed limits on rates.

https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/rules-legislation

County Role

- County Government does not established building and zoning ordinances
- Its to promote the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
- Provide coordination between Federal, State and Local Governments
- Setting up outreach opportunities
- Include flood mitigation strategies into the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Notifying local governments of mitigation grant opportunities
- Assistance with mitigation grants applications
- Provide disaster assessments during a flood event
- Providing historical context of flood prone areas

Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE)

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www.michigan.gov/floodplainmanagement

Frequently asked questions https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,9429,7-135-3313 3684 3725-9414--,00.html

Current NFIP Communities

Allegan City Casco Township

Douglas City Ganges Township

Gun Plain Township

Holland City

Laketown Township

Lee Township

Manlius Township -*County enforces code

Martin Village

Monterey Township

Otsego City

Otsego Township

Overisel Township

Plainwell City

Saugatuck City

Saugatuck Township

Wayland City

Preliminary Maps released 11/30/2020

LFD date 8/25/2021

NFIP Participation

How does a community participate?

- · Application to FEMA
- Floodplain Ordinance
- · Resolution of intent
- · Intergovernmental agreement



Over 1,000 communities in Michigan participate in the NFIP.

Benefits of Participating in the NFIP

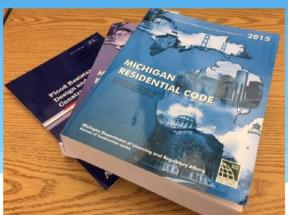
Flood Insurance is available to anyone in the community.

Flood Insurance is required within the mapped floodplain, regardless of if a community participates in the NFIP.

Floodplain Management Criteria

In Michigan, the floodplain management criteria are already contained within the Michigan Building Codes, including **Appendix G** and ASCE 24.

- Requiring permits for all development within 100-yr floodplain (including fill).
- Lowest floor, including basement 1 ft above 100-yr floodplain for new construction and additions.
- Requiring as-built Elevation Certificates



30 Day waiting period

There is a 30-day wait after payment and completion of application.

Unless, the lender is requiring flood insurance as a condition of the loan.



Flood Insurance Premiums

Several factors influence premiums

- Coverage amount
- **❖** Deductible
- Flood zone
- Elevation (if located in SFHA)
- Age (before or after the floodmaps)

Average in Michigan is \$984/yr. (includes high-risk policies) Avg preferred risk policy is \$386 (w/ basement), \$344 (w/out basement)

Significant difference in premiums in SFHA vs. out of SFHA

Emergency phase residential premiums \$364/yr for \$35000 coverage. Emergency phase Non-residential \$1130/yr for \$100,000 coverage.

\$250,000 coverage, plus \$100,000 contents coverage

April 1, 2018

Questions?

Floodsmart.gov

FEMA Community Status Book www.fema.gov/cis/MI.pdf

Quick Guide

www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/wrd-flood-quick-guide_559916_7.pdf

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BREAK - 10:41 A.M.

5/ Upon reconvening at 10:53 A.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Kapenga, Storey, Thiele, DeYoung, Jessup, Dugan and Cain. Absent: None.

STRATEGIC PLAN - VEHICLE PURCHASES

6/ Administrator Sarro updated the board on authorizing vehicle inventory expansion for the Sheriff's Department. With the additional staff that was approved in the 2021-2022 Strategic Plan it created a need for six additional vehicles to support service delivery.

Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to take action on the resolution authorizing inventory expansion and purchase during the afternoon session as action item #3. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

STRATEGIC PLAN - PERSONNEL

7/ Administrator Sarro updated the board regarding the 2021-2022 Strategic Plan which included projects to be carried out relative to transportation, justice and safety.

Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to accept and approve the memorandum dated June 10, 2021 from Administration. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

Allegan County Administrator

Robert J. Sarro



County Services Building 3283 – 122nd Avenue Allegan, MI 49010 269.673.0203

M E M O R A N D U M June 10, 2021

TO: Board of Commissioners

RE: Strategic Plan RE: Transportation/Justice/Safety

On April 22, 2021, the Board adopted the 2021-22 County Strategic Plan which included specific projects to be carried out relative to the transportation, justice and safety.

In order to ensure the resources are in place by January 1, 2022, Administration has been working with the service areas related to the projects noted above. It has been determined that posting and hiring of certain positions needs to occur in 2021 and can be done through the existing fiscal year budget without an additional appropriation. The County Administrator has the necessary authority to establish the positions within the fiscal year if budget neutral. As such, the following positions are planned for creation and posting based on the Boards approval of the strategic plan and direction to incorporate specific projects into the 2022 Budget which ensures the continuation of these positions.

# of Positions:	Position Title:
1	FT Transit Coordinator (restore)
1	Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
2	Road Patrol Deputy
1	Warrant Officer Deputy
1	Detective
1	Compliance Coordinator

Other positions outlined within the Strategic Plan are being reviewed for timing of implementation e.g. Corrections & District Court.

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STRATEGIC PLAN - BROADBAND ACTION GROUP

8/ Administrator Sarro updated the board on creating an action workgroup and employment/contractor resource options relating to broadband.

Moved by Commissioner DeYoung, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to add action item #4 to the afternoon session on item 1 in the Broadband Action Workgroup proposal.

Moved by Commissioner Jessup, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to amend the proposal to specify that local government representatives have three representatives from three distinct geographical areas. Motion amendment carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

Final amended motion to add action item #4 to the afternoon agenda carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - COMMENTS

- **9/** Chairman Storey opened the meeting to public participation and the following individuals offered comments:
 - 1. Eric Tuinstra of 3198 Ottogon St in Salem Township addressed the board regarding the importance of having broadband service

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL JUNE 24, 2021 AT 9:00 A.M.

10/ Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Cain to adjourn until June 24, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. The motion carried by roll call vote and the meeting was adjourned at 12:14 P.M. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

AFTERNOON SESSION

JUNE 10, 2021 SESSION - INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

11/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Allegan, State of Michigan, met remotely online connecting through a Zoom webinar on June 10, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of May 27, 2021, and rules of this board; Chairman Storey presiding.

The invocation was offered by District #5 Commissioner Jessup.

The Deputy County Clerk led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Upon roll call the following members answered as Commissioners for the respective Districts:

DIST #1	DEAN KAPENGA - Allegan Twp	DIST #5	TOM JESSUP - Allegan Twp
DIST #2	JIM STOREY - Allegan Twp	DIST #6	GALE DUGAN - Allegan Twp
DIST #3	MAX THIELE - Allegan Twp	DIST #7	RICK CAIN - Wayland Twp
DIST #4	MARK DeYOUNG - Allegan Twp		

PUBLIC HEARING - OFF ROAD VEHICLE ORDINANCE

12/ Chairman Storey opened the meeting for the public hearing at 1:12 P.M.

Deputy Clerk Tien read the Notice of Public Hearing that was published in the Allegan County News on May 27, 2021.

Notice of Public Hearing on the Consideration of an Off Road Vehicle Ordinance

Notice of Public Hearing on the consideration of an Off Road Vehicle Ordinance (ORV) in Allegan County, Michigan pursuant to and in accordance with Part 811 of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act 451 of 1994, as amended, being MCL 324.81131, et. seq.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing shall be held before the Allegan County Board of Commissioners on the 10th day of June, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. on the consideration of an ORV Ordinance. The public may participate in the meeting/public hearing by calling <u>1-929-205-6099</u>, <u>Meeting ID</u>: <u>859 6784 1039 and Meeting Password 61021</u>. For other options connecting to the meeting, please visit our meeting notice website at <u>www.allegancounty.org</u> or contact the County Administrator's Office at 269-673-0239.

A copy of the draft ORV Ordinance will be available for public inspection 10 days prior to the Public Hearing at www.allegancounty.org under Ordinances or at the Office of the County Clerk (address below), weekdays, between 8:00AM and 5:00PM.

Bob Genetski County Clerk/Register 113 Chestnut Street Allegan, Michigan, 49010 269-673-0450

All aspects of an ORV Ordinance are open for input at the Public Hearing.

Chairman Storey opened the meeting for public input and the following individuals offered comment:

- 1. Gun Plain Township Supervisor Mike VanDenBerg of 970 9th Street addressed the board regarding the draft of the ORV ordinance and had concerns over what roads are part of the ORV ordinance
- 2. Scott Beltman of 3110 $130^{\rm th}$ Ave in Hopkins addressed the board regarding the draft ordinance that was reviewed at the last meeting and would like it to remain as presented
- 3. Ken Pardee of 1814 Schanz Rd in Allegan addressed the board and offered support of the ORV ordinance
- 4. James Burchfield of $4939\ 132^{\rm nd}$ Ave Manlius Twp addressed the board with support of the ORV ordinance
- 5. Tom Iciek of the Hopkins Area Fire Department addressed the board to address any safety questions commissioners have regarding rescue efforts that the fire department provides in regards to ORV's
- 6. Brenda and Jasmine Mulder addressed the board with support of the ORV ordinance signs that read "Increase mom and kids time ORV in Allegan county"

- 7. Joseph Carpenter of 1392 $124^{\rm th}$ Ave in Watson Twp addressed the board with support of the ORV ordinance
- 8. Josh Driscoll of 3181 $53^{\rm rd}$ St. in Hamilton addressed the board with his support of the ORV ordinance
- 9. Shawn Caulder of $1775\ 20^{\rm th}$ St. in Allegan voiced his concerns over how to enforce the ordinance
- 10. Saugatuck Township Manager Joe Frey addressed the board to have an opt out option for local jurisdictions
- 11. John Schipper of Martin Township addressed the board regarding enforcement of the ordinance and helmet/safety belt use
- 12. Watson Township Supervisor Kevin Travis addressed the board with his support of the ordinance, and also to have local jurisdictions to be able to opt out
- 13. Ken Kamps of 3266 46th Street in Hamilton addressed the board with his support of the ORV ordinance
- 14. Dustin Driscoll of 4561 66th Street in Laketown Township addressed the board with his support of the ORV ordinance
- 15. Mary Leeuw 6456 146th Ave in Laketown Township addressed the board with her support of the ORV ordinance
- 16. Steve Tyler 1907 Sassafras in Allegan Township addressed the board with his support of the ORV ordinance

Chairman Storey closed the public hearing at 1:44 P.M.

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Jennifer Tien

From:

Jim Storey

Sent:

Friday, June 11, 2021 9:19 AM

To:

Jennifer Tien

Subject:

Fw: Draft ORV Ordinance

Good Morning, Jen,

This is the letter I mentioned that should be in the minutes of the meeting yesterday. Thank you.

Jim Storey, Commissioner
District 2: Fillmore, Heath, Overisel twps.; city of Holland
616-848-9767
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From: Tom Kehr <kehrtj@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2021 12:04 PM

To: Jim Storey; dkapenga@gmail.com; Robert Sarro

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Subject: Draft ORV Ordinance

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Chairman Storey and Commissioners:

My Name is Tom Kehr of 4270 64th St, Holland, MI 49423 (Laketown Twp.)

I am writing in FAVOR of full approval and passage of the ORV on county roads in Allegan County, as authorized byPart 811 of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection ACT 451 of 1994 as amended, being MCL 324.81131.

You are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Al Meskin, Manager of Laketown Township dated May 13, 2021 requesting to "opt out" due to concerns in Laketown by the Board of Commissioners and their discussion and subsequent vote of approval for Mr. Meskin to author the letter.

It should be noted the Laketown Township Board of Commissioners and Mr. Al Meskin, DID NOT PERFORM due diligence by polling or having sent an agenda requesting public input from Laketown Township residents. At last night's Laketown Township Board of Commissioners Meeting, this wasn't even on the agenda; however, at Agenda Item #8 Citizens Comments section approximately 50 residents were in attendance and a number of us spoke in favor of the Draft Allegan County ORV ordinance. There was not one person who dissented at last night's meeting. Many questioned the Board's about how they might have arrived at such a decision without any public input from the Laketown Township residents.

It should be noted that the Laketown Township Board of Commissioners acted on their own, and this letter dated May 13, 2021 does not represent the wishes of the Laketown Township residents. While the letter is in your file on the matter, it should not be seriously regarded as the Laketown Board of Commissioners is to represent the wishes of the Laketown Township residents.

Thanks very much for your time and working to hear the Allegan County residents wishes on the matter of the ORV Ordinance.

Sincerely,

Tom Kehr 4270 64th Street Holland, MI 49423

COMMUNICATIONS

- 13/ Deputy Clerk Tien noted to the board that they received the following resolution:
 - 1. Resolution from Crawford County supporting four year commissioner terms.

MAY 27, 2021 SESSION MINUTES - ADOPTED

14/ Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to approve the minutes for the May 27, 2021 session as distributed. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS

15/ Chairman Storey opened the meeting to public participation and as there were no comments from the public, he closed the meeting to public participation.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS

16/ Chairman Storey asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda.

