

ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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JUNE 24, 2021 SESSION

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MORNING SESSION

JUNE 24, 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 24, 2021 at 9:05 A.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of June 10, 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- 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 PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS

2/ 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 - ADOPTED AS PRESENTED

3/ Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, 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:**STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW/UPDATE**

4/ Administrator Sarro began reviewing the Strategic Work Plan. The Board approved the formation of the Water Study Workgroup and the Broadband Action Workgroup. As applications are received, these will be forwarded to the Board consistent with established Board and Commission process.

Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to gather applications for the Water Study Workgroup and the Broadband Action Workgroup for the next 30 days and begin appointments during the July 22, 2021 board session. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

Discussions continued with updates regarding parks & recreation; public safety & criminal justice; transportation; Rock Tenn demolition and sale; courthouse renovation and master plan; debt elimination - reallocation to operations/services; audit; maintain employee labor relations; 5-year market wage review; facility planning; American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); and broadband.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS

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ADJOURNMENT UNTIL JULY 8, 2021 AT 9:00 A.M.

6/ Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Jessup to adjourn until July 8, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. The motion carried by roll call vote and the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 A.M. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

AFTERNOON SESSION

JUNE 24, 2021 SESSION - INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

7/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Allegan, State of Michigan, met remotely online connecting through a Zoom webinar on June 24, 2021 at 1:04 P.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of June 10, 2021, and rules of this board; Chairman Storey presiding.

The invocation was offered by District #6 Commissioner Dugan.

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COMMUNICATIONS

8/ Deputy Clerk Tien noted to the board that they received the following resolutions:

1. Roscommon County resolution opposing Michigan Secretary of State "By Appointment Only"
2. Oceana County resolution opposing COVID-19 vaccine passports
3. Lenawee County and Kalamazoo County resolutions in opposition to Senator Shirkey's "Gearing toward integration proposal"

JUNE 3, 2021 AND JUNE 10, 2021 SESSION MINUTES - ADOPTED

9/ Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to approve the minutes for the June 3, 2021 and June 10, 2021 session as distributed. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - COMMENTS

10/ Chairman Storey opened the meeting to public participation and the following individual offered comment:

1. Elizabeth Decot of 161 Summit Drive in Allegan addressed the board regarding the COVID-19 vaccine passport resolution

AGENDA - ADOPTED AS PRESENTED

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

INFORMATIONAL SESSION

12/ Probate Administrator Jonathan Blair presented to the board the 2020 Annual Report for Probate Court.

2020 ANNUAL 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 Ill 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



Jonathan K. Blair
Probate Administrator



Jennifer Callaway
Deputy Probate Register



Jennifer White
Deputy Probate Register

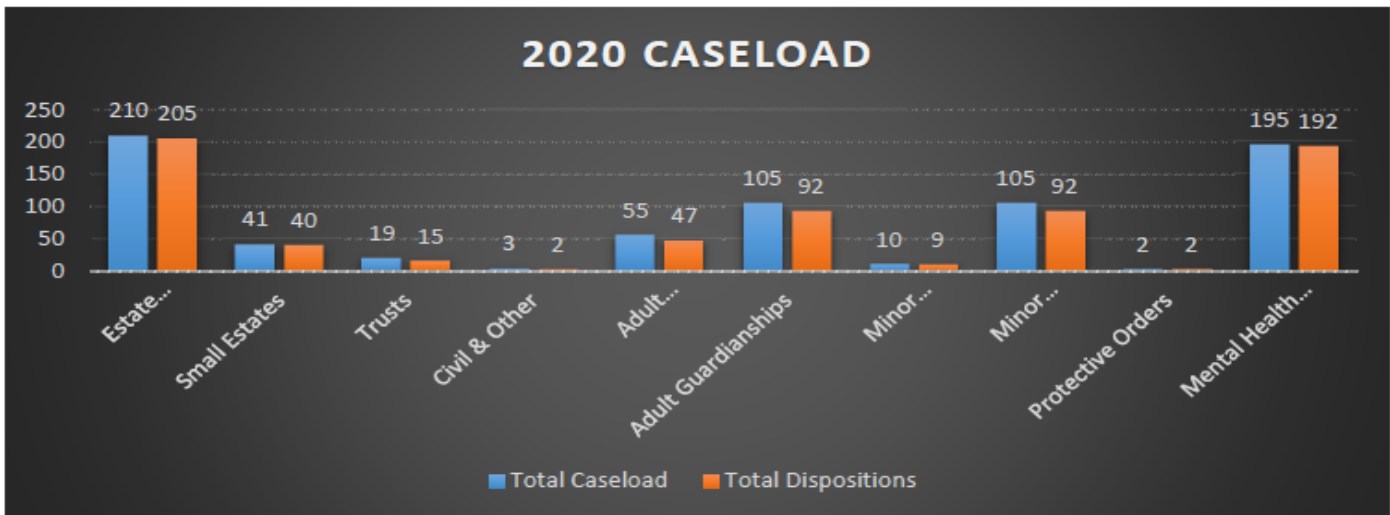
And Welcome -- Alicia Blik, Judicial Secretary to Hon. Michael L. Buck



