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Michael J. Hanley, Chairman
Saginaw County Board of Commissioners
111 South Michigan
Saginaw, MI 48602

RE: Robért Report – November 2016

Dear Chairman Hanley:

The Robért Report is a summary of activity taking place in departments and/or agencies that report directly or indirectly to the Controller/CAO. Other departments also contribute information to this report to assist in keeping you and your constituents informed. The Robért Report can now be accessed through the County web site at www.saginawcounty.com/Controller. Please use this site to obtain your copy.

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If you or other Commissioners should have questions regarding the subject matter presented or believe other issues or departments should be added or deleted, please advise me.

Sincerely,

Robert V. Belleman
Controller/CAO

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Robért Report – November 2016

1. AIRPORT: (County Services Committee)
Contact Person: Robert Belleman, County Controller, 790-5578

Almost all the land leases are updated and ready to mail out. The airport engineers have the planning air rights at 40 percent complete for runway 9/27.

The airport was inspected by MICH AERONAUTICS inspector and we passed on most every item. The only issue was trees that need to be trimmed at the approach end of runway 23. I am in the process of working with Consumers Energy on power line removal and tree trimming. The current power lines are not active so I asked Consumers to remove them. Quotes for tree trimming came in at \$2,500 and \$4,000. We will trim trees in house to save the additional cost to the airport.

We are waiting for parts in order to complete the jet fuel tank improvements. The T-hangars are at 95% capacity and winter storage units are starting to arrive at the airport. The food pantry is up and running and paying rent to the airport for the space they utilize.

2. ANIMAL CARE CENTER: (Courts and Public Safety Committee)
Contact Person: Lisa Stoffel, Director, 797-4500

- Cats have been relocated to adjoining rooms away from main kennel
- Small dogs relocated to adjoining room directly off of main kennel
- Work to begin on outside fences the last week of October
- 3 active animal cruelty investigations are underway in coordination with Michigan State Police
- Officers are routinely on the road for an average of 10 calls per day, per officer.
- TRI-CAP program is functioning well; we have requested three Trustees from the Sheriffs' Office and will begin having them work in the main kennels while TRI-CAP focuses on side rooms, and main public entry
- Officers attending a cruelty investigators course
- Volunteer and three staff members attending Great Lakes Animal Welfare Conference
- Looking to partner with 911 dispatch center for after-hours calls, this would eliminate the need for an answering service
- Partnering with Angels Among Us and Veterinary Health Center to provide free spay/neuter services to the cat population at the shelter
- Partnering with Refurbished Pets to place a dog within the inmate training program for 10 weeks. After program completion Refurbished Pets will place the animal. They anticipate pulling two dogs every 10 weeks.

3. **BENEFITS & PAYROLL:** (Labor Relations Committee)

Contact Persons: Amy Deford, Retirement Administrator, 790-5577

Gladys Strobel, Payroll & Benefits Supervisor, 790-5216

The Social Security Administration (SSA) announced that the 2017 social security wage base will be \$127,200, which is an increase of \$8,700 from \$118,500 in 2016. As in prior years, there is no limit to the wages subject to the Medicare tax; therefore, all covered wages are still subject to the 1.45% tax. The FICA tax rate, which is the combined social security tax rate of 6.2% and the Medicare tax rate of 1.45%, will be 7.65% for 2017 up to the social security wage base. The maximum social security tax employees and employers will each pay in 2017 is \$7,886.40, an increase of \$539.40 from \$7,347 in 2016.

Changes to FLSA Exempt Status. On May 18, 2016, The U.S. Department of Labor amended the regulations that are used to determine which jobs must be paid overtime pay (non-exempt) and which jobs do not have to be paid overtime (exempt).

- The overtime exemption level will be raised from \$23,660 (\$455 per week) to \$47,476 (\$913 per week).
- The compliance date is set at December 1, 2016.
- The overtime threshold will be raised every three years beginning January 1, 2020.

Retirement Plans – As of October, 2016, there were a total of 10 employees that elected to retire since the beginning of the year. Currently, 520 participate in the Defined Contribution Program (DC), while 49 employees remain in the MERS Defined Benefit Plan.

MERS – MERS Retirement Readiness Snapshot Report – All Defined Contribution members should have received their personal Retirement Readiness Snapshot Report in the mail. This report is customized for you to show how well prepared you are financially for retirement. After reviewing your report, you are encouraged to go online and create your “Full Retirement Picture” report.

4. **BUDGET:** (Budget & Audit Committee)

Contact Person: Koren A. Thurston, Financial Services Manager, 790-5218

On September 20, 2016, the Board of Commissioners adopted the Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget. The total County Operating Budget was approved in the amount of \$148,693,009, a 3.84% decrease over the amended Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. The total General Operating Fund Budget was approved in the amount of \$44,587,925, an increase of 0.68% over the amended Fiscal Year 2016 Budget.

SAGINAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN
BUDGET SUMMARY FOR 2017