Moved by Commissioner DeYoung, seconded by Commissioner Cain to note in the record that the agenda was amended during the planning session to add action item 3 - Sheriff Department vehicle purchase and action item 4 - Broadband Action Group. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

Moved by Commissioner Jessup, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to move the discussion of adopting the Off Road Vehicle Ordinance after "Consent Items". Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

AGENDA - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

17/ Moved by Commissioner DeYoung, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to adopt the meeting agenda as amended. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION - 48th CIRCUIT COURT

18/ Circuit Court Judge Kengis and Interim Circuit Court Administrator Jenn Brink presented to the board the 2020 Annual Report for the $48^{\rm th}$ Circuit Court.

48th Circuit Court

2020 Annual Report

Thursday, June 10, 2021
Criminal and Civil,
Friend of the Court,
Family Division

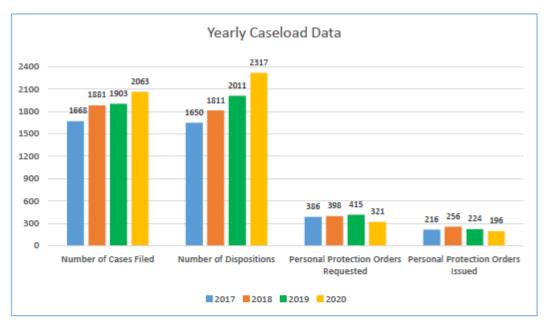






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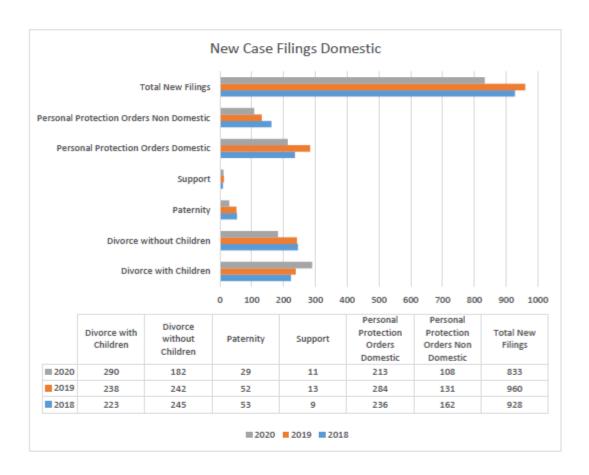


Circuit Court continues to see an increase in case filings and case dispositions. Despite another year of COVID-related challenges, Circuit Court remained open and conducting business throughout the year. Looking back at the 2020 Circuit Court Board Report, we reported that 2019, was the busiest year on record for Circuit Court. As you can see from the statistics above, 2020, now holds the title for the busiest year on record for Circuit Court.

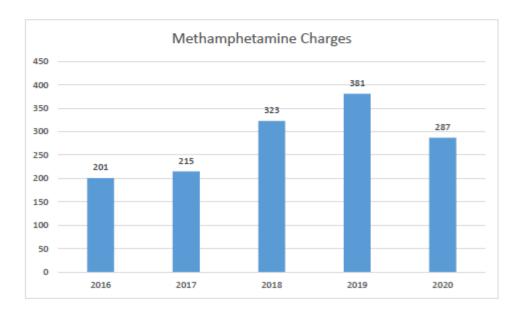
Zoom and YouTube remained vital tools for the courts in 2020. As of February 17, 2021, Judge Bakker and Judge Kengis have spent over 30,000 minutes (500 hours) on Zoom. Collectively, their YouTube channels have been viewed over 23,000 times, and have over 400 subscribers. In addition to hearings conducted on Zoom, the Judges also conducted in person proceedings, when permitted.

As reported last year, the Michigan State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) created a 4 phase reopening plan, which is mandatory. The courts continue to meet bi-weekly to examine the community data and ensure compliance with the plan. Most notably, certain phases create limitations on the ability to conduct jury trials. In 2020, Circuit Court was able to briefly resume jury trials, and was able to complete 7 trials during this time. The number of jury trials needing to be rescheduled is growing by the day (118 currently), and will continue to be a struggle for the courts to schedule them amongst an already full docket. The jury trials which were conducted took great care and planning to ensure the safety of the public and the staff. Upon arrival, all jurors participated in a COVID screening and had their temperatures checked. One of the largest challenges, which still exists, is finding the space for all jurors who appear for service, as there

needs to be social distancing. The courts have worked to utilize space in other areas of the courthouse, and also located space off-site in the Griswold Auditorium. Other precautionary measures have been taken, such as masks being worn unless an individual is speaking, chairs being wiped down when jurors are moved, and microphone sleeves are used in the witness box and changed after every witness. Jurors were polled after each trial, and all have reported complete satisfaction with the strategies implemented by the courts.



In 2020, there were 1,117 Felony Cases charged overall. Of the 1,117 total cases, 698 cases were bound over from the 57th District Court. 287 of the 1,117 were drug cases, of which 230 were methamphetamine specific cases. This only reflects situations where a defendant is charged with a crime involving methamphetamine, but there are many situations where the underlying cause of a crime is related to the use of methamphetamine. Methamphetamine use destroys families and communities, and it is the most destructive drug this Court has seen. *The court anticipates the drop in 2020, to only be a result of slowdowns in the system due to COVID closures and delays, not that the meth related cases are actually decreasing in the county.



Felony collections in Circuit Court has been a daunting task over the past few years. Collections on these cases are very difficult as some defendants go to prison, rehab, or are put under the supervision of the Michigan Department of Corrections Adult Probation. After sentencing, they have little contact with the court. In addition to these challenges, Allegan County did not have a dedicated collections department, so there was not a dedicated person or department to oversee these matters. However, in 2010, the Supreme Court approved a proposed plan to implement court collections programs and collections-related reporting requirements statewide. The final recommendations included adopting the proposed administrative order and that the Supreme Court work with court staff, agencies, and associations to amend or enact legislation that enhances the courts' ability to enforce and collect court-ordered financial obligations. Finally in 2015, The State Court Administrative Office published an Ability to Pay guideline, which provides tools and best practices on a defendant's ability to pay.

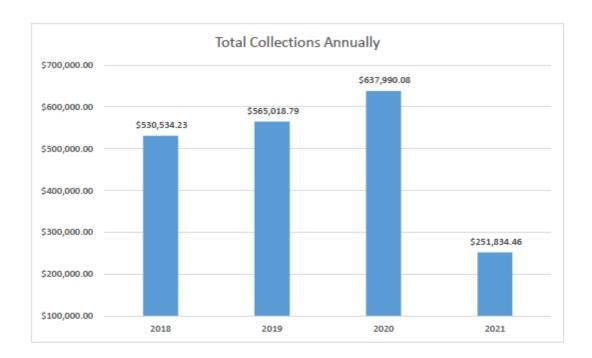
In 2015, Circuit Court took on the task of contacting delinquent accounts and began Allegan's first collection efforts. This responsibility is still overseen by the office of Circuit Court Administration and Finance. However, it is only one of many tasks the Court Financial Officer and Receptionist oversee and help was needed. Solutions ranged from hiring a collections person to researching software programs to organize and manage collections.

Earlier this year, the COLLECT system was installed. This software works with the current circuit court case management system (JIS/AS400), to track and manage the collections process. Within the first month of implementation, the cost of the software had exceeded an astounding Return on Investment of over a factor of 10. We are on track to have our best collection year!

COLLECT implemented on 03/25/21.

COLLECT COST: \$3,000 for DMC software, 1 time

COLLECT collections made in first 30 days: \$34,089.72



As the above graph shows, our collections efforts are continuing to improve. We are hoping with the addition of this new software to have our best collection year.

Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program (SSSPP)

The Swift and Sure program continues to serve participants by holding them accountable for their actions and reinforcing positive healthy behavior. By the end of March 2020, the program had to suspend testing of substances, however, the participants maintained communication with the Swift and Sure team and testing was resumed later in 2020. As a result of the smaller budget for fiscal year 2021, the program has a maximum capacity of 16 participants with hopes that we can continue to grow the program moving forward. The program currently has 11 participants with hopes of receiving participants from the Drug Court treatment program and from referrals that the program continues to receive weekly. Since April 1, 2020, the program has had 14 graduations (successfully discharged) and 5 revocations of probation (unsuccessfully discharged).

Before COVID-19, we would test participants at the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) office near the jail, but we have since changed the location to the courthouse since the MDOC office is currently not open to the public. The program continues to have monthly meetings to ensure we are on track with the budget as well as discuss any participants that require further rehabilitation services such as Michigan Rehabilitation Services or Pathways, Arbor Circle. The program remains flexible during this time of uncertainty utilizing Zoom as a way to communicate and collaborate while maintaining social distancing.

During the pandemic, some participants struggled with relapses and negative influences in their lives, but some participants thrived by being promoted to new positions earning higher salaries while one participant bought a new house. For some, securing stable housing and eliminating negative people in their lives was their biggest victory in a long time, but nonetheless was still celebrated and encouraged. I would like to thank the Swift and Sure team as well as court/county leadership for their support of specialty courts and programs that are a cost-efficient and an effective alternative to prison.

Specialty Court Coordinator Aaron Arredondo

Allegan County Friend of the Court (FOC)

As you may recall, in 2018, the FOC welcomed the Friend of the Court Bureau (FOCB) into the office to review all practices and procedures. This review was initiated by a request from the Honorable Margaret Zuzich Bakker, after learning about the option for assistance from the State Court Administrator's Office. Throughout 2018, analysists from FOCB met with all FOC staff members, interviewed local attorneys, and examined all office procedures. Following completion of this review, a detailed 140 page report was provided which outlined all recommendations.

Throughout 2019, the FOC spent much time dedicated to reviewing, prioritizing, and implementing these recommendations. During the beginning of 2020, progress stalled due to COVID-19, but work on these recommendations has again commenced. To date, 54 of the 97 recommendations have been completed, and 10 more are in progress.



The FOC was very sad to see Erin Stender leave her role as Circuit Court Administrator, and was again saddened to see Brian Patrick leave this role. Additionally, the FOC experienced turn over in 4 different positions during 2020, but was able to successfully hire new teammates, despite COVID-19.

Adapting in 2020

At the end of March 2020, the FOC "panic packed" and went home. Bags were packed with things we hadn't looked at in years, not knowing when we'd be able to return or what we may possibly need. Remote work was a complete unknown for FOC staff, as state limitations on off-site use of the FOC's MiCSES system had historically prevented staff from being able to work from home. For the past year, the FOC office has adjusted, adapted, and thrived with remote work. The FOC office has remained open to the public at all times during the pandemic by creating skeleton crews to work in the office on a rotating basis. These measures kept staff safe and able to keep working throughout the ongoing pandemic.

The FOC expresses sincere appreciation to the county leaders in their efforts to adapt and for the measures taken to ensure the stability of court and county operations during this time. Although many people unfortunately lost their jobs during this pandemic, your efforts kept us working and we are extremely grateful. The FOC would also like to ensure the Board is aware how quickly Facilities and Information Services responded to requests to ensure the safety of the FOC.

The state paid for Zoom licenses for attorney referees, with the FOC receiving two licenses. These licenses were vital in keeping the office running.

Attorney Referee, Jaclyn Jelsema conducted court hearings and establishment appointments via this license, totaling 19,030 minutes and serving 1290 participants April-December 2020.

Friend of the Court, Jennifer Brink was able to conduct meetings to ensure ongoing operations of the office, totaling 4,200 meeting minutes, and serving 527 participants July-December 2020.

Despite the challenges in 2020, 418 referee hearings were held on domestic matters, mostly virtual, with the assistance of Family Court Referees Jolene Clearwater and Craig Sewell.