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

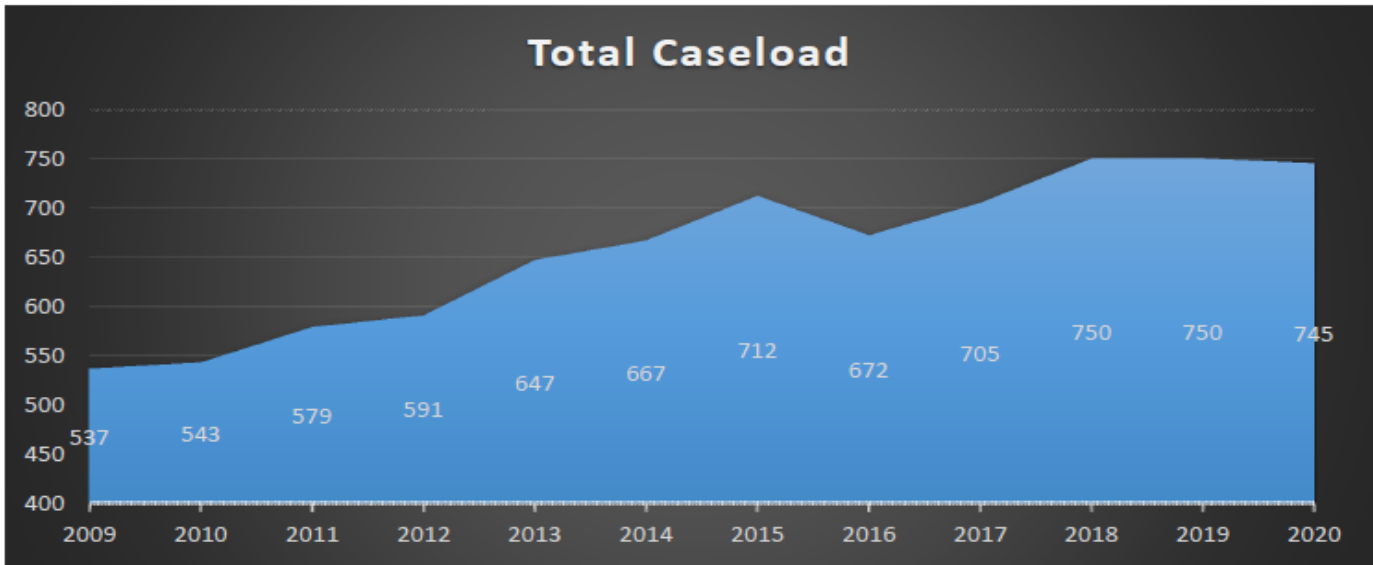
Probate Court Caseload



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.