FUND	TOTAL BUDGET				GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION			
	2016	2017	INCREASE	PERCENT INCREASE	2016	2017	INCREASE	PERCENT INCREASE
	BUDGET	BUDGET	DECREASE	DECREASE	BUDGET	BUDGET	DECREASE	DECREASE
101 GENERAL OPERATING	37,729,368	38,839,369	1,110,001	2.94	37,729,368	38,839,369	1,110,001	2.94
205 COUNTY ROAD PATROL MILLAGE	1,705,190		-1,705,190	-100.00				
207 LAW ENFORCEMENT	6,689,558	8,316,044	1,626,486	24.31	722,258	403,301	-318,957	-44.16
208 PARKS & RECREATION	1,301,644	1,446,865	145,221	11.16				
211 GIS SYSTEM	194,489	196,083	1,594	0.82				
215 FRIEND OF COURT	4,539,058	4,563,359	24,301	0.54	1,094,253	1,066,682	-27,571	-2.52
221 HEALTH SERVICES	10,051,017	10,157,427	106,410	1.06	1,519,046	1,519,046	0	0.00
228 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	487,220	369,023	-118,197	-24.26				
229 LODGING EXCISE TAX	2,729,000	2,729,000	0	0.00				
230 PRINCIPAL RESIDEN EXEMP DE	24,665	24,665	0	0.00				
232 EVENT CENTER	1,095,426	1,167,187	71,761	6.55				
233 CASTLE MUSM & HISTORICAL A	1,186,244	939,335	-246,909	-20.81				
238 COMMISSION ON AGING	4,188,056	4,376,524	188,468	4.50				
240 MOSQUITO ABATEMENT COMMISS	3,151,405	3,366,499	215,094	6.83				
241 RIVER PRESERVATION FUND	16,320	16,320	0	0.00				
242 PLANNING	789,231	814,179	24,948	3.16	26,687	38,010	11,323	42.43
243 BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT A	50,123	50,123	0	0.00				
244 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP	1,805	28,680	26,875	1488.92				
245 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT	1,610,322	1,381,600	-228,722	-14.20				
247 COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION TE	180,500	160,500	-20,000	-11.08				
250 ANIMAL CONTROL	1,064,371	1,088,472	24,101	2.26	22,409		-22,409	-100.00
252 LAND REUTILIZATION FUND	897,212	730,332	-166,880	-18.60				
254 SMALL CITIES REUSE	199,384	199,384	0	0.00				
256 REGISTER OF DEEDS AUTOMATI	643,002	340,474	-302,528	-47.05				
260 E-911 TELEPHONE SURCHARGE	6,692,444	5,951,300	-741,144	-11.07				
263 MOBILE DATA MAINT/REPLACE	607,103	532,341	-74,762	-12.31				
264 LOCAL CORRECTION OFFICER T	115,448	60,281	-55,167	-47.79				
266 CONCEALED PISTOL LICENSING	52,000	56,450	4,450	8.56				
267 AREA RECORDS MANAGEMENT SY	1,463,346	263,956	-1,199,390	-81.96				
268 JAIL RECORDS MANAGEMENT SY	511,480		-511,480	-100.00				
269 LAW LIBRARY	52,552	63,000	10,448	19.88	46,052	56,500	10,448	22.69
271 COUNTY LIBRARY (BOARD)	67,000	67,000	0	0.00				
274 MI WORKS-SERVICE CENTERS	860,807	816,400	-44,407	-5.16				
276 MICHIGAN WORKS ADMINISTRAT	19,067,491	17,241,593	-1,825,898	-9.58				
277 REMONUMENTATION GRANT	74,267	104,233	29,966	40.35				
278 SPECIAL PROJECTS	1,479,392	1,409,700	-69,692	-4.71	138,018	124,172	-13,846	-10.03
280 SHERIFF-SPECIAL PROJECTS	1,845,011	1,507,400	-337,611	-18.30				
282 PROSECUTOR-SPECIAL PROJECT	884,785	870,355	-14,430	-1.63	326,936	537,977	211,041	64.55
284 CORRECTIONS-SPECIAL PROJEC	427,310	477,421	50,111	11.73				
286 MSU EXTENSION-SPECIAL PROJ	358,044	372,096	14,052	3.92	204,044	213,096	9,052	4.44
290 SOCIAL WELFARE	106,800	17,100	-89,700	-83.99	98,800	17,100	-81,700	-82.69
292 CHILD CARE-PROBATE/JUVENIL	6,211,720	5,550,764	-660,956	-10.64	1,935,452	1,293,412	-642,040	-33.17
292 CHILD CARE-WELFARE/RECEIV.	816,160	872,160	56,000	6.86	408,260	464,260	56,000	13.72
293 VETERANS RELIEF	15,000	15,000	0	0.00	15,000	15,000	0	0.00
294 VETERANS TRUST	82,000	82,000	0	0.00				
516 PARKING SYSTEM	110,000	110,000	0	0.00				
526 DELINQUENT PROP TAX FORECL	1,692,088	1,500,142	-191,946	-11.34				
536 LAND BANK AUTHORITY	2,562,837	1,269,683	-1,293,154	-50.46				
581 AIRPORT	793,796	780,276	-13,520	-1.70				
595 INMATE SERVICES	862,000	862,000	0	0.00				
627 RETIREE HEALTH SAVINGS PLA	264,000	330,000	66,000	25.00				
631 MERS RETIREMENT FUND	448,092	850,510	402,418	89.81				
636 INFORMATION SYSTEMS & SERV	2,137,932	2,555,718	417,786	19.54				
638 EQUIPMENT REVOLVING FUND	48,263	39,945	-8,318	-17.23				
641 SOIL EROSION	74,000	116,978	42,978	58.08				
644 LOCAL SITE REMEDIATION REV	284,300	284,300	0	0.00				
653 MAILING DEPARTMENT FUND	178,000	178,000	0	0.00				
661 MOTOR POOL	646,550	583,343	-63,207	-9.78				
677 RISK MANAGEMENT	1,460,950	1,449,014	-11,936	-0.82				
692 INVESTMENT SERVICES	63,211	65,074	1,863	2.95				
698 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	9,997,779	8,901,241	-1,096,538	-10.97				
712 SAGINAW CHILDREN'S ZOO MIL	947,059	929,259	-17,800	-1.88				
721 LIBRARY (PENAL)	650,300	650,300	0	0.00				
728 POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH BENE	6,252,936	6,670,585	417,649	6.68				
731 DC PENSION TRUST FUND	2,849,800	2,934,647	84,847	2.98				
GRAND TOTAL	154,638,663	148,693,009	-5,945,654	-3.84	44,286,583	44,587,925	301,342	0.68

5. BUILDING AUTHORITY: (County Services)
Contact Person: Robert V. Belleman, Controller/CAO, 790-5578

The Building Authority engaged MacMillan & Associates to prepare the Request for Proposals on the Energy Efficiency project at THEDOW. Matt Blasy, THEDOW General Manager, has been working closely with Jay Fox of MacMillan to discuss the LED Lighting project and review the RFP. The RFP was released on Monday, October 24th and a pre-bid site tour took place Wednesday, October 26th at 10 a.m. Approximately eight vendors were in attendance at the tour. The RFP responses were due November 2nd and six proposals were received and are being reviewed. A Building Authority meeting is scheduled for November 4th to award the LED lighting project with installation of the lighting fixtures the last two weeks of December. The Board of Commissioners at its September 20, 2016 meeting authorized the Saginaw County Treasurer to loan money to the Saginaw County Building Authority to complete this project with energy savings covering the cost of the loan repayment. This energy efficiency project will be eligible for Consumers Energy rebates.

The Building Authority is working closely with the Saginaw Spirit on the Saginaw Spirit Locker Room Renovation/Expansion Project. Craig Goslin and Pat Hengesbach have been meeting with the architect to finalize the plans for the Project. William Kibbe & Associates has been selected as the architect. William Kibbe & Associates will be preparing the Project Plans and Request for Bid package. The architect will be using the County's purchasing policy and documents to bid this Project. The Saginaw Spirit Locker Room Renovation/Expansion Project is scheduled for early Spring 2017.

6. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN: (Budget and Audit Committee)
 Contact Person: Koren A. Thurston, Financial Services Manager, 790-5218

On September 20, 2016, the Board of Commissioners adopted the 2017-2021 Capital Improvement Plan for the 2017 Fiscal Year. The grand total of the Priority A items were \$1,381,600 with \$1,186,600 coming from unrestricted Public Improvement funds.