Alternative Contempt Tract (ACT) Program Stats

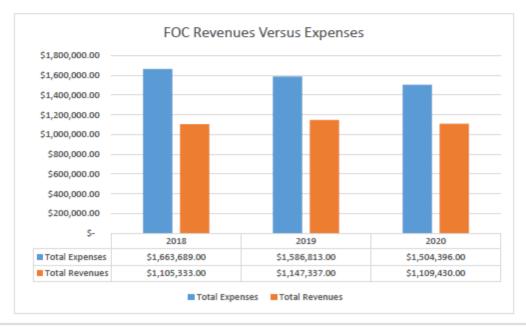
- As many participants enter the program following an arrest, the ACT program was negatively
 impacted during COVID-19. Additional difficulties were experienced with limited access to
 other services in the community.
- 13 cases were referred to the program, and 5 new individuals were admitted into the program.
- 8 successful discharges, 6 unsuccessful discharges, 5 participants were re-admitted for a second year upon their request.
- Although participation in the program was down, \$22,580.95 in child support payments was collected from the participants in 2020.
- Success story of the year:
 - One participant was discharged early from the program, after paying off her case in full. With the help of the ACT program, she completed job training, earned her CNA license, and was approved for the Futures for Frontlines program and will be enrolling in Lake Michigan College to pursue a degree in nursing.
- Services received based on qualifying factors
 - 4 participants received counseling
 - 3 participants received MI Works referrals
 - 1 participant received adult education services/job training
 - 2 participants applied for and received Medicaid
 - 2 participants applied for and received food assistance
 - 2 participants received temporary emergency shelter at a homeless shelter
 - 2 participants received substance abuse counseling
 - 1 participants approved for services with Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS)
 - 1 participants referred to the Allegan Co. Homeless Assistance Program (HAP)
 - 1 participant received CNA after completing job training
 - 1 participant qualified and was approved for Futures for Frontliners and has applied to a local community college
 - 3 participants have steady gainful employment
- \$23,665.92 in support collected from ACT participants in 2019

FOC Financials

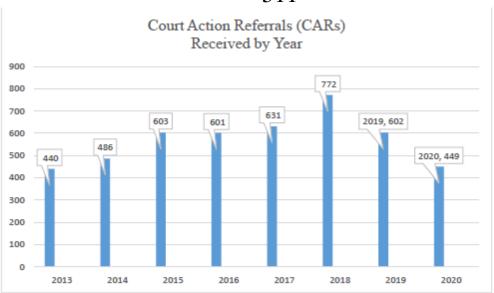
The FOC staffs 18 full time employees, including 2 attorney positions. The FOC is in a reoccurring 4 year contract with the state, under the Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program. This allows for 66% of eligible expenses to be reimbursed to the county. The FOC revenue is the largest source of non-tax revenue for the county and is frequently selected during the annual audit by our audit firm. Revenues come in the following forms:

Revenues:

- IV-D CRP reflects the revenue for IV-D services. It is the total amount received under the Cooperative Reimbursement Program (CRP) contract. The CRP is a federal payment allocated to the county general fund. This amount is directly related to the amount of expenditures by the FOC office.
- Incentive reflects the performance-based federal payment allocated to the county general fund. It is the total amount of incentives received pursuant to the federal IV-D program. 42 USC 658A, 45 CFR 305.35.
- Fees reflects the statutory collections allocated to the county general fund. It is the total
 amount for semiannual service fees, which is \$2.25 received by the county treasurer and
 not the service fees collected and sent to the state treasurer. MCL 600.2538(1).



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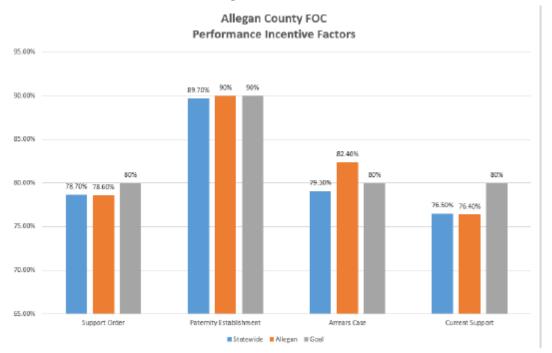
The Establishment unit of the FOC received 449 referrals to begin paternity and child support actions in 2020. Future incentive payments will be based upon meeting separate Contract Performance Standards:

- 1) 75% of the referrals must be worked within 14 days,
- 2) 75% of cases must meet the federal expiration date for service, and
- 3) 75% of the cases must have a final order within 6 months.

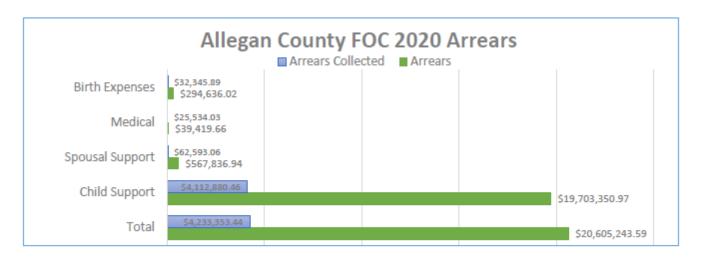
The Establishment unit consistently meets and exceeds standards #1 and #3, but needs assistance with standard #2, serving the complaints within the given timeframes.

COVID-19 also greatly impacted the Establishment unit. For a period of time, paternity testing was halted by the State, which has caused delays in meeting these timeframes.

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Due to COVID-19, the state is not considering performance measures for the year 2020, However, Allegan's performance was consistent with the rest of the state.



In 2020, Allegan County FOC cases had a total of \$20,605,243.59 in arrears, which is money that is past due. For the first time known to date, this number did not increase (the FOC collected more than what was charged in 2020). This is partly due to the additional unemployment and stimulus funds.

2020 total support charged: \$14,737,391.32

2020 total support collected: \$15,294,108.78

198 bench warrants were issued in 2020. Again, this number is low due to COVID-19. From April 2020-December 2020, the state prohibited the issuance of bench warrants for child support matters. This mandate, which has now ended, created a backlog of cases where enforcement is needed.

284 support show cause hearings were conducted by the Circuit Court Judges in 2020.

As of February 16, 2021:

- There were 263 active bench warrants for payors with a known address in Michigan.
 - 14 in the city of Allegan
 - 97 in Allegan County
 - The bond payments alone total \$679,407.
- There are another <u>118</u> active bench warrants for payors with a bad address.
- There are another <u>141</u> active bench warrants for payors residing outside of Michigan.
- Total of <u>522</u> outstanding warrants.
- Allegan FOC is not currently able to utilize other permitted enforcement remedies, such
 as booting vehicles or placing liens/seizing/selling property.

The FOC appreciates the ongoing conversations and work towards obtaining a bench warrant officer to assist with these arrests and collections.

Allegan County Legal Assistance Center "ACLAC"

Since opening in July of 2012, the Allegan County Legal Assistance Center has served over 19,000 patrons. Even during the 2020 pandemic year, Linda Teeter and Marty Curley along with interns and volunteers, assisted 2,182 patrons with legal needs, giving them access to justice when they could not afford an attorney. There is an array of cases processed with the assistance of the part time staff at ACLAC including divorce, custody, guardianship, landlord/tenant, personal protection order petitions, expungements and many more.

Approximately 80% of those who were assisted at ACLAC had incomes of less than \$40,000 per year, with 22% earning less than \$10,000 annually. The need for the services of ACLAC are obvious, and not only assist the litigants but also provide increased efficiency for the Courts and resources for our police agencies.

ACLAC appreciates the assistance of the County in their location and hope to continue to build this resource and provide quality service to the Allegan County community.



48th Circuit, Family Division

"Judicial and Clerical Staff

Zooming into a New Era"

Prior to the pandemic, the Family Division clerical offices were a daily hub of activity with a high volume of traffic. Prosecutors, attorneys, and Department of Health and Human Services caseworkers were constantly in and out of the office area utilizing a conference room attached to the clerical offices. Non-clerical court staff were continuously in this area reviewing court files stored there for the weeks scheduled hearings, securing office supplies, collecting their mail, or utilizing office equipment in this area. Staff from the Friend of the Court, County Clerk, or other departments of the Court or County may be in the clerical area on any given day. This all ended on March 13, 2020.

With the reported severity of the Covid-19 virus, safety of all Court staff was paramount. On March 13, 2020, the Family Division clerical offices were limited to only Court staff. The clerical staff were cleaning their respective work areas and the clerks were not to utilize the work area of a fellow clerk. The clerks were also cleaning the courtrooms. This was done to limit the number of persons entering the clerical offices and Facilities Management was even advised of this decision and therefore they did not need to enter this area for cleaning purposes.

On March 18, 2020, the Michigan Supreme Court entered an Administrative Order which limited all court activity to only "essential functions". This Order also limited access to courtrooms to no more than 10 persons, including court staff, and required social distancing. The "essential functions" were extremely limited and defined in the Administrative Order. This caused adjournments of nearly the entire schedules of the Judges and Referees within the Family Division. Work from home directives were also implemented by the State at this time. The Referees and clerical staff were able to process cases, engage in on-line training, and conduct the limited number of hearings during this time period.

The court rules governing juvenile matters did provide for utilization of videoconferencing in limited circumstances prior to the pandemic. This changed on April 7, 2020, when the Michigan Supreme Court issued another Administrative Order allowing judicial officers to conduct proceedings remotely, whether physically present in the courtroom or elsewhere, using two-way interactive videoconferencing. Further requirements of the Order were that courts insure proceedings are consistent with a party's constitutional rights, that there must be a procedure for a party to communicate confidentially with their attorney, that the public be provided access to the proceeding during the proceeding or immediately thereafter, and the proceeding must be recorded sufficiently to allow for the preparation of a transcript. Courts now entered the *Zoom Era*!

The State of Michigan had purchased Zoom accounts for all Judges in 2019. Judge Buck was gracious in allowing Referee Sewell and Referee Clearwater to share his Zoom account after the aforementioned Administrative Order was entered. This allowed for partial schedules to resume but did require a great deal scheduling effort with three jurists sharing one account. The jurists and clerical staff participated in a large number of Zoom trainings, offered by the State Court Administrative Office, and other entities, over the next few weeks. The State of Michigan was investigating purchasing additional Zoom accounts for Court Referees and Magistrates but believed this would take several weeks. To avoid a significant backlog of hearings, the Court also engaged in internal discussions regarding the purchase of additional Zoom accounts for all Referees.

The State Court Administrative Office was able to expedite the purchase of Zoom accounts for all Referees and these were in place by the third week of April 2020, at no cost to the County. This has allowed all juvenile proceedings to be conducted on a full time basis since this time.

The above summary is however not the end of the story but only the beginning of the adjustments by the Judges, Referees, and clerical staff. New procedures had to be implemented for required court functions. One example being juvenile delinquency fingerprinting. This was routinely completed by Courthouse Security when a juvenile would appear for a hearing. New notices and directions on how to complete fingerprinting were drafted as juveniles were no longer physically appearing at hearings.

Zoom hearings are channeled into existing court recording equipment so the hearing can be easily transcribed if necessary. This requires a court recorder to be in the courtroom, typically by themselves, monitoring all recording equipment and complying with all recording standards as they would if all persons were present. The court recorders are also able to monitor and be the host of the Zoom meeting which requires the ability and knowledge of all the Zoom functions necessary to conduct hearings. This includes the important breakout room function of Zoom allowing a party to communicate confidentially with their client. With the referees conducting the vast majority of their hearings remotely, the clerical staff has been invaluable in providing documents, reports, last minute exhibits, and many other support services prior to numerous Zoom hearings.

Many courts in the State publically broadcast their proceedings on You Tube to allow access to the proceedings consistent with the Supreme Court Order. In juvenile matters, due to the sensitive nature of the hearings, the Judges did not desire to proceed in this manner. Instead, the courtrooms have remained open to the public for attendance by a party, if they are unable to participate by phone or videoconferencing, and for the public to view the proceedings. Any person in the courtroom can watch, or participate in the proceedings on a television located in the courtroom. The public is also able to view the proceedings by being in the Zoom hearing using a phone or videoconferencing. If there is party or public participation in the courtroom, the clerical staff is very diligent regarding immediate cleaning of the courtroom.

The above is but a few examples of the changes for the Family Division Jurists and clerical staff. Overall Court staff transitioned quickly and efficiently to the Zoom era. Referees Sewell and Clearwater hosted a training session provided by the State Court Administrative Office, for other courts, regarding how to conduct Zoom hearings in summer 2020. This included excellent PowerPoint materials prepared by Referee Clearwater.

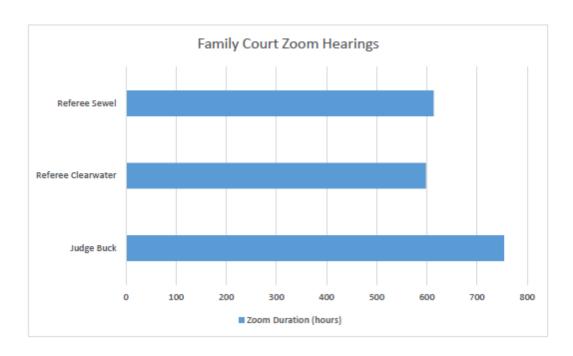
Looking into the future, it is anticipated the Supreme Court will greatly expand the ability of courts to conduct videoconferencing hearings. Although not without some bumps in the road, the feeling across the State is that expansion of videoconferencing has had a positive effect on the legal system. Just two examples include greater participation by parties in hearings and attorneys, not located in the immediate area, do not drive significant distances to attend a brief hearing.