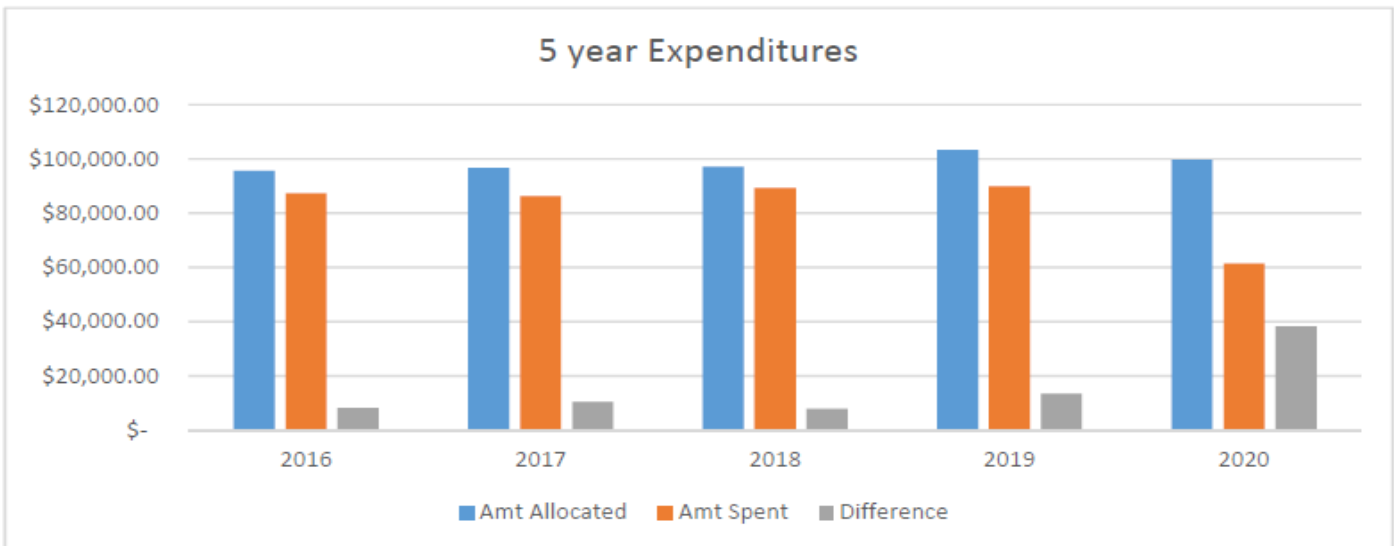
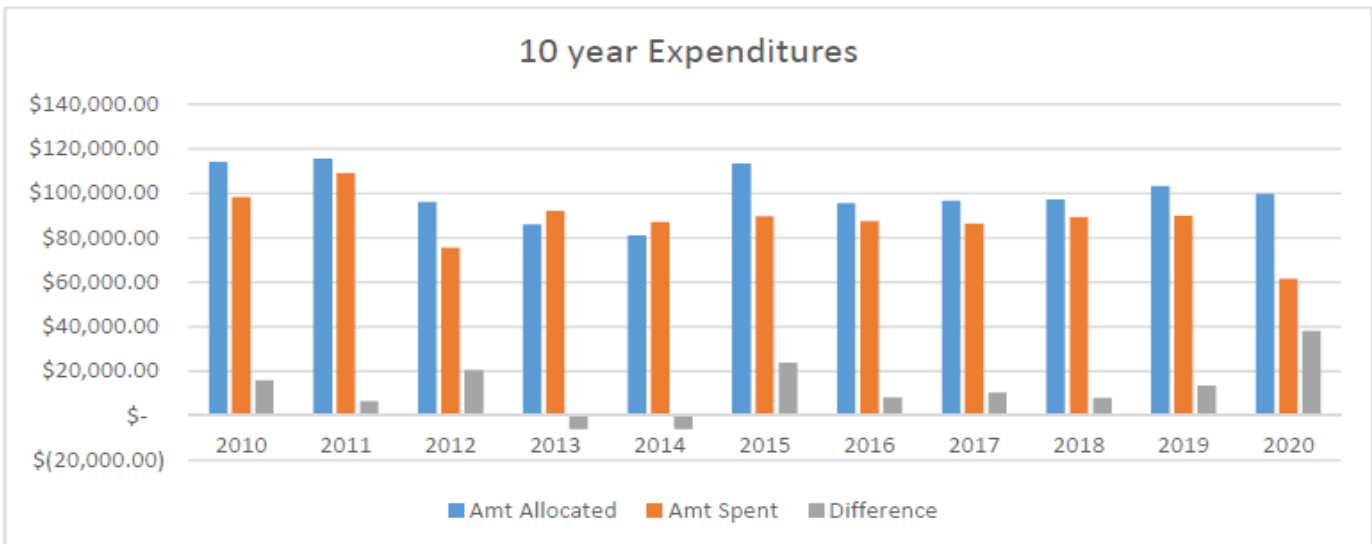
Caseload Trends