Animal Control			
98603	Animal Shelter-Equipment	Cabinet replacement-replace particle board cabinets with wood or stainless steel cabinets	15,000
98630	Animal Shelter	Parking lot reconstruction	17,500
Building & Grounds			
97719	CC Probation-Energy Management	Boiler replacement	25,000
97710	COB-Energy Management Sys	Electrical service-water is leaking into the service bos and needs to be replaced	125,000
97543	Renovations-County Office Bldg.	Window well repair-existing wall is caving in	20,000
97543	Renovations-County Office Bldg.	Stairwell enclosure-enclose the south stairwell	2,900
97741	Courthouse-Security Upgrades	Security Upgrades-Phase 3 of the security upgrade, panic alarms, additional access doors & cameras	120,000
97721	Courthouse-Repair/Replacements	Plumbing repairs	25,000
97402	Land Improvements-Parking	Parking lot repave-repave Courthouse parking lots	40,000
98618	Courthouse Bldg & Grds	Air compressor	8,200
93100	Building R & M	Paint iinterior of Courthouse	20,000
98618	Courthouse Bldg & Grds	Water meter replacement	14,000
97544	Renovations-Courthouse Air	Replace air handlers	54,000
97759	Courthouse-Boiler Repair/Replace	Boiler replacement	400,000
98618	Courthouse Bldg & Grds	Ballards-place ballards around main phone switch	9,500
97900	Vehicles & Improvements	Replace utility position vehicle & one plow truck	35,000
97755	Juvenile-Repairs/Replacements	Juvenile duct system-HVAC Upgrade	112,500
Circuit Court			
93100	Building R & M	New Judges carpeting	2,000
93100	Building R & M	Judicial corridor painting	6,000
93100	Building R & M	Judicial corridor carpeting	9,000
97050	Capital Outlay < \$5,000	New Judges furniture	3,500
97050	Capital Outlay < \$5,000	Charis for Judge Kaczmarek's courtroom	1,000
Controller-Financial Services			
93100	Building R & M	Paint and carpeting of Controller's Office	18,000
Equalization			
93100	Building R & M	Paint office	5,000
97050	Capital Outlay < \$5,000	File cabinet	1,000
Family Division			
97743	Security Equipment	Security improvements to courtrooms & hearing officer rooms	20,000
97534	Renovation-Juvenile Ct.	Painting-remove wallpaper & painting courtroom, lobby & hallways	15,000
Juvenile Detention Center			
97539	Renovations-Juvenile Detention	Replace intercom system	14,500
Probate Court			
93100	Building R & M	Painting entire Probate Court	18,000
93100	Building R & M	Carpet entire Probate Court	23,000
Prosecutor's Office			
98623	Prosecutor-Furniture & Equipment	Audito visual trial items	2,000
98623	Prosecutor-Furniture & Equipment	Office furniture	1,000
Treasurer's Office			
97563	Renovations-Treasurer's Office	Cashier counter reorganization	3,000
97050	Capital Outlay < \$5,000	Chairs	1,000
Total Expenditures			1,186,600

7. COMMISSION ON AGING (COA): (Human Services Committee)
Contact Person: Karen Courneya, Director, 797-6880

Many COA and County Staff and Departments are currently involved in planning and executing the formal relocation of the Foster Grandparent Program from the lower level of the Eleanor Frank Senior Center to the Marie E. Davis Senior Center. This move will provide for a sizable increase in usable area for the staff and volunteers of the program. The Marie Davis Center has been underutilized for many years. The ability to relocate the program to this facility will increase our presence in the City of Saginaw, and also provide easier access to program activities and transportation services.

For the past year and a half, the agency has received an increasing number of referrals for services, specifically in the area of in home services and home delivered meals. As a result of the number of daily referrals, waiting lists for these two programs have been started. One can assume that as older adults living longer, the demand for services such as respite care, housekeeping and home delivered meals will increase. Many articles refer to deteriorated health conditions of baby boomers in regards to life style in the areas of food and addictions, which affect a person's ability to care for yourself and other family members. All of these factors have increased not only the number of referrals but the time of each caseworker to find and set up services to assist these older adults. The Board of Commissioners has approved a staffing change in the Case Coordination Program which will hopefully begin to reduce the waiting list, and other methods such as electronic records to increase productive are some of the options being reviewed.

8. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS/JAIL REIMBURSEMENT: (Courts and Public Safety Committee)
Contact Person: Mary Stec, Community Corrections Manager 790-5584

The Community Corrections office finished out another successful year of assisting Saginaw County with reducing their prison commitment rate from 30% to 23%; this however, does not include the prison commitment rates for the Circuit Court probation violation population, which decreased from 38% to 19%. Accomplishing these goals was no easy task and took a cohesive team effort from the Community Corrections office, Pretrial Specialists, Probation Agents, law enforcement officers, judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys. The Community Corrections grant affords us the ability to offer several programs to criminal justice involved offenders; all but 3 programs exceeded the anticipated number of enrollments.

Over the course of the fiscal year, the Saginaw County Community Corrections office was able to offer residential services to pretrial offenders with substance abuse or addiction issues utilizing the Michigan Department of Corrections as a funding source. Overall, there was over \$1,500,000 contributed to combating drug addiction and abuse for Saginaw offenders.

Because of the ongoing opiate epidemic across our nation, and within our own community, our office teamed up with the TRI-CAP Probation Residential Center and Saginaw Psychological Services to create and implement a cognitive based opiate treatment program. This program consists of 23 hours of cognitive based therapy a week for a maximum of 24 weeks and is designed for clients who are addicted to opiates or cocaine. The Opiate Specific Program includes partnering the client with a Recovery Coach, helping obtain a sponsor, providing one-on-one weekly therapy sessions, and daily men's and women's group trauma counseling. We were also able to establish an extensive case management network to coordinate care by enrolling clients into insurance programs and assist them with receiving medication assisted treatment services, such as Vivitrol. The majority of the clients enrolled into the Opiate Specific Program are affiliated with specialty court programs which are also available to other qualifying felony offenders.

Pretrial Specialists continue to actively engage and utilize legal and evidence based practices for pretrial risk/needs assessments and bond review and recommendations. There were close to 500 offenders interviewed by the pretrial staff over the fiscal year. These assessments and recommendations assisted in reducing unnecessary detention while assuring their client's court appearances and promoting the public's safety. Pretrial Services also provides supervision services, which contributed to saving over 45,000 jail bed days at the county jail and saving approximately \$2.7 million in housing costs for the Sheriff's Department Jail Division.

If there are any questions in regards to pretrial services, pretrial supervision or residential service programs, please do not hesitate to contact Mary Stec, Community Corrections Manager at 989-790-5584.

9. **DOW EVENT CENTER:** (County Services Committee)
Contact Person: Robert V. Belleman, Building Authority Chairman 790-5578

The Dow Event Center has announced several big events coming up this fall and winter.