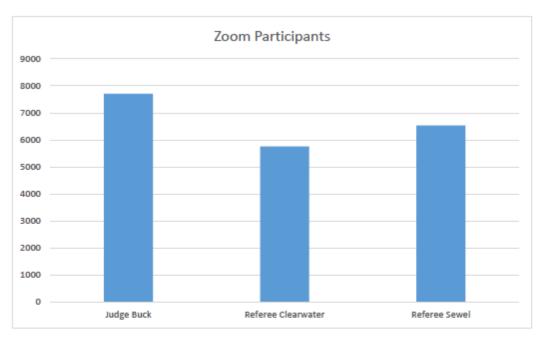
Virtual Court Proceedings

The COVID-19 pandemic has limited the court's ability to conduct hearings in person both in Allegan County and throughout the state of Michigan. As a result, the Family Court (and all the courts) seized the opportunity to utilize a virtual courtroom via Zoom. Zoom courtrooms allowed the court to continue to conduct hearings remotely, giving the public continued access to the courts and ensuring that litigants were afforded their due process rights. Zoom technology allowed both judges and referees to ensure their safety, as well as the safety of all court staff and parties to the case.

From April 2020 to April 2021, at the time of the writing of this report, Family Court Hearing Room A conducted 35,333 minutes of Zoom proceedings, which is over 588 hours of virtual court hearings. In those proceedings, there have been 5,614 participants, including litigants, attorneys, caseworkers, and service providers. Additionally, Family Court Hearing Room B conducted 36,817 minutes of Zoom proceedings, which is over 613 hours of virtual court hearings. Hearing Room B interacted with 6,527 participants virtually. Third, in the family court courtroom, Judge Buck had 45,244 minutes of zoom hearings, or over 754 hours of virtual hearings in which 7,706 participants were involved.







Community Probation 2020: A Snapshot

Cumulative Statistics:

Measured Area	Number
Total Cases	82
New Petitions Adjudicated (on current or previous probationers)	5
Probation Violations Adjudicated	31
Community Service Hours Ordered	537
Days Spent at Home	10,281
Days Spent in Detention	793
Days Spent on a Tether	188
Days Spent in Residential Care	2,281
Total Days on Probation	13,465
Number of Children Taking Medication	47 (57.3% of caseload)
Total Number of Contacts Made	5,388
Number of Recidivists	11 (13.4% of caseload)
Number of Repeat Offenders	8 (9.7% of caseload)
Probationers Released During FY	38
Number Released Who Met Goals	36 (94.7% success rate)

Average Probationer:

Measured Area	Number
Average Age	14.3
Number of New Petitions Per Case	.06
Number of PV's Per Child	.37
Average Days at Home	124
Average Days in Detention	9.5
Average Days in Residential Care	27
Average Days on Probation	162
Average Grade	8 th
Average Number of Contacts Per Case	66

Did You Know?

- The average juvenile on probation in Allegan County is a 14 year-old 8th grader.
- On average, about a third of all probationers had his /her probation violated this past year.
- The average probationer spends approximately 7.6% of his/her days on probation in detention and approximately 16.6% of his/her days on probation in residential care.
- Of the children released from probation during the FY, approximately 95% were successful in meeting his/her treatment goals.
- Approximately 13.4% of the total caseload includes children who were previously on probation and came back to the court for subsequent offenses.
- Approximately 9.7% of the total caseload includes children who commit new offenses while on probation.
- On average, children on probation are contacted 66 times by his/her probation officer, with 17 of those contacts being face-to-face.
- The average child involved with the court spent approximately 23 weeks (or approximately 5.7 months) on probation.
- Approximately 57% of the children who had contact with the court during the previous year were taking prescribed medication.
- The average number of community service hours ordered per case is 6.5.

^{**}This data is comparable to last year's data, even with the COVID-19 pandemic which prevented face-to-face contact with probationers for nearly 5 months.**

Community Justice Program

The Community Justice department continued providing surveillance, skill streaming groups, community service and elementary truancy support throughout 2020. Normally, in person visits with youth are provided at a minimum once weekly, however, these visits were discontinued and replaced with Zoom meetings beginning in March until June when outside visits with masks were initiated. The five Why Try groups in the elementary schools that kicked off in January came to an abrupt halt by March. The ten week adolescent Why Try group was a collaborative effort between Community Mental Health and Community Justice. The staff initially faced many challenges with this virtual process, but after a few weeks and a number of "coaching" sessions the group finally came together and learned the value of the curriculum and the power of the group process.

Surveillance	70
Zoom	209
Hearings	
Elementary	47
Truancy	
WhyTry	5
Groups	

Case numbers did drop due to the pandemic, however, the staff were able to focus on training opportunities either with assigned reading or on line courses. A few of the book studies included; <u>Transforming the Difficult Child</u> by Howard Glasser, <u>The Body Keeps the Score</u> by Bessel van der Kolk and <u>The Bullet Journal Method</u> by Ryder Carroll.

Every summer, the facility garden provides an average of 10-15 community service hours per week between May and August. In spite of the pandemic, seeds were planted, weeds pulled and vegetables harvested. Our facility gardener and Community Justice Officer, Kendall Domeier, successfully provided practical life skills training for 20 youth involved with the court. Changes to normal gardening operations because of the pandemic included; time spent in the building was in a designated area, health screenings and temperature checks were done upon arrival, and transportation had to be coordinated by parents.

The Community Justice Officers were able to provide services to youth and families thanks to the support provided by a number of county departments. Information Services provided technical support and hardware to keep staff working from home, the Health Department provided frequent COVID-19 updates specific to Allegan County and the Circuit Court Administration and Judges encouraged staff to "think outside the box" so services could safely be delivered within the guidelines established.

Juvenile Detention

"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children."

~ Nelson Mandela ~

WE ARE OPEN!

The Juvenile Center continued operations in 2020, in spite of the pandemic. In March, as lock-down orders went into effect and new information impacting procedures and protocols were being shared, facility staff was adjusting to our new "normal" of social distancing, mask wearing, disinfecting, health screening and temperature taking. Schedules were changed, shifts were staggered, a few staff worked from home, and full time positions were left vacant because of the reduced population.

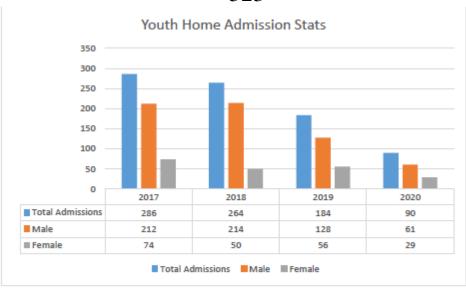
WE ARE SAFE!

The Juvenile Center remained COVID-19 free during 2020, however, five staff members accounted for nine incidents of exposure, all of which tested negative, but resulted in fourteen days quarantine per incident.

WE ARE WORKING!

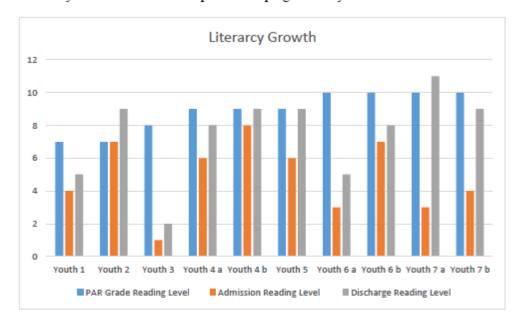
The Emergency Order issued by the Governor impacted the number of youth coming into the facility by only allowing juveniles determined to be a substantial and immediate safety risk to themselves or others. The order also suspended the use of out-of-home confinement for technical violations of probation. This resulted in a significant decrease in admissions with ninety total admissions in 2020, thirty-five of those were out of county youth.





Literacy Growth Among Youth

Upon admission, each secure detained youth is assessed academically. All youth take The Decoding-San Diego Word Test and older youth also take the Eckwell Passage Comprehension Test. Youth Home staff have a strong passion for growing literacy during detention stays. Here are a few examples of that progress this year:



NEW PROCEDURES

A number of new protocols and procedures were put in place in order to comply with suggested guidelines surrounding COVID-19. Prior to the pandemic, new admissions were brought in through the front of the building. To avoid a potentially positive youth walking through a high traffic area, the youth are now brought in through the back of the building directly into the secure hallway. All standardized screening is done at the point of entry. This includes health screening questions, height and weight, a mask is provided, resident showered and placed in isolation for a minimum of three days or until a negative test result is received. While in isolation the youth is screened daily and temperature taken twice daily.

Suggested procedures encourage youth be tested prior to admission, however, testing sites were difficult to find for asymptomatic youth the first several months of the pandemic. This challenge continued until October when the contractual facility nurses began testing twice weekly. Programming has been significantly improved by offering the on-site testing as it reduces time spent in isolation.

ALL THINGS ZOOM

Only essential personnel were allowed in the facility for the majority of 2020 therefore, the staff and youth became familiar with Zoom for all "outside" contacts. This included; Court hearings, family visits, therapy appointments, psychiatric assessments, church services, music therapy with virtual concerts, educational programming, and probation officer/community justice officer visits. The Zoom hearings have proven to be efficient and cost effective given transportation costs have been eliminated.

MULTI-DEPARTMENT COOPERATION

The Juvenile Center staff did a tremendous job managing the restrictions implemented due to COVID-19. The staff kept all programming moving forward including the educational curriculum when our Outlook Academy Staff was not available. Two youth successfully completed the GED in 2020, one of which was from out of county. Detention staff and Community Justice Staff planted and harvested two gardens this year keeping youth busy while teaching lifelong skills.

A number of departments played a vital role in the support of the juvenile center. Facilities Management kept us well supplied with disinfectant supplies and face masks. Information Services supervised the completion of the new audio and video systems. The Health Department and Human Resources provided guidance in managing a number of complicated situations and were willing to help after hours and on weekends. The Court followed the Emergency Order by taking a critical look at the level of supervision needed to maintain youthful offenders in the community, therefore, lodging only those youth determined to be a threat in the community and supporting the flexibility needed to keep everyone safe.

Cheever Treatment Center

"Working with the difficult youth of Allegan County safely through the pandemic!"

Adjusting to serve through the "new" typical in life



This past year has provided Cheever with the opportunity to demonstrate to our residents what our teaching looks like in real life. Choice Theory teaches us that in life all we have control of is ourselves; the choices we make. Staff have modeled this for our residents throughout the year. Embracing change consistently throughout the year. The changes we have experienced have all been made to implement a safe environment for both staff and the residents. The pandemic has been the source of these implemented changes this past year.

The changes made have allowed Cheever to maintain typical operations benefitting the safety of Allegan County's residents. We have remained open throughout the pandemic, serving the adjudicated youth of Allegan County. Over this past year, we have created protocols to keep the unit open for treatment of our residents.



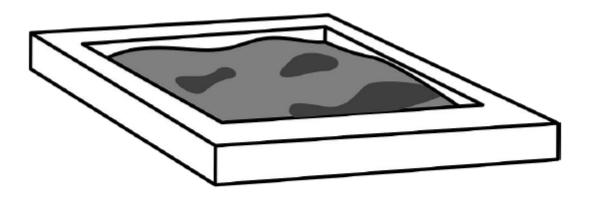
The "New" Normal

Success this past year has come in multiple ways. First, we have maintained a safe environment throughout this time. The protocols that were incorporated involved proper effective steps in quarantining residents, contact with quarantined residents, movement of residents in quarantine protocol, and handling of quarantined items (clothes, books, papers, etc). Our process in following these protocols has led to Cheever experiencing no Covid related issues over the past year. Secondly, we have made changes to the program in response to the pandemic. We have been able to continue having home assignments for residents. Utilizing the Zoom and Google Meet platforms we have continued family and individual therapy as well as the residents teaching their families what they have learned in family meetings. The Zoom platform allowed residents to visit with their family members as live visits have been on hold. Zoom has also benefited staff through virtual staff meetings, team meetings, family meetings, and review hearings. We are excited because many of these changes have improved our services and will live on after the pandemic. An evaluation of the changes we implemented will have our staff determine our service to the client has improved.



By The Numbers...Zoom & Google Meet

The year of 2020, was the year of "virtual". From April through the end of 2020, the majority of Cheever's meetings were virtual. The residents of Cheever typically have one team meeting a month, two family meeting sessions, two family therapy sessions, weekly individual therapy sessions, one review hearing, and monthly case consultation meetings. Cheever staff have led 441 Zoom/Google Meet meetings over the nine months of the pandemic shutdown in 2020. In addition, we had 39 virtual Supervisor meetings, ten virtual staff meetings, and eight virtual social histories during those nine months. The virtual meetings have continued to be an ongoing process as 2020 moved to 2021 through present day (April).