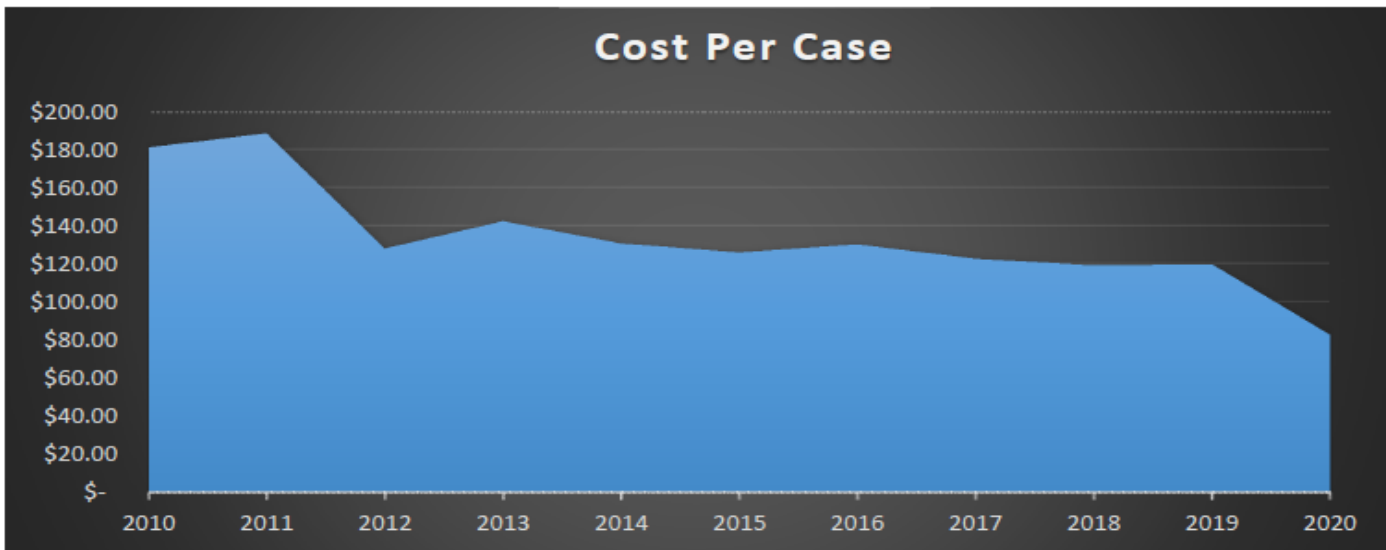
2020 saw a very minor reduction in cases. 2018 and 2019 had the same case load numbers. In prior years the caseload had been consistently rising (notwithstanding the decreases in overall caseload in 2009 and 2016). There were 578 new and pending cases handled by the Court in 2008 and 750 in 2018 and 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.