The Saginaw Chamber After Hours event will be held in the Red Room on November 10.

The Saginaw Spirit hosts home games in the arena on November 12, 16, 18, 19, 26 and 27.

PAW Patrol Live will be performing in the theater on November 16 with a morning & evening show.

Magic Men Live will be performing in the theater on November 18.

Martina McBride will be performing in the theater on December 2.

Celtic Woman will be performing in the theater on December 13.

The 2016-2017 **Broadway in Saginaw** Series features four exciting shows: Broadway's Christmas Wonderland on December 8; Jay Owenhouse The Authentic Illusionist on February 18; Annie on March 24 & Mamma Mia! on May 17.

There are three ways to check out events and purchase tickets. Visit the Dow Event Center's website at: www.doweventcenter.com, call (989) 759-1330 to speak with the Box Office, or call Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000 to purchase tickets.

The Dow Event Center boasts various areas to hold meetings, conventions, receptions and other events. The Garden Room is used for smaller banquets and meetings and is attached to an outdoor patio. The Red Room is used for larger events and can be divided into three sections. The Theater lobbies are impressive spaces in which to host banquets and receptions. To make arrangements for events in The Red Room or Garden Room, please contact Ryan MacPhee, Food & Beverage Manager at (989) 759-1321.

10. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/SAGINAW FUTURE:** (County Services Committee)
Contact Person: JoAnn Crary, President, 754-8222

In the 3rd quarter of 2016, Saginaw Future Inc. (SFI) directly assisted seven projects resulting in nearly \$12.8 million in new investment that is expected to create and retain 84 jobs. In addition, 13 regional companies won 235 government contracts valued at more than \$5.5 million.

[Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption](#) was constructed in 1901 and serves as a symbol of the Diocese and the home parish of Bishop Joseph Cistone. Recently, the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw announced a \$3 million to \$4 million restoration of the Cathedral located in Downtown

Saginaw. The restoration will include tuck pointing, lights, parking lot upgrades, woodworking and redesign for better use of space. The Cathedral is more than a place of worship. It has beautiful architecture, is a prominent landmark in the Saginaw Community and is an important part of Downtown Saginaw's renaissance.

[KUKA Assembly and Test Corp.](#) designs and builds automation and test systems primarily for Ford and GM. Sales grew 27% in 2016 and employment has reached 125 at its Bridgeport Charter Township location. KUKA invested \$820,000 in a 5-Axis Machining Center, is implementing a Systems, Applications and Products program, and expects to hire another 20 to 30 employees in the coming year, a majority will be engineers. SFI connected the company to Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! and a Skilled Trades Training Fund grant was applied for.

[Meggitt Thomson Aerospace & Defense](#) invested \$4 million in 2016 and is looking to more than double its sales in the next ten years. The company is adding three jobs currently and expects to continue investment and employment growth in the coming years. Meggitt's primary focus is on doing business with the government and the aerospace industries. SFI assists Thomson weekly with engineering specifications, standards, manuals and technology documents for the Department of Defense. SFI also provides market research and connected the company to Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! to assist with securing talent and applying for a Skilled Trades Training Fund grant.

[U.S. Graphite Inc.](#) is located at 1620 E. Holland Ave. in the City of Saginaw. The company is making aesthetic improvements that include plans to demolish structures and \$230,000 in real property improvements. Work will include resurfacing of exterior walls, roofing, lighting, heating and ventilation. U.S. Graphite will also be purchasing a \$130,000 CNC machine. The company has invested over \$1.7 million since 2010, which began with the acquisition of the long vacant Kelly Tire building. Continuous improvements have been made to the building that now houses administrative, research and development, and engineering staff.

[Dee Cramer, Inc.](#) is located in Holly, MI and is expanding to 3720 E. Washington Ave in Buena Vista Charter Township. The building had formerly been leased to Federal Express, which recently moved into its new 213,000 sq. ft. location east of this building. Dee Cramer will locate its spiral manufacturing equipment at the site and 13 to 14 employees. The company expects to add four to five additional employees to its workforce. SFI assisted with connections to Consumers Energy, so that the building could be upgraded to 480, 3 phase power.

[The Gallery, Art for Saginaw](#) is expected to open in the Bancroft Building in late October. It will feature Michigan artists with emphasis on modern and contemporary art that will be displayed and sold at the gallery. Fifty percent of the proceeds will go to the artists and the other half will go to the Saginaw Art Museum, specifically to support children's programs. Plans also include art classes for children and adults, and to host charitable events at The Gallery.

[SVRC Marketplace](#) recently celebrated its new project at 203 S. Washington Ave. in Downtown Saginaw. Plans for redevelopment of the Former Saginaw News building include installation of a "food hub" and processing center, a 37-stall indoor farmers market, a food court and demonstration kitchen, 24 "mini retail" booths, a coffee counter, several retail spaces for lease, large commercial areas for lease and a lounge and ballroom on the third floor. The exterior will feature a pavilion covering 48 vendor stalls for the Downtown Saginaw Farmers' Market. The \$19.8 million total expected budget will be attained through a combination of grants, loans, sponsorships, donations and developer equity. The Downtown Development Authority, administered by SFI, sold SVRC two key parcels and helped to secure a \$1 million Brownfield clean up grant through the MDEQ. SFI also worked with the Michigan Strategic Fund that recently approved \$3.475 million in funding for the project.

11. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: (Courts and Public Safety Committee)
Contact Person: Lieutenant Mark Przybylski, Director 790-5434

Citizens Corp

-Currently working with the Citizen Corp Advisory Committee to explore a reorganization of the Citizen Corp program. This would involve creating individual teams to specialize in their mission areas. Current team mission areas to include administrative (EOC personnel, volunteer reception center staffing); public education/outreach (preparedness demonstrations at public events, schools, businesses and places of worship throughout Saginaw County).

Emergency Manager

-Final CGAP Grant reports.

-Attended disaster preparedness training in the following specific areas:

- Volunteer Reception Center Set Up
- Jurisdictional Threat, Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment
- Critical Infrastructure Protection

-Assisted Tuscola County Emergency Management with a drill at the Tuscola County Courthouse.

-Continue to attend numerous meetings, trainings and functions to fulfill State Emergency Management requirements.

12. EQUALIZATION: (County Services Committee)
Contact Person: James Totten, Director, 790-5262

The Equalization staff is preparing to print property tax bills for 28 of the 30 taxing jurisdictions in Saginaw County. This includes entering all the requested tax rates, the finalizing of all the special assessment rolls and the completion of any requested parcels splits and/or combinations. This process also includes coordinating with the Public Works Department for the upload of the drain assessments. The anticipated date to start printing the bills is November 14. Approximately 58,500 tax bills will be printed. Besides printing the tax bills, the Department will be printing the tax rolls, special assessment rolls and cross-references. This project should be completed by November 21. This entire project has to be coordinated with Information Technology, which does most of the actual printing work.