One Big Sand Box

The response from the departments within the county has been positive. When our staff have reached out with building issues, Facilities staff and Information Service staff have provided quick response to the needs of our unit. The Health department has provided medical needs in a timely fashion, even as their responsibilities have changed with the Covid testing and vaccination. The Human Resources and the County's Administration team has provided us accurate information and direction regarding staff concerns with maintaining a safe work environment based on the Covid-19 Preparedness, Response, and Safe Workplace plan. Thank you to all departments Cheever has interacted with in 2020. We have remained open and operating through the pandemic with your assistance.

Collaborating with the family court departments has been an essential aspect of the pandemic. Communication is critical for Cheever as we interact with Judge Buck, the probation officers, community justice, and the youth home. Cheever staff have utilized their phones, texting, email, and virtual meeting platforms to provide real time information to these departments. Staff's availability throughout the past year has gone beyond their posted shift times. The combination of flexibility in schedules and new technology being utilized has allowed staff to maintain the high level of services to our clients. The team approach in working with our clients has successfully continued due to the support from the departments we work with. Together we have been able to provide continuity of care at or above our typical level. Thank you to all parties Cheever interacts with. As one, we are servicing our clients more effectively after a year of pandemic protocols.



Spot Light

Cheever Treatment Center is a home based treatment program. The typical process is for residents to begin living at Cheever full-time, then transition to spending time at their homes as they demonstrate effective change in behavior. These passes typically started with short half-day to day passes, working up to overnights. Continuing with homepasses became a serious struggle for us to overcome.

The safety protocols in place for Covid-19 involve residents quarantining for 72 hours as well as having a Covid-test before transitioning into the Cheever unit. At this point residents were on a quarantine social distance protocol for an additional 11 days. These protocols have been essential in maintaining a safe environment at Cheever.

Maintaining a safe environment quickly came into conflict with one main area of Cheever programming. This main area was the residents' ability to have home passes. The decision Cheever made was to have the residents start returning home on longer passes than typical. Cheever staff, along with community justice and probation, have instituted ongoing support for the resident while they are on their passes. The resident's team has supported them at home through social distance visits outside of the home, additional therapy sessions, phone conversations, text messages, virtual check-ins, and email. This process has been effective allowing the relationship building with their families to continue as well as the residents' ability to continue working towards release from the program. The combined efforts of all involved has created an effective solution.

2020 Circuit Court Annual Board of Commissioners Report Infographic

ZOOM STATS

- · Circuit Court: 500+ Hours
- . FOC: 400+ Hours, 2,000+ participants
- · Family Court: 2,000+ Hours and 20,000+ participants

Provide valuable and necessary quality services to our

CUSTOMERS

- Court offices never closed, business never stopped
- Provided virtual court
- Provided 7 safe and socially distanced jury trials in the fall when numbers allowed

YOU TUBE STATS

- · Circuit Court: 23,000+ views and 400
- · FOC: 1,726 views and 268 subscribers
- 889 views in last 90 days, so traffic is picking up

Maintain our

FINANCIAL STABILITY

- Highest year of collections' revenues and FOC revenue
- Expense Budget surplus of \$700,500, and a NET budget surplus of \$375,800

A RENCY

Respect Integrity Commitment

FEEDBAC

Honesty

COMMUNITATION

Support a united and

ENGAGED WORKFORCE

- Set up remote work options
- · Allowed flexible scheduling
- Put employee's safety first
- Accommodated employee family needs regarding scheduling and in person availability



Continuously improve our

BILITY

PROCESSES

- Set up 3 Zoom court rooms, 3 Zoom hearing rooms, and 3 additional Zoom accounts
- Interdepartmental cooperation and team work to ensure safety procedures and remote work needs
- Court business never closed or stopped





FINANCE COMMITTEE - CLAIMS & INTERFUND TRANSFERS

19/ WHEREAS, Administration has compiled the following claims for June 4, 2021 and June 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the following claims, which are chargeable against the County, were audited in accordance with Section 46.61 to 46.63, inclusive, M.C.L. 1970 as amended and resolutions of the Board; and

 $\mbox{\it WHEREAS}$, said claims are listed in the 2021 Claims folder of the Commissioners' Record of Claims.

June 4, 2021

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 1010	75,979.26	75,979.26	
Park/Recreation Fund – 2080	1,480.11	1,480.11	
Central Dispatch/E911 Fund - 2110	496.29	496.29	
Central Dispatch CIP – 2118	7,837.34	7,837.34	
Friend of the Court Office – 2151	423.88	423.88	
Helath Department Fund - 2210	16,232.91	16,232.91	
Solid Waste – 2211	23,678.69	23,678.69	
Transportation Grant – 2300	2,092.25	2,092.25	
Register of Deeds Automation Fund – 2560	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Indigent Defense – 2600	231.40	231.40	
Law Library Fund - 2690	2,221.20	2,221.20	
Grants – 2790	7,880.00	7,880.00	
Child Care-Circuit/Family - 2921	7,304.28	7,304.28	
Soldiers Relief Fund – 2930	971.77	971.77	
Senior Millage – 2950	912.00	912.00	
Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund - 6160	205.17	205.17	
Tax Reversion Fund – 2018 - 6209	1,800.00	1,800.00	
Self-Insurance Fund - 6770	371,247.98	371,247.98	
Drain Fund - 8010	25,481.55	25,481.55	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$547,476.08	\$547,476.08	

June 11, 2021

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 1010	140,575.51	140,575.51	
Park/Recreation Fund – 2080	2,262.91	2,262.91	
Friend of the Court Office – 2151	398.85	398.85	
Helath Department Fund - 2210	3,672.31	3,672.31	
Solid Waste – 2211	4,343.91	4,343.91	
Transportation Grant – 2300	57,255.99	57,255.99	
Capital Improvement Fund - 2450	9,750.52	9,750.52	
Indigent Defense – 2600	30.75	30.75	

Concealed Pistol Licensing Fund - 2635	215.44	215.44	
Grants - 2790	3,120.06	3,120.06	
Victims Rights Grant - 2791	148.02	148.02	
Wayland Township – 2806	50.00	50.00	
Child Care-Circuit/Family - 2921	42,158.87	42,158.87	
Soldiers Relief Fund – 2930	483.49	483.49	
Senior Millage – 2950	1,692.88	1,692.88	
Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund - 6160	8,115.23	8,115.23	
Drain Equip Revolving – 6390	138.18	138.18	
Self-Insurance Fund - 6770	831.06	831.06	
Drain Fund - 8010	675.00	675.00	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$275,918.98	\$275,918.98	

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners adopts the report of claims for June 4, 2021 and June 11, 2021.

Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to adopt the report of claims for June 4, 2021 and June 11, 2021. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - ADOPT OFF ROAD VEHICLE ORDINANCE

20/ Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner Cain to take immediate action and adopt the Off Road Vehicle Ordinance #1015 as presented. Discussion followed.

Moved by Commissioner Cain, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to call the question. Motion failed by roll call vote. Yeas: Kapenga, Storey, DeYoung and Cain. Nays: Thiele, Jessup and Dugan.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Thiele to table the motion. Motion failed by roll call vote. Yeas: Thiele and Dugan. Nays: Kapenga, Storey, DeYoung, Jessup and Cain.

WHEREAS, a public hearing, duly noticed, was held virtually and in the Board Room, County Services Building on June 10, 2021 at 1:00 PM, to allow public comment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that upon hearing public comment, the Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Ordinance as presented; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ORV Ordinance #1015 shall take effect July 1, 2021 after publication of notice of its adoption; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of said ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Allegan County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED County Administration shall post the said ordinance under the Board of Commissioners webpage; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Clerk is authorized to publish and post notices of this ordinance to inform the general public of its adoption.

Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner Cain to take immediate action and adopt the Off Road Vehicle Ordinance #1015 as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: Kapenga, Storey, DeYoung, Jessup and Cain. Nays: Thiele and Dugan.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Jessup to have the ordinance take effect and be published on July 1, 2021. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.



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ALLEGAN COUNTY

ORV ORDINANCE #1015.0

This ordinance authorizes, and regulates the operation of Off-Road Vehicles ("ORVs") on county roads in Allegan County, as authorized by Part 811 of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act 451 of 1994 ("Act") as amended, being MCL 324.81131 et. seq.

ARTICLE I – Purpose and Designation

Section 101. Purpose and Intent. This ordinance is adopted to allow operation of ORVs on county roads within the County of Allegan, with the powers, duties, and limitations provided by the Act and subject to the terms and conditions of this Ordinance and any future amendments thereto.

Section 102. Designation. This Ordinance shall be known as, The Allegan County ORV Ordinance.

ARTICLE II - Definitions

Section 201. Definitions. When the following terms are used in this Ordinance, the following definitions apply:

- a. "County" means the County of Allegan.
- b. "County road" means a county primary road or county local road, as described in section 5 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.655, or a segment thereof, under the jurisdiction of the Allegan County Road Commission.
- c. "Highway" means a state trunk line highway or a segment of a state trunk line highway.
- d. "License" means any driving privileges, license, temporary instruction permit, commercial learner's permit, or temporary license issued under the laws of this state pertaining to the licensing of persons to operate motor vehicles. MCL 257.25
- e. "Local unit of government" means a county, township, or municipality.
- f. "Maintained portion" means the roadway and any shoulder of a street, county road, or highway.

- g. "Municipality" means city or village.
- h. "Operate" means to ride in or on, and be in actual physical control of, the operation of an ORV.
- "Operator" means an individual who operates or is in actual physical control of the operation of an ORV.
- j. "ORV" or, unless the context implies a different meaning, "vehicle" means a motor-driven off-road recreation vehicle capable of cross-county travel without benefit of a road or trail, on or immediately over land, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain. A multitrack or multiwheel drive vehicle, a motorcycle or related 2-wheel vehicle, a vehicle with 3 or more wheels, an amphibious machine, a ground effect air cushion vehicle, or other means of transportation may be an ORV. An ATV is an ORV. ORV or vehicle does not include a registered snowmobile, a farm vehicle being used for farming, a vehicle used for military, fire, emergency, or law enforcement purposes, a vehicle owned and operated by a utility company or an oil or gas company when performing maintenance on its facilities or on property over which it has an easement, a construction or logging vehicle used in performance of its common function, or a registered aircraft.
- k. "ORV safety certificate" means an ORV safety certificate issued under the Act or a comparable safety certificate issued under the authority of another state or province of Canada.
- "Roadway" means the portion of a street, county road, or highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for travel by vehicles registered under the Michigan vehicle code. Roadway does not include the shoulder.
- m. "Road commission" means the Allegan County Road Commission.
- n. "Visual supervision" means the direct observation of the operator with the unaided or normally corrected eye by an observer who is able to come to the immediate aid of the operator.

ARTICLE III – ORV Operation

Section 301. ORV Operation. Subject to Section 402, a person may operate an ORV with the flow of traffic on the far right of the maintained portion of all county roads within Allegan County; provided that:

- a. A person shall not operate an ORV at a speed greater than 25 miles per hour or a lower posted ORV speed limit or in a manner that interferes with traffic on the county road or at a speed greater than conditions allow.
- b. A person possesses a license as defined in Section 25 of the Michigan Vehicle Code, MCL 257.25.
- c. ORVs operated as authorized shall travel single file, except that an ORV may travel abreast of another ORV when it is overtaking and passing, or being overtaken and passed by, another ORV.
- d. A person shall not operate an ORV without displaying a lighted headlight and lighted taillight.
- e. No person under 18 years of age may operate an ORV unless the person is in possession of a valid license or under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian and the person has in his or her immediate possession an ORV safety certificate.
- f. No person under the age of 12 may operate an ORV on any road described herein.
- g. An individual who is operating or is a passenger on an ORV shall wear a crash helmet and protective eyewear that are approved by the United States Department of Transportation unless the ORV is equipped with a roof that meets or exceeds United States Department of Transportation standards for a crash helmet and the individual is wearing a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt.
- h. The ORV is fitted with a throttle so designed that when the pressure used to advance the throttle is removed, the engine speed will immediately and automatically return to idle.
- i. The ORV is equipped with a spark arrester type United States Forest Service approved muffler, in good working order and in constant operation.
- j. The ORV is equipped with a braking system that may be operated by hand or foot, capable of producing deceleration at 14 feet per second on level ground at a speed of 20 miles per hour; a brake light, brighter than the taillight, visible from behind the vehicle when the brake is activated, if the vehicle is operated during the hours of 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise.
- k. The ORV is operated pursuant to noise emission standards defined by law.

1. The ORV may not be operated on the road surface, roadway, shoulder or right-ofway of any State or Federal highway.

ARTICLE IV - Authorization

Section 401. Authorization. Should any term of this ordinance be found to be inconsistent with the authorizing statute; MCL 324.81131, as amended, the provisions of the statute, including any amendments thereto shall apply.

Section 402. Closed Roads. The board of the road commission may close a county road to the operation of ORVs otherwise authorized pursuant to this Ordinance and operation of an ORV on said roads is prohibited under this Ordinance. The road commission shall not close more than 30% of the linear miles of county roads located within the county to the operation of ORVs otherwise authorized pursuant to this Ordinance.