556 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

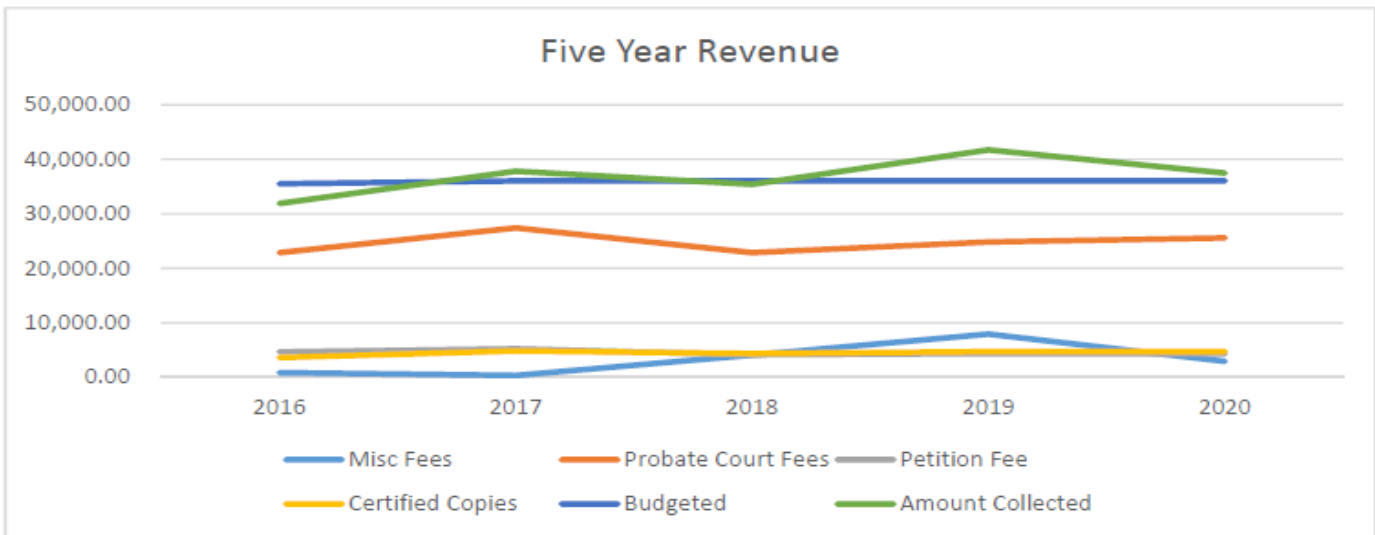
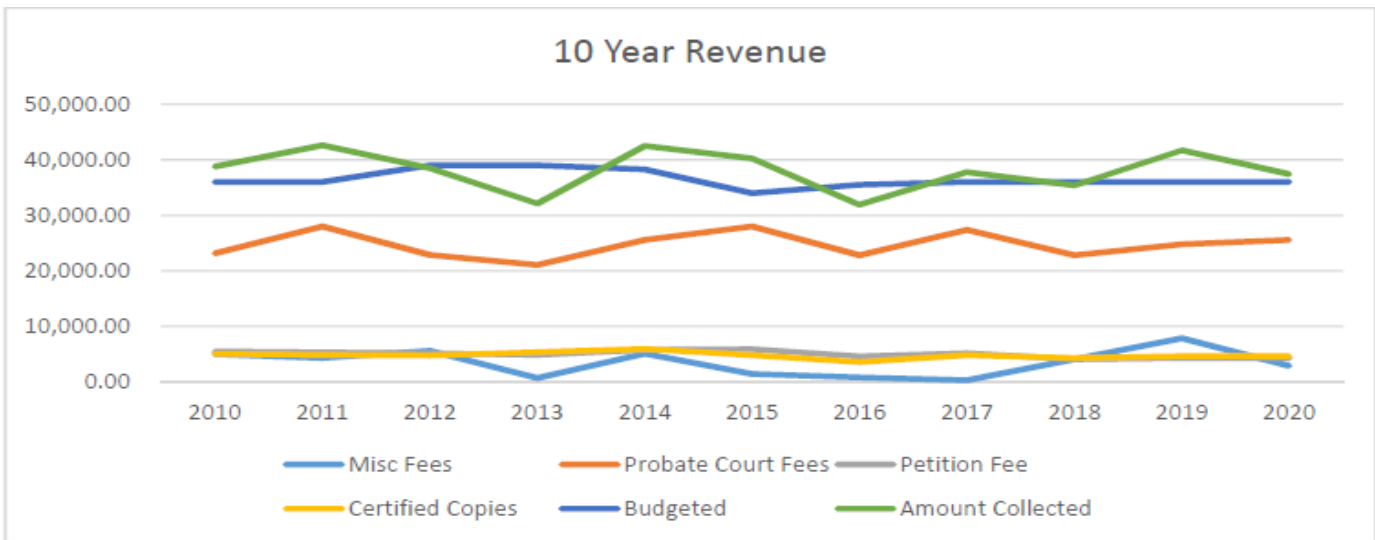
— a 79% increase. However, 2020's stats were lower, however this is a result of fewer in person hearings due to the pandemic. GALs were unable to make in person visits. The services provided by the GALs and attorneys are invaluable to the Court and public. The