There are two millage proposals on the November ballot. However if approved neither will be levied on the December tax bill. The Board of Commissioners will not need to amend the Apportionment Report for 2016. The State is requiring for 2016 that the millage rates be reported to the State Equalization website only. The annual Apportionment Report is no longer required. Copies of the L-4029 Millage Rate Request forms for each taxing authority are still required to be forwarded to the State.

The Department is proceeding with the equalization studies in the various classes of property in Saginaw County. These studies are used to determine the ratios and multipliers to be applied to the various classifications of property in all the cities and townships for the 2017 assessment year. Studies are to be completed by December 31. The State Tax Commission has determined that a two year study be used in the residential class in almost all cases. The September 30 end date for the sales used in our studies still creates a delay in the completion of the studies. Preliminary residential studies were mailed to assessors at the end of October.

The Tax Commission has changed the 2 year sale study period from a September 30 end date to a March 31 end date. Unfortunately this change will not take effect until next year. For the 2018 assessment year the study period will be April 1, 2015 thru March 31, 2017.

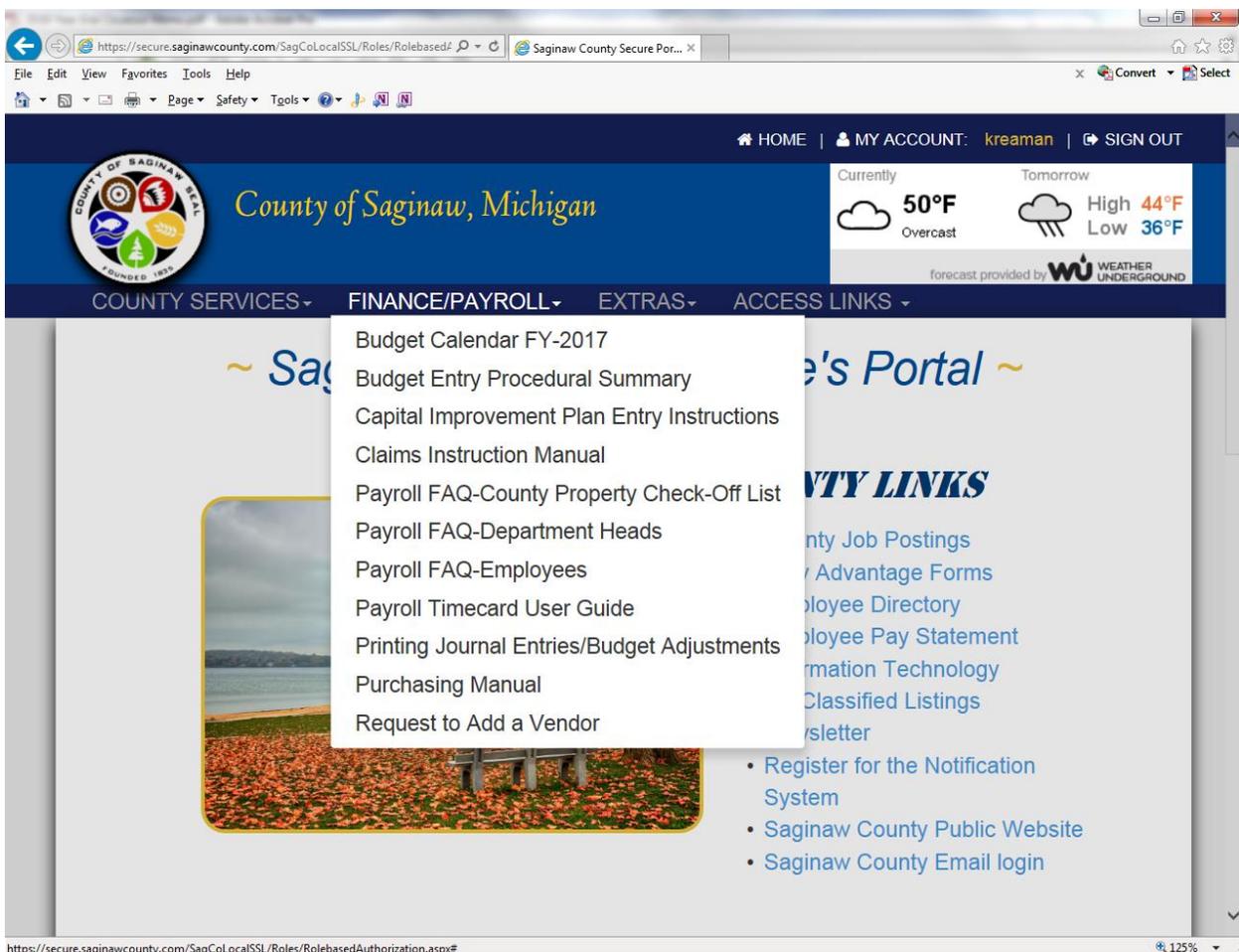
13. FINANCIAL SERVICES: (Budget and Audit Committee)

Contact Person: Koren A. Thurston, Financial Services Manager, 790-5218

The Financial Services Department is beginning the closeout process for Fiscal Year 2016 in preparation for the year-end audit by The Rehmann Group. Preliminary September 2016 financial reports are currently available to departments and the final general ledger closeout for Fiscal Year 2016 is scheduled for December 12, 2016.

This is a reminder that IT has put out several instruction guides on the secure portal that departments can access and review regarding the claims entry procedures, request to add a vendor, purchase order procedures, and printing journal entries/budget adjustments. These instruction guides can be found under the 'Finance/Payroll' menu after logging into the secure portal at:

<https://secure.saginawcounty.com/SagCoLocalSSL/Account/Login.aspx>.



14. HEALTHSOURCE SAGINAW: (Human Services)

Contact Person: Lisa Lapham, President/CEO, 790-7888

Michael J. Hanley, Chairperson, County Commissioner

Robert V. Belleman, Controller/CAO

There are no updates to report at this time.

15. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT): (County Services Committee)

Contact Person: Contact Person: Joshua Brown, Director 790-5575

- Mainframe Migration – Saginaw County IT and Blue Hill successfully completed the migration of the Saginaw County mainframe and all data to a hosted environment located in Pearl River, NY. All data is also now accessible through Blue Hill's disaster recovery site in New Jersey in the event of a catastrophic failure.
- Internet Circuits – Increased Internet pipe from 150 mbps (up\down) to 1 gb full. This increases our overall speed to outside of the courthouse by 8x. In doing this, we have also reduced our cost by over \$300 per month.
- Maintenance Costs (Hardware) – We are migrating away from Dell Service agreements to Service Express. Currently for 3 servers alone, we have a cost savings exceeding \$1,500. All other servers and hardware in the environment are also being evaluated.
- Maintenance Costs (Scanners) – We are evaluating the maintenance on scanners throughout the environment. Many scanners have maintenance costs that exceed the initial cost of the scanner. Most of the scanners in the environment have not had any service called on them in the past several years, so IT is working with the departments to remove maintenance where it is not needed.
- Phone Support Costs – Desk phones and voicemail have recently been taken over from Maintenance, by IT. As a result, IT has worked to educate staff on internal resolution of reported issues. As a result, costs will dramatically decrease due to the fact that a contractor will no longer be needed to support Saginaw County for any phone related issues.

16. MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT: (County Services Committee)

Contact Person: Bernard Delaney, Director, 790-5235

COURTHOUSE—The last of the card access and cameras have been installed and programmed. Created a new room next to the computer area in IT to make space for a new Liebert unit to be installed. Painted walls and floor in the new room. Installed a new hatch in the penthouse for access to the roof. Installed an access panel in a holding cell on the third floor. Removed and had replaced the sidewalk on Fayette Street. Repaired the curb to the access ramp on the South side of the Courthouse. Repaired the catch basin on Fayette sidewalk.

SAGINAW COUNTY JAIL—the floor in the jail kitchen was repaired and the carpet in the women's dorm was replaced after water damage.

COMMISSION ON AGING—a new replacement generator has been ordered for Eleanor Frank Center and the concrete platform has been poured for the generator to sit on.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT—new cove and base for the area by the elevator doors on all 5 floors.

ANIMAL CONTROL—installed a new door and closed off an existing door and repaired and painted doors and frames.

17. MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY: (Human Services Committee)
Contact Person: Sandra M. Lindsey, CEO, 797-3400

Saginaw County CMH Authority Awarded Three Year CARF Accreditation

Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority (SCCMHA) received notice that they were awarded another Three-Year Accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) after their site visit on August 17-19. This is the fifth accreditation that the international accrediting body has awarded to SCCMHA.

This accreditation outcome represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the standards established by CARF. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process. It has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit its commitment to offering programs and services that are measurable, accountable, and of the highest quality.

CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF International, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

"We are very pleased with the results of the accreditation process," says SCCMHA CEO Sandra Lindsey. "The real winners here are consumers we serve. This accreditation means that consumers can be confident that SCCMHA has made, and will continue to make, a commitment to enhancing the quality of our services and programs."

As quoted on the CARF Survey Report "Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority has accomplished a great deal in its pursuit and maintenance of international accreditation. It has demonstrated substantial conformance to the CARF standards. The organization provides unique and quality care in a safe and supportive environment, and persons served and other stakeholders are pleased with services."

Also noted in the report was SCCMHA staff's commitment to treating each consumer and family with respect and care. "Staff exhibits compassion, understanding, and enthusiasm for the mission and philosophy of the organization and for the provision of its services."

Programs and services surveyed included Assessment and Referral: Mental Health (Adults, Children and Adolescents), Case Management/Services Coordination: Mental Health (Adults, Children and Adolescents), Crisis Intervention: Mental Health (Adults, Children and Adolescents), Intensive Family Based Services: Mental Health (Adults, Children and Adolescents), and Outpatient Treatment: Mental Health (Adults, Children and Adolescents). In addition the new Health Home at the 500 Hancock Building received their first Three Year Accreditation as well.

18. MICHIGAN WORKS: (County Services Committee)
Contact Person: Edward Oberski, Director, 754-1144

In the fiscal year of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! provided assistance to 23 companies in securing grant funding through the Skilled Trades Training Fund administered through the Talent Investment Agency of the State of Michigan. Total grant awards received by these companies totaled just short of \$1 million. The STTF is a competitive statewide grant supporting employer training needs and is designed to fill the gaps created by federal funding restrictions. Training received under STTF must lead to an industry recognized credential and be portable to the employees trained.

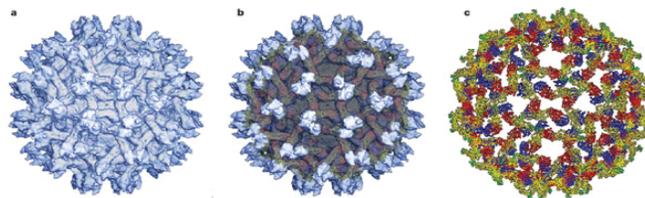
Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! Business Services Representatives worked closely with the employers to develop competitive applications that align with grant requirements and upon award notification, worked with the employers to manage the grant process through successful completion.

19. MOSQUITO CONTROL: (Human Services Committee)
Contact Person: William Stanuszek, Director, 755-5751

Saginaw County's mosquito season was typical with regards to nuisance and mosquito borne disease, with the exception of mosquitoes biting into late September and early October. There appears to be a trend of mild early fall weather allowing mosquitoes to extend their season by a couple of weeks. Again, weather and most notably rainfall dictate the impact of mosquitoes on Saginaw County's communities. Dry weather predominated into August yielding very manageable mosquito populations. With the dry weather arose the concern for increased West Nile virus activity and localized backyard nuisance. Control operations focused on these concerns by working in neighborhoods educating citizens and eliminating backyard mosquito breeding habitat; this source reduction "door to door" effort makes a substantial impact on mosquito populations and promotes community health and quality of life. Late summer rains produced localized mosquito nuisance that was responded to quickly and frequently with larviciding and nightly adulticiding efforts.

Mosquito borne disease activity was also typical this season. West Nile virus was again found in our bird and mosquito populations; 8 crows and 4 mosquito samples tested positive for the virus. Our control operations respond to our Biology Department's disease and mosquito surveillance. There was no other mosquito borne disease activity detected in Saginaw County. However, mosquito borne disease was not typical elsewhere this year. Zika virus has dominated the mosquito discussion locally, nationally, and globally and justifiably so given its rapid spread.

Much is known of the Zika virus, and yet there is much to learn. Only certain mosquito species are capable of transmitting the virus. Michigan does not have established populations of these species so likelihood of mosquito transmitted Zika is very low. As for travelers and residents of South and Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean, Puerto Rico, and recently Florida the concern of mosquito transmission of Zika is real. Precautions must be taken when travelling to these areas to limit the



Zika Virus - *Nature Reviews Microbiology* 3, 13-22 (January 2005)

likelihood of acquiring Zika. Michigan currently has experienced 60 cases of travel-related Zika this year. Zika virus is of primary concern for pregnant women or those planning for a family in that the virus can be transmitted to the fetus, which can cause developmental issues including microcephaly. Zika virus can also be sexually transmitted and likely via blood transfusions. Mosquito control continues to be at the forefront of the battle against Zika and it begins with education and surveillance. Successful control of Zika transmission has been achieved in portions of Florida.