ARTICLE V – Violations and Penalties

Section 501. Penalties. A person who violates this Ordinance is guilty of a municipal civil infraction and shall pay a civil fine not more than \$500.00. In addition the court shall order the defendant to pay the cost of repairing any damage to the environment, a street, county road, or highway, or public property as a result of the violation.

Section 502. ORV Fund. The treasurer of the county shall deposit fines and damages collected for violations of this Ordinance into a fund to be designated as the "ORV fund". The Allegan County Board of Commissioners shall appropriate revenue in the ORV fund consistent with the authorizing statute, MCL 324.81131, as amended.

ARTICLE VI – Severability and Immunity

Section 601. Severability. If any part of this Ordinance shall be determined to be unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, that part shall be deemed to be severed and removed from the body of this Ordinance, and the rest shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 602. Immunity. The road commission, the County Board of Commissioners, the County of Allegan and any township or municipality are all immune from tort liability for injuries or damages sustained by any person arising out of the operation or use of an ORV on maintained or unmaintained roads, streets, shoulders, and rights of way over which they have jurisdiction.

ARTICLE VII - Prior Ordinances and Effective Date

Section 701. Repealer Clause. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 702. Savings Clause. This Ordinance shall in no manner affect pending litigation, either civil or criminal, founded or growing out of any ordinance, resolution, order or parts thereof, hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall in no manner affect any rights, claims, privileges, immunities or causes of action of the County, or other person, either criminal or civil, that may have already occurred, accrued or grown out of any ordinance, resolution, order or policy, or any part thereof, hereby repealed.

Section 703. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately after publication of notice of its adoption.

BREAK - 3:21 P.M.

21/ Upon reconvening at 3:32 P.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Kapenga, Storey, Thiele, DeYoung, Jessup, Dugan and Cain. Absent: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

2021 MILLAGE LEVY - SET COUNTY MILLAGE RATES

22/ WHEREAS, pursuant to State Law (MCL 141.412 and 141.413), a notice of a public hearing concerning the 2021 County Budget was published in the Allegan County News, a newspaper of general circulation, on October 1, 2020 and a public hearing concerning the budget was held on October 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (Board) adopted a Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriation on October 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, having held said hearing, the Board has determined the levy of said proposed millage to be in the best interests of the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the following millages to be levied throughout the County of Allegan in the year of 2021:

County Operating Tax	4.4925
Allocated - Veterans Relief Fund	0.0200
TOTAL COUNTY OPERATING	4.5125
COUNTY ROAD TAX	0.9760
SENIOR SERVICES	0.4811
MEDICAL CARE FACILITY	0.2475
ALLEGAN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT	0.0990
TOTAL COUNTY MILLAGE	6.3161

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the Board Chairperson and County Clerk are authorized to sign the necessary documents on behalf of the Board.

Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - ESTABLISH WATER STUDY WORKGROUP

23/ WHEREAS, on May 13, the Board of Commissioners (Board) accepted the Public Health's report to construct a water study workgroup; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, the Board accepted the Water Study Group Memorandum from the County Administrator which further vetted the workgroup's tasks and deliverables; and

WHEREAS, the memorandum also provided revisions to the workgroup composition of which those positions would be appointed by the Board through appropriate notice.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board establishes the following positions and their representative description/role to serve on the County Water Study Workgroup:

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County Water Study Workgroup			
Position:	<u>Description/Role</u>	<pre># of Seats (13 Total)</pre>	
County Commissioners	Represent the citizenry of Allegan County and have direct links to the Boards of the Local Units of Government (LUG)	2	
Manager or Supervisor of a Local Unit of Government.	Represent the LUG perspective. Many LUGs use ground water for their municipal water supply. The local units may directly use the study, possibly for direction of their master plans.	1	
Municipal Water Supply Supervisor or Technician	Represent technical expertise relative to Municipal Water Supplies.	1	
Academia (Not directly related to the development of the groundwater study)	Provide perspective not only scholastically, but also the latest in technology and how the study can be best utilized.	1	
Agricultural Businesses: Growers & Livestock	Agricultural businesses are some of the biggest users of the ground water in the county, not only for irrigation purposes but for watering of animals. Their businesses are directly affected by the availability and quality of ground water. Some farmers, in the dry times of the year, can use several thousands of gallons of water/day.	1	
Allegan County Conservation District (ACCD)	ACCD work with many Allegan County agricultural businesses and are committed, as evidenced by their vision, to help sustain the natural resources for future generations. ACCD is familiar with the mechanisms of the Allegan County agricultural businesses as well as the hydro- lithology of Allegan County.	1	
Real Estate: Builder,	According to the survey by the Health Department, 7% of developers are planning on	1	

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Developer, and Realtor-	developing in Allegan County using individual wells. Allegan County utilizes ground water or on-site wells for their potable water source.	
Industrial	Some businesses in Allegan County rely on ground not only for potable water supply, but also for industrial processes. Some of these businesses can use up to one million gallons of water/day.	1
Well Driller	Provide insight, experience and knowledge. Any policy or water management planning can directly or indirectly impact this sector.	1
Restaurant Owner	Several restaurant owners have on-site wells for their water supply. Restaurants have a vested interest. If their water supplies were to become tainted it would put their businesses in jeopardy.	1
Community Member (owner of a private water supply)	Represent the perspective of private water supplies in Allegan County which is very large.	1
Tribal Member	The tribe uses groundwater and represents a portion of the constituency of Allegan County. They have a direct interest into the success and protection of the ground water of Allegan County.	1

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that with the exception of Commissioner positions, members of this workgroup shall be considered volunteers. Mileage reimbursement for in-person attendance if applicable, shall be provided for those who request it and are not eligible to receive reimbursement by other means; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED with the exception of Commissioner, Tribal and District positions, County Administration will post these available positions on the County's website until filled and provide adequate notice in the local newspaper.

Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

SHERIFF'S VEHICLE FLEET - AUTHORIZE INVENTORY EXPANSION AND PURCHASE

24/ WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (Board) authorized two additional Sheriff positions in 2019, one Deputy and one Detective; and

WHEREAS, the Board in its approved 2021-2022 Strategic Plan approved four additional Sheriff positions in fiscal year 2022, three Deputies and one Detective; and

WHEREAS, this has created a need for six additional vehicles to support service delivery; and

WHEREAS, the cost to purchase these vehicles with equipment is projected to be \$240,400.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the County

Administrator to increase the current Sheriff Vehicle fleet by 6 vehicles:

Vehicle Description:	Cost per vehicle	Additional CIP
	with equipment:	Requested:
(4) Police	\$46,000	\$184,000
interceptor vehicle		
(2) Unmarked	\$28,200	\$56,400
passenger vehicles		

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the capital purchase of four police interceptor vehicle and two unmarked passenger vehicles at a cost not to exceed \$240,400; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the funds from the Capital Improvement Fund (#2450); and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board Chairperson and/or the County Administrator are authorized to sign the necessary documents on behalf of the County and that the Executive Director of Finance is authorized to make the necessary budget adjustments to complete this action.

Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS-ESTABLISH BROADBAND ACTION WORKGROUP

25/ WHEREAS, on June 10, 2021, the Board reviewed a Memorandum from the County Administrator which outlined a recommendation of positions to be appointed in the creation of a Broadband Action Workgroup; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board establishes the following positions to serve on the Broadband Action Workgroup:

Position:	# of Seats (11 Total)
County Commissioner	1
City or Township Representative.	3 (Geographically distinct positions to ensure countywide representation)

The following positions	shall represent
specific experience a	nd knowledge
relative to the needs,	challenges or
development of broadband	infrastructure.
Agri-business	1
Industry/Large Employer	1

Agri-business	Δ
Industry/Large Employer	1
Medical Industry	1
Economic Development	1
Holland Board of Public	1
Works (BPW)	
Allegan Area Educational	1
Service Agency (AAESA)	
Local Public Schools	1

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that with the exception of the Commissioner position, members of this workgroup shall be considered volunteers. Mileage reimbursement for in-person attendance if applicable, shall be provided for those who request it and are not eligible to receive reimbursement by other means; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED County Administration will post these available positions, with the exception of the Commissioner, Holland BPW and AAESA positions, on the County's website until filled and provide adequate notice in the local newspaper.

Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

RESOLUTION TO EXTEND DECLARATION OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

26/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Jessup to take the resolution to extend declaration of the State of Emergency for the county of Allegan off the table. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

Administrator Sarro updated the board on the potential impact of letting the declaration of the State of Emergency expire or extending it. Discussion followed and no action was taken to extend the State of Emergency.

COURTHOUSE ENTRANCE X-RAY MACHINE

27/ WHEREAS, the Board has previously authorized the placement of an x-ray machine in 2005 and such was not implemented due to space restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the new Courthouse Entrance was designed with space to accommodate the future deployment of an x-ray machine; and

WHEREAS, the new entrance is scheduled to be completed before the end of the year; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office is recommending an earlier purchase of an x-ray machine so it may be deployed upon immediate opening with the public; and

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WHEREAS, based on several quotes obtained in 2020, an x-ray machine with appropriate accessories, delivery, installation and training is likely to cost between \$35,000 and \$45,000.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners approves the inclusion of a Courthouse Entrance X-Ray Machine into the 2020 Capital Plan (2450.261.977.00.00) for an amount of \$50,000; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the Executive Director of Finance is authorized to make the necessary budget adjustments to complete this action.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

28/ Administrator Rob Sarro noted his written report was submitted to Commissioners. Highlights included: jury management software; vandalism to county facility trucks; resource recovery updates; and courthouse construction project updates.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS

29/ Chairman Storey opened the meeting to public participation and as there were no comments from the public, he closed the meeting to public participation.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

30/ Commissioner Kapenga requested a future agenda item to discuss vaccine passports.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL JUNE 24, 2021 AT 1:00 P.M.

31/ Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to adjourn until June 24, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. The motion carried by roll call vote and the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 P.M. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

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Deputy Clerk

Board Chairperson

Minutes approved during the 00/00/2021 Session

2020ANNUAL REPORT



ALLEGAN COUNTY PROBATE COURT



Hon. Michael L. Buck Alicia Blik Jonathan K. Blair Jennifer Callaway Jennifer White

Mission Statement

The mission of the Allegan County Probate Court is to administer justice with fairness, equality, and integrity, to resolve matters before the court in a timely manner, and to provide courteous and prompt service in a manner that inspires trust and confidence.

Goals

- To process all matters within the time guidelines set by the State Court Administrative Office
- To ensure the compliance of Court-appointed fiduciaries with statutes and courts rules, in order to safeguard protected individuals and their property
- To efficiently process and adjudicate all matters before the Court
- To provide excellent customer service to all those with business before the Court

Probate Court Authority

Article VI Section 15 of the Michigan Constitution provides that "the jurisdiction, powers and duties of the probate court and of the judges thereof shall be provided by law." Through the promulgation of the Estates and Protected Individuals Code (EPIC), the Mental Health Code, and other acts, the legislature has conferred jurisdiction to the Probate Court over:

- Decedent Estate Proceedings
- Civil Actions
- Trust Proceedings
- Minor Guardianship Proceedings
- Guardianships of Incapacitated Individuals
- Protective Orders
- Conservatorships
- Guardianships of Individuals with Developmental Disabilities
- Involuntary Commitments of Mentally III Persons
- Drain Appeals
- Delayed Registration of Foreign Birth
- Secret Marriages

Probate Staff Honorable Judge Michael Buck



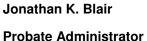
Michael (Mike) Buck was elected Allegan County Probate Judge in 2000, upon the retirement of Hon. George Greig. Mike currently serves as Chief Probate Judge, Presiding Family Court Judge, and Chair of the Allegan County Judicial Council. Before becoming a judge, he served over 20 years as an Allegan County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. In that time period, he successfully handled cases from drunk driving to first degree murder. He specialized in cases involving abuse of children, making his current responsibilities as Presiding Family Court Judge, a natural fit. In addition to presiding over cases involving neglect and abuse of children, Judge Buck's authority includes adoptions, name changes,

juvenile delinquency, wills, trusts, guardianships, mentally ill proceedings, and the safekeeping of election results for delivery to the Allegan County Board of Canvassers.

Judge Buck was born and raised in Southwest Michigan. He has worked many different jobs on his career path to the bench. He caddied for golfers, cleaned offices and bathrooms as a janitor, worked all hours of the day and night as a security guard, pumped gas at a marina, cleaned animal pens at an amusement park, and labored at various factory jobs in the Benton Harbor area. He majored in Psychology and received his Teaching Certificate while attending the University of Michigan. He received his law degree from Cooley Law School, while working full time. His interest in Family Law began early, as his parents provided a home for foster children and successfully navigated the adoption process. Mike especially enjoys making each and every adoption hearing a real celebration.