Court relies on the hard work from these individuals to provide necessary services. While the overall cost is high, the amount paid to individuals is 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 COVID-19 Pandemic have put these plans on hold.

Current Information and Key Contacts

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

13/ Administrator Rob Sarro noted his written report was submitted to Commissioners. Discussion followed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - CLAIMS & INTERFUND TRANSFERS

14/ **WHEREAS**, Administration has compiled the following claims for June 18, 2021 and June 25, 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

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

June 18, 2021

	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 June 18, 2021 and June 25, 2021.

Moved by Commissioner DeYoung, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to adopt the report of claims for June 18, 2021 and June 25, 2021. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

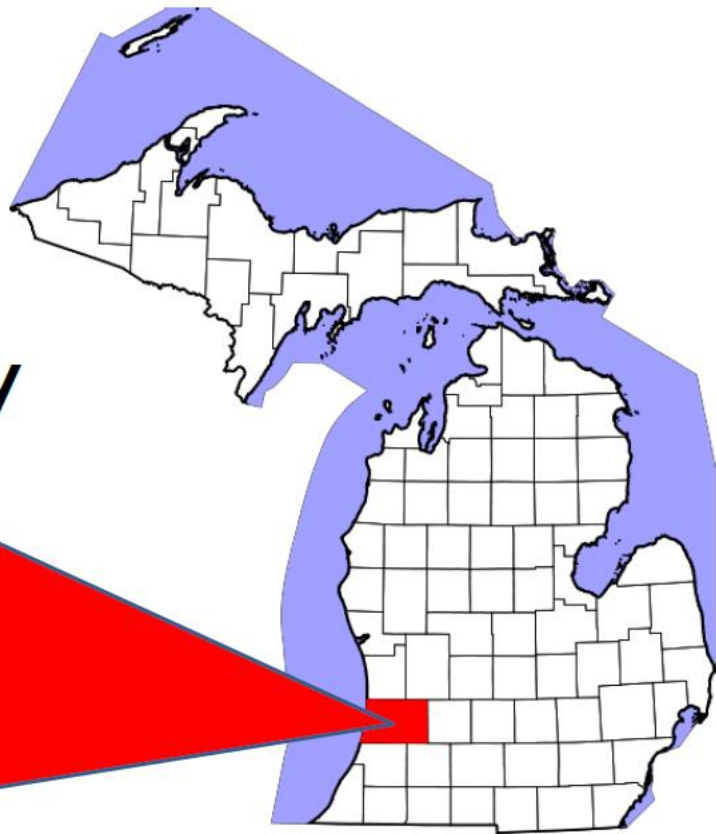
DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES UPDATE & LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

15/ Executive Director Steve Curries from the Michigan Association of Counties gave an update to the board.