Saginaw County mosquito control has been very active in the community and media discussing Zika and its many concerns, most notably the threat to Saginaw County. We are actively looking for mosquitoes capable of transmitting Zika, as well as, utilizing Zika control tactics on our local mosquito populations so we are prepared for Zika or any other mosquito borne threat that arrives.

We are already looking forward to next season. We are finishing reports; repairing vehicles and equipment; and reviewing and developing treatment plans. Our agency will be accepting summer job applications from December 1st thru February 20th. These dates are firm as we conduct job interviews in late February and early March. Our annual training session will be held on March 31st and April 1st. Applicants can apply at our facility or directly on-line at our website www.scmac.org.

20. MSU EXTENSION: (Human Services Committee)
Contact Person: Diane L. Smith, District 9 Coordinator, 758-2500

Teressa Young: Health and Nutrition Institute, Program Instructor
A Healthier Childcare Environment in Saginaw County

Healthier Childcare Environment Program: In this program, nutrition education staff meet with local childcare providers to help them assess their childcare environment and identify nutrition and physical activity improvements they would like to make. Coaches then guide childcare providers by providing appropriate resources to help them meet their goals.

Policy, Systems, and Environmental Changes impacts can be measured through the environmental changes of the childcare providers in a daycare setting. Michigan State University Extension of Saginaw County has been coaching and mentoring a local childcare center with the Nutrition and Physical Activity Self-Assessment program in reaching three goals towards best practice.

The program has had a successful start with a variety of licensed and unlicensed childcare professionals in Saginaw County. With our successful programming efforts, *we have reached over 8 (eight) licensed childcare professionals* who provide *daycare in their homes*. We are also currently working with 1 (one) commercial childcare center in Saginaw County who is striving to make healthier choices and life style changes. These changes are influencing over 15 staff members and 100 youth as they try new fruits and vegetables, increase physical activity, and create healthier environmental changes.

For more information, please feel free to contact Teressa Young at youngte5@anr.msu.edu or 989-758-2500.

Ben Phillips: Agriculture and Agribusiness Institute, Vegetable Educator
Introducing And Supporting New Crops In Organic Field Crop Rotations

Background on Vegetable Production Ranking: Michigan ranks eighth nationally for sales of organic crops grown on 56,000 acres. The Thumb of Michigan hosts a majority of this acreage for the production of edible dry beans (red, black, navy, kidney), and grain corn (blue and yellow) for animal and human consumption. There has been an increase in green bean acreage for freezing in recent years, and though this is lucrative, it is too closely related to dry beans to serve as a true rotation crop.

Market Demand Change: Campbell's Soup recently acquired Michigan's own Garden Fresh Salsa. This has increased their supply chain capacity for producing more salsa for national chain stores, but also for an organic product line. In addition, Thomas Canning, Red Gold Tomatoes, and Hirzel Canning have opened organic processing lines for their own branded tomato products and for other canners. As a result, there is a demand for more organic tomato production for processing, and Michigan's Thumb area has the potential to respond to some of that demand with its large organic acreages.

Research: This year, MSU Extension conducted a trial in Unionville, Michigan to investigate the feasibility of processing tomatoes as an additional rotation crop from a different plant family. We tested four typical commercial dicing tomato varieties on one acre in Unionville. A processor in Ontario supplied and paid for the seed and greenhouse time to raise the tomatoes to the transplant stage. The grower acquired and used a two-row transplanter to use on May 19, 2016 and harvested the tomatoes ripened between 25 Aug and 7 Sept.

Research Results and Next Steps: Yields were calculated with a range of prices per ton and it was determined that the potential income from organic processing tomatoes could be twice that of organic dry beans. However, specialized equipment would need to be acquired, and their costs would need to be annualized over a few years to fully comprehend the investment. I provided the report to the grower and processor for deliberation, and the grower is going forward with negotiating a 100-acre contract with two different processors in Ohio and Ontario. Our next steps are to investigate 1) insurance and trucking options and to 2) locate a Michigan greenhouse transplant producer willing to certify or set aside certified organic greenhouse space to grow 5,500 trays of organic transplants, which would be the number required to plant 100 acres. The gross value of 100 acres of organic processing tomatoes at \$250 per ton is expected to be around \$550,000 given the yields that we observed in the trial. This would mark the first time organic processing tomatoes were grown in Michigan, and could be a lucrative rotation crop in the Thumb region.

For more information, please feel free to contact Ben Phillips at phill406@anr.msu.edu or 989-758-2500.

21. PARKS: (County Services Committee)
Contact Person: Brian Lechel, Parks Director, 790-5280

Upcoming Parks Events:

Saturday 11/12 1:00 & 3:00 PM – Snakes Alive – Freeland Sports Zone
Thursday 12/1 5:30-6:30 – Holiday Hike – Imerman Memorial Park
Saturday 12/10 3:00 PM – Holiday Magic w/ Amazing Clark the Magician – Hoyt Library

Interested in hosting a Saginaw County Parks Program in your district? Contact the Parks office at (989) 790-5280 or Parks@saginawcounty.com. We are planning Spring programs now, please feel free to reach out with possible locations and/or program ideas.

22. PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT/LABOR CONTRACTS: (Labor Relations Committee)
Contact Person: Jennifer Broadfoot, Personnel Director, 790-5507

Personnel/Labor Relations – Fifteen of the County's sixteen collective bargaining agreements have been ratified. Thirteen ratified in September, 2015. The Command (Captain/Lieutenant) unit at the Sheriff's Department ratified in March, 2016 and the Deputies in May, 2016. The only collective bargaining agreement that remains unsettled is the Sheriff's Department's Sergeants units.

The 2017 Combined Charitable Campaign has concluded. County Employees donated \$1716 to participating charities.

23. PLANNING: (County Services Committee):
 Contact Person: Doug Bell, Planning Director, 797-6800

Planning staff are continuing work on the update of the SMATS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The MTP is a long range plan for the Saginaw area’s transportation system. The current plan update has a horizon year of 2045.

A major component of the MTP update is an analysis of the existing system to identify both current and projected deficiencies. This is accomplished by working in cooperation with MDOT to develop the Travel Demand Model for the Great Lakes Bay Region, which includes Bay and Midland Counties.