Probate Staff







Jennifer Callaway

Deputy Probate Register



Jennifer White Deputy Probate Register

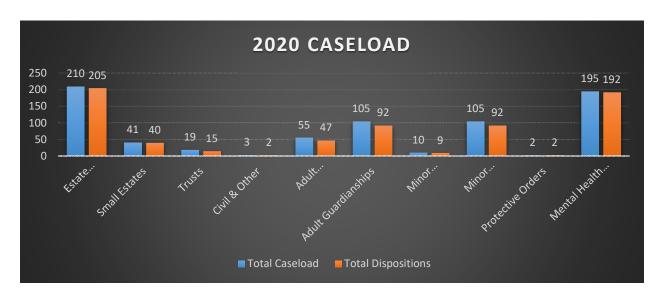
And Welcome -- Alicia Blik, Judicial Secretary to Hon. Michael L. Buck



Alicia joined the office in summer of 2020. She replaced Amy Cornell who took a position with the Youth Home. Alicia has been a wonderful addition to Probate Court and we are sincerely grateful to have her.

Alicia was recently married on June 4th, splitting her new husband's birthday of June 3rd and Alicia's of June 5th. Alicia has a wonderful new family with four step-children

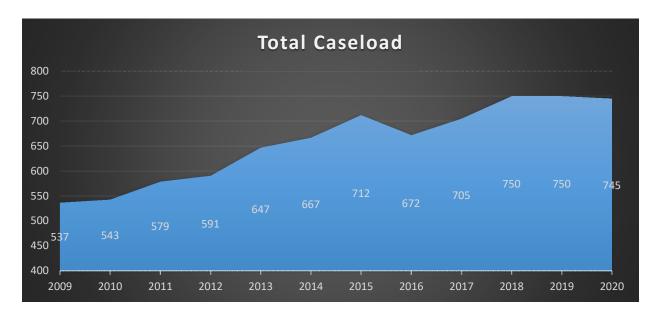
Probate Court Caseload



In 2020 the Probate Court handled a total of 745 new filings. This has remained consistent as 2019 there were a total of 750 new and pending cases handled by the Probate Court, and 750 in 2018. The majority of these were comprised of decedents' estates (210, up from 181 in 2019), mental health proceedings (195), adult guardianships (105) and minor guardianships (105). Overall, the pandemic had only a minor effect on filings.

The orange represents the total dispositions, or resolutions for cases. The Probate Court disposition rate exceeds the SCAO recommended standards and is above average for the State.

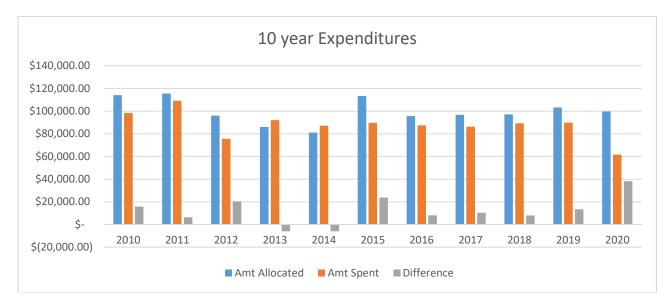
Caseload Trends

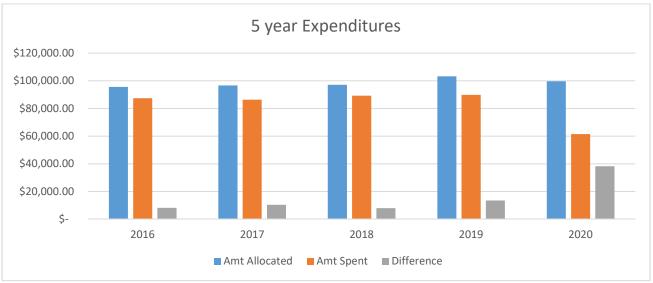


2020 saw a very minor reduction in cases. 2018 and 2019 had the same case load numbers. In prior years the caseload had been consistently rising (notwithstanding the decreases in overall caseload in 2009 and 2016). There were 578 new and pending cases handled by the Court in 2008 and 750 in 2018 and 2019, which represents a 30% increase in overall caseload. Most notably, since 2015 Deceased Estates have increased from 186 to 210, a 13% increase, Guardianships have increased 21%, and Minor Guardianship have increased 28% during the same time. These number will continue to increase as Allegan County population increases and ages.

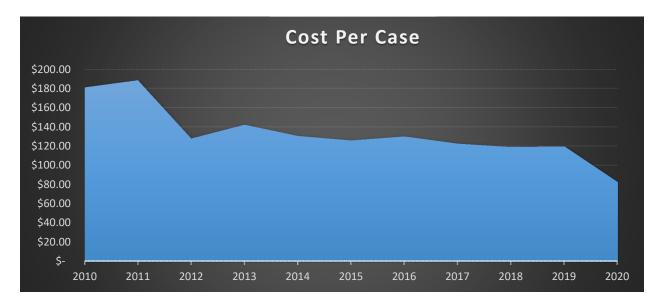
Expenditures

Below are charts showing the allocated operational budget for the Probate Court, actual expenditures, revenues budgeted, and the actual revenues collected from 2010 to 2020. Since 2010, the Court has been allocated an average operational budget of \$99,875.36. During that same period, the Court spent an average of \$87,841.18 per year.





Cost Per Case



The 2020 cost per case saw a marked decrease from \$119.74 in 2019 to \$82 in 2020. This is a result of reduced operations during the pandemic. These costs are returning or already have returned and the 2019 amount of \$119.74 is a more accurate depiction of the cost per case.

Attorney and GAL Fees



Attorney Fees continue to be the single largest expenditure for the Court. In 2010 the Court expended \$14,068 on Attorneys and GAL fees. In 2019 that cost was \$25,154

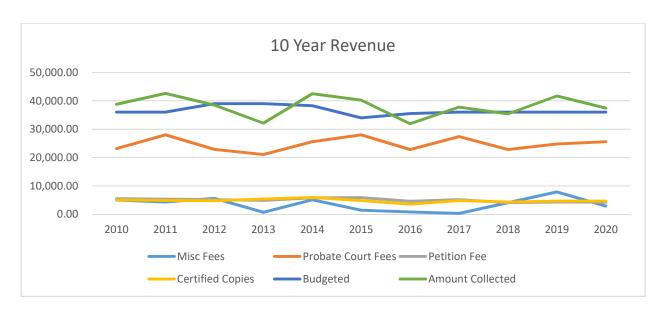
– a 79% increase. However, 2020's stats were lower, however this is a result of fewer in person hearings due to the pandemic. GALs were unable to make in person visits. The services provided by the GALs and attorneys are invaluable to the Court and public. The

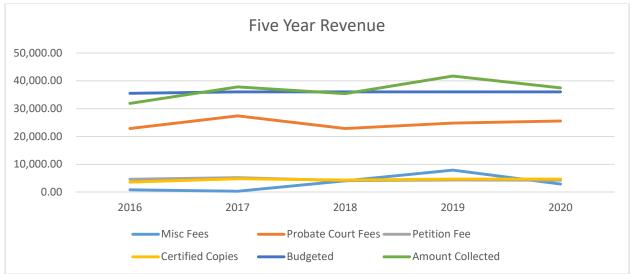
Court relies on the hard work from these individuals to provide necessary services. While the overall cost is high, the amount paid to individuals in relatively low. Our current fee structure is actually one of the lowest in the area. This makes finding replacement attorneys difficult and continues to put a strain on current providers.

Revenues

Although most of the Probate Court's revenues are dependent on filing fees and requests for copies, during the past five years the Court has collected an average of \$38,087 per year, and exceeded the average amount it has budgeted for revenue collection over the past 10 years.

	PROBATE REVENUES					
Year	Misc Fees	Probate Court Fees	Petition Fee	Certified Copies	Budgeted	Amount Collected
2010	5,024.07	23,163.37	5,500.00	5,083.00	36,000.00	38,770.44
2011	4,335.29	27,996.60	5,357.40	4,924.00	36,000.00	42,613.29
2012	5,657.72	22,858.40	5,198.80	4,760.40	39,000.00	38,475.32
2013	708.52	21,061.18	4,916.04	5,419.60	39,000.00	32,105.34
2014	5,131.04	25,608.96	5,800.99	5,985.38	38,250.00	42,526.37
2015	1,438.00	28,021.11	5,910.60	4,864.35	34,000.00	40,234.06
2016	811.45	22,853.84	4,638.22	3,587.00	35,500.00	31,890.51
2017	338.18	27,412.05	5,195.45	4,833.75	36,000.00	37,779.43
2018	4,085.49	22,832.18	4,122.00	4,351.00	36,000.00	35,390.67
2019	7,893.42	24,805.65	4,358.20	4,670.50	36,000.00	41,727.77
2020	2,929.30	25,573.68	4,284.24	4,663.00	36,000.00	37,450.22
Average	3,486.59	24,744.27	5,025.63	4,831.09	36,522.73	38,087.58





Attorney Fee Recovery for Mental Health Proceedings

Last year the Court began utilizing a free online accounting tool geared toward small businesses called **Wave**. This website has assisted the Court in generating and tracking invoices for reimbursement of the attorney fees it pays in connection with mental health proceedings. Like most things the Pandemic decreased collections, but overall this recovery system has been beneficial for the Court.

Court's professional guardian reimbursement program

Since 2017 the Court has greatly benefited from funding the County provided for its professional guardian reimbursement program. This allows guardians to be reimbursed up for \$60 per month per ward for services provided. Without this service professional guardians and thus any guardian would be unavailable for a number of wards. In 2019 six guardian services were able to use the program to provide for 42 wards. This has increased to 45 in 2020 and 51 in 2021.

Probate and the Pandemic

During the Pandemic Probate Court was able to remain open and provide all services to the public. The Court's continued operation is due to the dedication and work ethic of its staff. Staff has rotated at-home work with necessary in-office work while limiting exposure to other staff and the public. Judge Buck and Alicia were in the building daily, while remaining staff rotated or worked from home depending on need. The pandemic was not easy for anyone, but thankfully services remained available and overall matters ran smoothly.

2018 Public Satisfaction Survey

The court's 2020 survey was cancelled due to Covid concerns. Below are excerpts from the last survey.

Every two years the Probate Court distributes a public satisfaction survey to the public, in



coordination with the Circuit and District Courts. The survey is developed by the State Court Administrative Office, and assists the Probate Court in identifying its strengths, providing positive feedback to employees, and targeting areas for improvement.

In the Court's last survey, 100% of court users agreed or strongly agreed that they were treated with courtesy and respect by court staff. Court users also overwhelmingly indicated that they

were able to get their business done in a reasonable amount of time and that their cases were handled fairly.

Below are a sample of comments the Court received from members of the public in the 2018 public satisfaction survey:

"Very fast and efficient."

- Family/friend of party to case

"Work well with Probate Judge & staff."

- Agency Worker

"Fast and friendly."

- Personal Representative of an Estate

The results of the survey, notes from the public and other feedback indicate that the Probate Court continues to maintain high levels of public satisfaction. The Court had planned to administer another public satisfaction survey in 2020 the effects of the COIVD-19 Pandemic have put these plans on hold.

Current Information and Key Contacts

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

FINANCE - CLAIMS & INTERFUND TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, Administration has compiled the following claims for 6/18/21 and 6/25/21; and

WHEREAS, the following claims, which are chargeable against the County, were audited in accordance with Section 46.61 to 46.63, inclusive, M.C.L. 1970 as amended and resolutions of the Board; and

WHEREAS, said claims are listed in the 2021 Claims folder of the Commissioners' Record of Claims.