Presentation to Allegan County



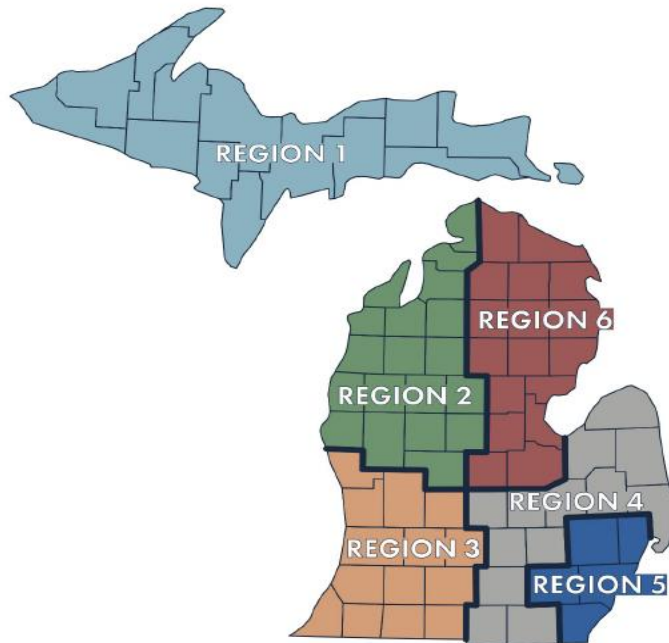
June 2021

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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



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Leadership



Veronica Klinefelt
President



Stephan W. Currie
Executive Director
scurie@micounties.org



Phil Kuyers
First Vice President



Stan Ponstein
Second Vice President

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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



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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



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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



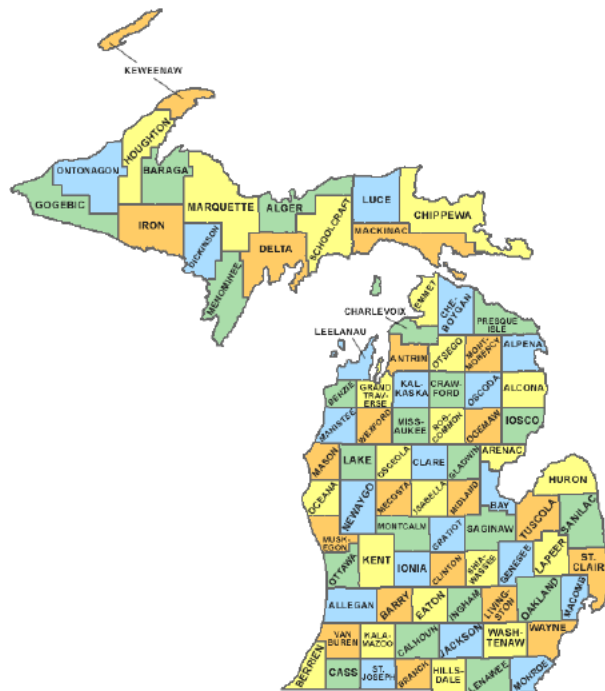
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Legislative Update