Our staff has worked with local road agencies to develop potential capacity projects for model testing. These include increases in capacity (such as adding turn lanes) but can also include “road diets” such as reducing a four-lane configuration to three lanes with more room for bike lanes and pedestrians. In October, SMATS selected the following list of capacity projects for further model testing:

Project #	Project Description	Year Open to Traffic
1	Dixie Highway from Airport Road to Junction, add continuous center left turn lane.	2020 – 2025
2	Dixie Highway from Junction to Curtis Road, Road Diet project. (Reduce current 4 lanes down to 3 lanes).	2025 – 2030
3	Dixie Highway from Curtis Road to Birch Run Road, Road Diet project (reduce current 4 lanes down to 3 lanes).	2030 – 2035
4	Tittabawassee Road from Mackinaw Road to Lawndale, add continuous center left turn lane.	2025 – 2030
5	Davenport between Michigan Avenue and the Johnson Street Bridge /Niagara Street redesigned as a three lane cross section versus a five lane cross section or the current four lane cross section.	2020
6	Center Street Bridge, redesign as a two lane bridge with the northernmost lanes converted to two-way traffic. The southern two lanes would be converted to a pedestrian bike pathway.	2030
7	I-75 between Hess and the South junction of I-675, add through lane in each direction. (current 3 lanes in each direction)	2020

The SMATS Transportation Planning Committee meets on the second Thursday of every other month at 10:00 a.m. in the Planning Department. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 8th. The next Saginaw County Metropolitan Planning Commission will be December 20th at 5:00 p.m. in the Planning Department. Everyone with an interest in transportation in Saginaw County is welcome to attend these meetings.

24. PUBLIC HEALTH: (Human Services Committee)
Contact Person: John McKellar, Health Officer, 758-3818

The Comprehensive Agreement with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for FY2016-2017 has been signed. Total funding amount for local public health services is \$3,035,444. Decreased funding support compared to last year occurred in the areas of emergency preparedness and response, immunization and laboratory services.

The triennial Community Health Needs Assessment has been launched by the Saginaw County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Partners. Residents are encouraged to participate in the process by completing a survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M8JMKDF>.

Finally, flu season is upon us. The CDC and SCDPH encourage all Saginaw county residents 6 months of age and older to get vaccinated!

Selected services volume during the month of September 2016 is presented below.

Environmental Health

Food Service Inspections	129
Foodborne Illness Investigations	0
Residential Sewage Permits	18
Residential Well Permits	10
Day Care & Adult Foster Care Inspections	2

Laboratory (tests performed)

Microbiology	107
Serology	91
Water	1310
Drug	411

Immunizations – 573 residents vaccinated in clinics

TB/Communicable Disease Control – 110 residents received TB tests

Children’s Special Health Care Services – 651 active cases managed

Family Planning – 217 residents received services

Hearing & Vision Screening – 493 children had their hearing tested and 395 children had their vision tested

STD/HIV – 69 client visits

Nurse-Family Partnership – 88 families currently enrolled

Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition (WIC) – 1358 high risk clients currently enrolled: 70 (St. Charles); 1198 (Main Health Department); 76 (Birch Run); and 14 (Chesaning).

25. PURCHASING: (County Services Committee)
 Contact Person: Kelly M. Suppes, Purchasing/Risk Manager, 790-5505

AUCTION (Ebay and GovDeal) Sales County surplus items were sold for the month of September 2016.

Panasonic KX-FA83 Toner Cartridges	\$18.99	General Fund	Jennett Williams
2010 Dodge Charger Police Sedan, 143834 Miles	\$4,100.00	Sheriff-Sel Enf	Michael Quatrine
2013 Ford F-150 FX2 SuperCab 2WD	\$10,100.00	Parks	McGrady Motors
	\$14,218.99		

EbaySales/Salvage

Fiscal Year 2016 the County Ebay/GovDeals Sales grossed a total of \$106,654.92. A variety of surplus items were sold including vehicles, cellular phones, toner cartridges, and miscellaneous items.

Fleet Purchases (Sept-Oct 2016)

The Parks Department purchased a 2016 GMC Sierra 1500 DBL Cab 4x4 from Red Holman Buick GMC off the MIDeal (State of Michigan Contract) on September 6, 2016 in the amount of \$31,147.10.

A Purchase Order was issued to Berger Chevrolet, Inc. in the amount of \$27,194.75 for a 2017 Chevrolet Silverado DBL Cab 4x4 W/T for the Parks Department. This vehicle was ordered off the MIDeal Contract on October 1, 2016. The truck is expected to be delivered Mid-December.

A Purchase Order was issued to Gorno Ford in the amount of \$25,306.00 for a 2017 My Transit Connect XL Wagon for the SCMAC. The vehicle was ordered off the MiDeal Contract on October 1, 2016. The vehicle is expected to be delivered Mid-December.

A Purchase Order was issued to Todd Wenzel Buick GMC of Westland for a 2017 GMC Sierra ¾ Ton Reg Cab, 4x4 Pickup. The vehicle was ordered off the MIDeal Contract on October 12, 2016. The vehicle is expected to be delivered Mid-December.

Forklift Purchase (Sept 2016)

The SCMAC purchased a 5000lb. UniCarrier Forklift from Lingle Equipment in the amount of \$22,900.00. I reviewed other quotes and determined the proposal from Lingle was the most beneficial to the County.

RFP-Job Classification and Compensation Study

An RFP has been posted to solicit Proposals from Consultants to perform a Job Classification and Compensation Study for the County of Saginaw. The Responses are due on November 15, 2016 and a Contract is expected to be awarded on December 20, 2016.

RFP-Aerial Insecticide Larviciding Services for SCMAC

An RFP has been posted to solicit Proposals from Contractors to perform Aerial Larviciding Services for 2017-2021 for the SCMAC. The Responses are due on November 3, 2016 and a Contract is expected to be awarded on or before January 1, 2017.

RFP-Fuel Island Update and Demolition (SCMAC)

An RFP has been posted to solicit Proposals from Contractors to Update and Demo (2) Fuel Island located at the SCMAC facility. The Responses are due on October 26, 2016 and work is expected to be completed by November 30, 2016.

26. RETIREMENT: (Labor Relations Committee)
Contact Person: Amy J. Deford, Retirement Adm., 790-5577

The new benefit year went into effect October 1, 2016. As a reminder, dental coverage is now with MetLife and vision is directly with VSP. Dental and vision is no longer through Blue Cross. MetLife and VSP do not issue ID cards. You may go to www.metlife.com/mybenefits to manage your benefits and print cards. You also have the option to download the MetLife mobile app.

27. SHERIFF: (Courts and Public Safety)
Contact Person: William Federspiel, Sheriff, 790-5456

Administrative:

- The Records Division has hired three part-time clerks to assist in several areas in the Administrative Division.

Support:

- Support Services worked and maintained security at several Saginaw County events throughout the remainder of the summer months into the fall months including several Homecoming parades.
- Support Services have continued to assist Parks and Recreation with the closing of several Saginaw County parks at the end of business hours.

Road Patrol:

- The Saginaw County Sheriff's Office continued to work with four other local law enforcement agencies on the OHSP Grant. The grant helped to increase not only enforcement, but also awareness in our community.
- The Sheriff's Office held another Women's Self-Defense class. We will continue to provide Women's Self Defense classes in the future. Information will be posted on the Sheriff's Office Facebook page.