June 18, 2021

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	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED	
General Fund - 1010	247,692.36	247,692.36		
Park/Recreation Fund - 2080	3,355.69	3,355.69		
Central Dispatch/E911 Fund - 2110	3,314.56	3,314.56		
Central Dispatch CIP - 2118	7,397.61	7,397.61		
Health Department Fund - 2210	24,672.38	24,672.38		
Solid Waste - 2211	50,531.67	50,531.67		
Transportation Grant - 2300	271.02	271.02		
Register Of Deeds Automation Fund - 2560	134.16	134.16		
Indigent Defense - 2600	281.24	281.24		
Palisades Emergency Planning Facility UP - 2630	1,224.14	1,224.14		
Drug Law Enforcement Fund-Prosecutor - 2651	324.21	324.21		
Grants - 2790	4,915.00	4,915.00		
Wayland Township - 2806	840.79	840.79		
Child Care-Circuit/Family - 2921	4,850.04	4,850.04		
Soldiers Relief Fund - 2930	144.12	144.12		
Senior Millage - 2950	1,914.31	1,914.31		
Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund - 6160	417.89	417.89		
Tax Reversion - 6200	63.99	63.99		
Drain Equip Revolving - 6390	36.01	36.01		
Fleet Management - 6612	1,511.86	1,511.86		
Self-Insurance Fund - 6770	14,562.92	14,562.92		
Drain Fund - 8010	19,605.78	19,605.78		
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$388,061.75	\$388,061.75		

June 25, 2021

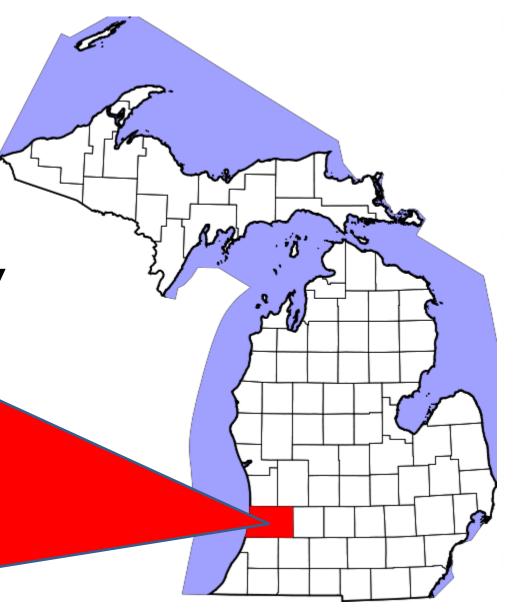
	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund - 1010	38,039.76	38,039.76	
Central Dispatch/E911 Fund - 2110	23,711.14	23,711.14	
Friend of the Court Office - 2151	2,830.80	2,830.80	
Health Department Fund - 2210	9,452.15	9,452.15	
Transportation Grant - 2300	12,613.77	12,613.77	
Capital Improvement Fund - 2450	1,617.50	1,617.50	
Animal Shelter - 2550	6,438.00	6,438.00	
Register Of Deeds Automation Fund - 2560	395.00	395.00	
Indigent Defense - 2600	7,233.45	7,233.45	
Grants - 2790	30,997.01	30,997.01	
Child Care-Circuit/Family - 2921	12,064.66	12,064.66	
Senior Millage - 2950	163,859.69	163,859.69	
Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund - 6160	93.97	93.97	
Drain Equip Revolving - 6390	53.27	53.27	
Fleet Management - 6612	232.27	232.27	
Self-Insurance Fund - 6770	682.58	682.58	
Drain Fund - 8010	83,996.11	83,996.11	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$394,311.13	\$394,311.13	

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners adopts the report of claims for 6/18/21, 6/25/21 and interfund transfers.



Presentation to Allegan County

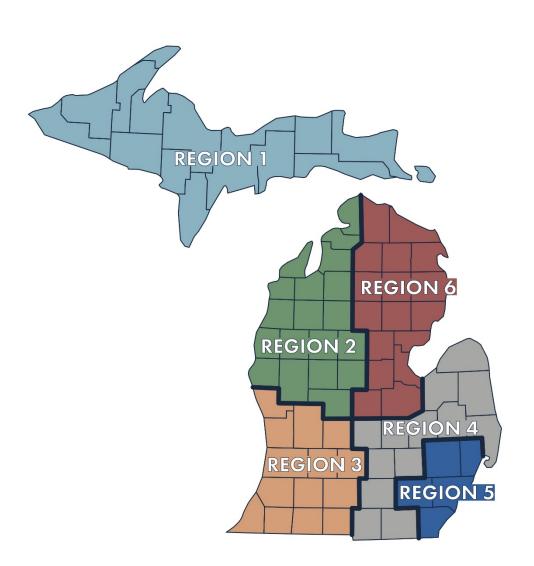






Leadership

- Board of 16 members elected by commissioners
- Two seats from each of six regions ensure broad representation
- MAC Board meets four times a year: Legislative Conference, June, Annual Conference, November
- Elections held in August/September at Annual Conference





Leadership



Veronica Klinefelt President



Stephan W. Currie Executive Director scurrie@micounties.org



Phil Kuyers
First Vice President



Stan Ponstein
Second Vice President



MAC

What is Purpose of MAC?

- Advocacy: To be the voice of Michigan counties at the state and federal level
- Education: To provide educational opportunities to county commissioners to ensure they can do their jobs to the best of their abilities
- Services: To make available services that counties can take advantage of that save their staff time and money





















COVID-19 Aid

American Rescue Plan

- \$1.9 billion direct to Michigan counties
- Funding for COVID-related expenses, water and broadband projects and replacement of revenue loss due to pandemic
- Revenue loss could materialize in the future
- Coordination of efforts with locals, businesses and service providers
- \$3.9 billion ask for state matching funds





MAC 2021 Priorities

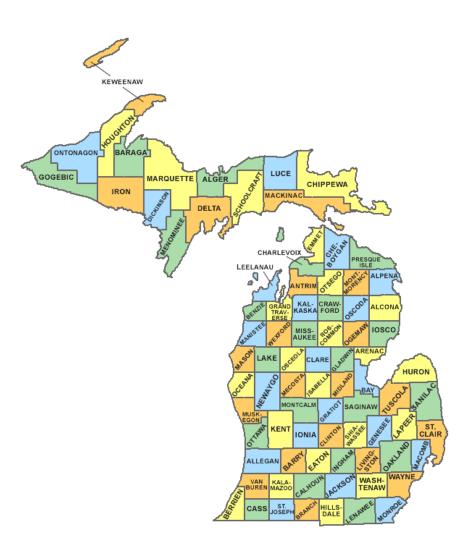
- Extending County Commissioner Terms to Four Years
- Enacting Reforms to Improve the Functioning of Local Courts
- Bolstering Michigan's System of Financing Local Government
- Ensuring the State Covers Costs for Property Tax Exemptions
- Adopting Measures to Reverse Damage Inflicted by "Dark Stores"
- Bolstering Michigan's Human Services Programs





4-year Commissioner Terms

- Michigan is among only 5 states in nation that limit all commissioner terms to 2 years
- All other elected county officials receive 4-year terms
- MAC supports Senate Bills 242 & 245, which would enact 4-year terms, starting with 2024 presidential election
 - Bills passed Senate 32-4
 - Now in House committee

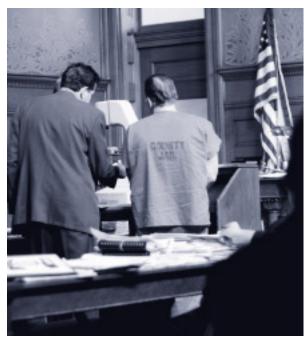




Reforms for Local Courts

- Create a Trial Court Fund that receives revenue from the General Fund and trial court assessments and payments and distributes those funds to trial courts based on caseloads, case types and basic operational needs
- Create a state-funded case management system to enhance court technology and get all courts using the same system

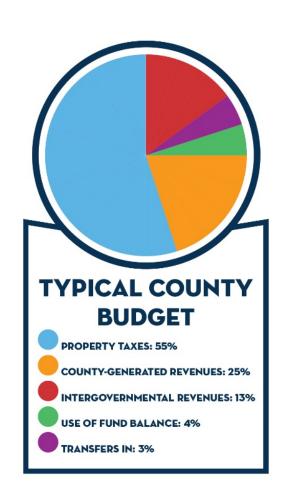






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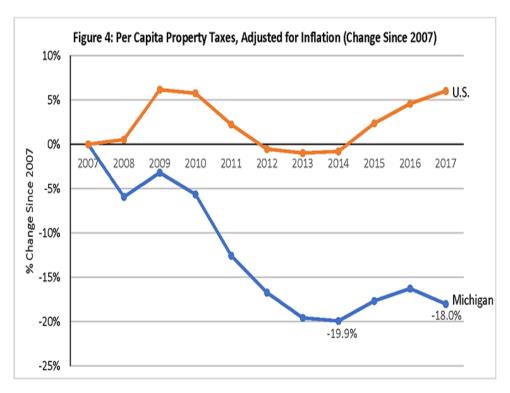
- Secure a dedicated revenue stream to support a county revenue sharing trust fund
- Ensure stable and sufficiently funded revenue streams for new or increases in mandated services
- Create a tourism reinvestment excise tax for our counties
- Re-open the window of opportunity for counties to transfer their foreclosure responsibilities to the state
- Exempt special millages from tax capture and allow for opting out of tax captures at the expiration of the original plan agreement





Property Tax Exemptions

- Moratorium winners & losers
- Veteran exemptions
- Poverty, commercial, foreclosures
- Nonprofit & charitable
- Expansion of PPT exemptions
 - Solar and alternative energy
 - Broadband
 - Heavy equipment
 - Micro-fulfillment centers



Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2017).



Human Services

- Ensure state fulfills obligation to fund 100% of new costs to cover 17-yearolds entering juvenile justice system on Oct 1, 2021, pursuant to statute and data from family courts
- Amend County Veteran Service Fund to ensure emergent relief expenses are eligible; provide 1-year reduction to a county MOE (HB 4122/Glenn)



- Mental health: Senate vs. House proposals
 - Shirkey plan prompts concern
 - Whiteford bills (HBs 4925-929) create state entity to manage MH services
 - o MAC supports local control on MH, using evidence-based services



Addressing Infrastructure Needs

- Adopt legislation to adequately fund infrastructure upgrades, such as roads, bridges and the separation of storm and sanitary sewers
- FY22 budget expectations
 - Governor seeks more local revenue options for roads
 - \$300M to fix 120 local bridges
 - \$290M for Michigan Clean Water Plan
 - \$40M for high water level and coastal erosion planning
 - \$15M for a dam safety emergency fund









Advocacy

MAC Policy Committees

- MAC has six committees that study legislation and make recommendations to the MAC Board:
 - Finance and General Government Meets the 1st Friday at 10 a.m.
 - Environmental, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs Meets the 2nd Friday at 10 a.m.
 - Health and Human Services Meets the 4th Monday at 10 a.m.
 - Judiciary and Public Safety Meets the 4th Monday at 2 p.m.
 - Transportation Meets the 4th Friday at 10 a.m.
 - Agriculture and Tourism Meets at the call of the chair
- To join a MAC committee, fill out application at micounties.org

Advocacy



- Provides financial support to incumbent state legislators who are friends of county government
- 31 former county commissioners now serving in the Michigan Legislature (MAC County Caucus)

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Services

Conferences

Summer Regional Summits

• July 19, 22, 26, 29

Annual Conference (summer/fall)

Sept. 26-28, 2021

MAC conferences provide top speakers, intensive policy workshops and plenty of opportunities to network with county leaders





Communications

- Full suite of social media channels
- Podcast 83 is MAC's video briefing on news and trends in county government
- Website has county resolutions database; digital advocacy tools; conference archives

Services



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STATE OF MICHIGAN

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT-LAGOON VALVE REPAIR/REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, the underground valve controlling flow between sewage lagoons #1 and #2 has failed for an unknown reason and cannot be opened to drain Lagoon; and

WHEREAS, if the valve is not returned to an operational state, lagoon #1 is expected to reach its capacity by midsummer; and

WHEREAS, to restore operation, it will be necessary to unearth the valve to diagnose the problem whose remedy may be as simple as making a minor repair or it may require a full replacement; and

WHEREAS, based on one estimate, a project to fully replace the valve may cost up to \$35,075 and there are potential unknowns given that the valve is buried at a depth of 13 feet and material costs are unstable; and

WHEREAS, a request for proposal process has already been initiated to solicit formal bids which may result in more favorable pricing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves funding the Lagoon Valve Replacement as a capital improvement project (2450.272.972.00.00) for an amount not to exceed \$45,000; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the County Administrator is authorized to sign necessary documents on behalf of the County and the Executive Director of Finance is authorized to make the necessary budget adjustments to complete this action.



Completed RFA form must be attached to a work order request through the Track-It System. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Administration @ ext. 2633.

RFA#: <u>201910</u>

Date: 5/27/2021

Request Type	Budget Adjustments or Transfers	Select a Request Type to reveal and complete required form.
Department Requesting	Facilities Mgmt	Select a nequest Type to reveal and complete required forms
Submitted By	Valdis Kalnins on behalf of Carl Chapman	
Contact Information	cchapman@allegancounty.org	
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Revenue		
Expense		
Fund, Activity, Account:		
2450.272.972.00.00		
Amount \$45,000.00		
Explanation / Description	:	
		ment of the underground valve that allows for the transfer of liquid
-	1 and #2 at the County Services Complex. T	he valve has unexpectedly stopped working and can't be opened to
drain Lagoon #1.		
FROM:		TO:
Contingency		
Fund Balance		Account: 2450 . 272 . 972 . 00 . 00
		Amount \$45,000.00