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

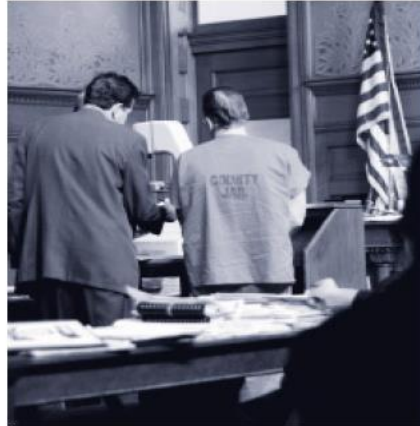


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Legislative Update

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

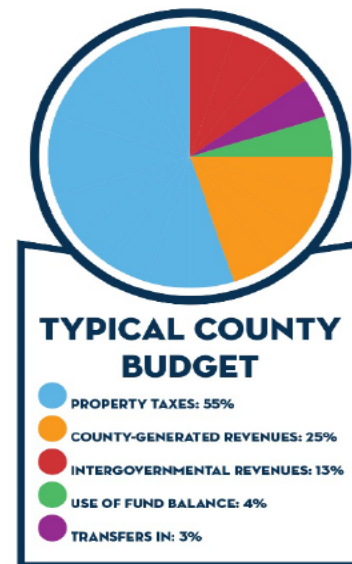


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Legislative Update

Local Government Finance Reforms

- 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

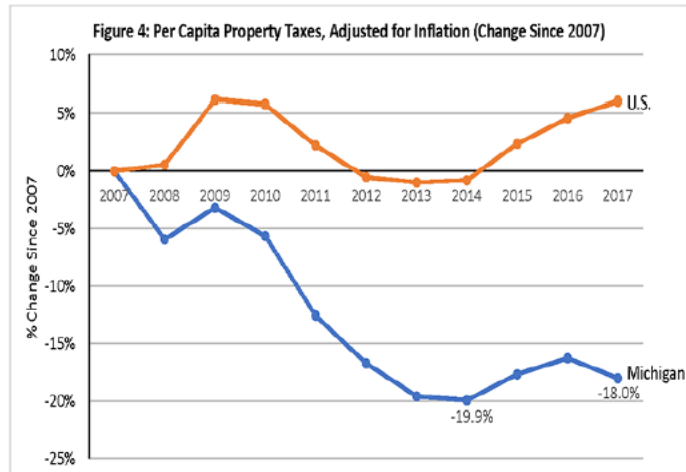


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Legislative Update

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).

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Legislative Update

Human Services

- Ensure state fulfills obligation to fund 100% of new costs to cover 17-year-olds 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
 - MAC supports local control on MH, using evidence-based services



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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



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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

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FACILITIES MANAGEMENT—LAGOON VALVE REPAIR/REPLACEMENT

16/ **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 mid-summer; 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.

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.

COVID-19 VACCINE PASSPORT

17/ Commissioners discussed the issues surrounding COVID-19 vaccine passports. No action was taken on the matter.

APPOINTMENTS

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911 POLICY AND PROCEDURE BOARD

Chairman Storey announced the appointment of the following individuals to the 911 Policy and Procedure Board to fill a 2-year term; term to expire July 31, 2023.

Pamela Crandle, 1245 32nd St., Allegan MI (Citizen at Large)

Jane Verplank, Box 111, Saugatuck MI (Elected Gov't Rep.)

Victoria Maguire, 517 S. Division, Grand Rapids MI (Emergency Services Rep.)

Jay Gibson, 170 Monroe St., Allegan MI (Police Chief Rep.)

Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner Cain to approve the appointments as made. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

TOURIST COUNCIL

Chairman Storey announced the appointment of the following individual to the Tourist Council to fill the remainder of a 3-year term; term to expire December 31, 2023.

Scott Beltman, 3110 130th Ave, Hopkins MI

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - COMMENTS

19/ Chairman Storey opened the meeting to public participation and the following individual offered comment:

1. Scott Beltman of 3110 130th Ave in Hopkins thanked the board for his appointment to the Tourist Council

PER DIEM/MILEAGE REQUEST

20/ Commissioner Storey requested reimbursement for the ticket price of \$12.50 to attend the SURGE meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner Jessup to approve the ticket reimbursement. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 6 votes. Abstain: Storey.

ROUNDTABLE

21/ Commissioners expressed displeasure with the conditions of the storage facility at Wishbone. Administrator Sarro will be meeting with Wishbone within the next week and will address the issues. May be brought back before the board for further action.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL JULY 8, 2021 AT 1:00 P.M.

22/ Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner Thiele to adjourn until July 8, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. The motion carried by roll call vote and the meeting was adjourned at 3:16 P.M. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

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Deputy Clerk

James M. Storey

Board Chairperson

Minutes approved during the 07/08/2021 Session