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Bregitte Braddock, Chair
Saginaw County Board of Commissioners
111 South Michigan
Saginaw, MI 48602

RE: Marc-ing Report - September 2009

Dear Chair Braddock:

The Marc-ing Report is a summary of activity taking place in departments and/or agencies that report directly or indirectly to the Controller/CAO. The Marc-ing Report can now be accessed through the County web site www.saginawcounty.com/Controller. Please use this site to obtain your copy. Thank you.

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,

Marc A. McGill
Controller/CAO

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MARC-ING REPORT- SEPTEMBER 2009

1. AIRPORT: (County Services Committee)
Contact Person: Charles Cleaver, Administration Director, 790-5209

Capital Improvement Summary: Wind Sock / Beacon Replacement - A \$65,000 project with a local share of \$1,625 has recently been completed. Excess items from this project were placed on the County E-bay site or disposed of based on their condition. Because of the current economic situation, many projects have been postponed until activities at the airport improve.

Instrument Landing System Project: All major construction, easements, and flight line clearance work has been completed and installation of the system electronics are ongoing and at the discretion of the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration). This has been a ten year process with improvements and upgrades along the way.

Five-Year Development Plan and Airport Layout Plan: Staff and advisory group members, in cooperation with an engineering firm, prepare an annual update of a recommended five-year development plan encompassing long term objectives for the airport. This plan is submitted to the airport committee for approval as needed and then forwarded to the state with requests for available funding.

2. ANIMAL CARE CENTER: (Courts and Public Safety Committee)
Contact Person: Valerie McCullough, Animal Care Center, 797-4500

The following is the total shelter activities from January 2009 to July 2009:

Road Patrol - Year to Date Totals for 2009

Miles patrolled	34986
Citizen Complaints in reference to animals	785
Animal Bite Cases	345
Non-Confined Strays	2044
Cruelty Calls	846
Confined Strays	383
Injured Animals	143
Dog Packs/Attacking	25

Shelter Activity – Year to Date Totals for 2009

Dog and Cats taken in at the shelter	
Dogs	1319
Cats	1165
Adoptions and/or reclaimed by owner	
Dogs	658
Cats	226
Euthanized	
Dogs	661
Cats	939

3. **BENEFITS & PAYROLL: (Labor Relations Committee)**
Contact Persons: Amy Deford, Retirement Administrator, 790-5577
Janice Mienk, Payroll & Benefits Supervisor, 790-5216

Open enrollment for AFLAC AND FLEXIBLE SPENDING will be scheduled for October 19 through October 30, 2009. Information regarding scheduling specific appointment times to make changes or sign up for flexible spending will be available in the near future. Please call Patti or Janice at 790-5516 or 790-5216 if you should have any questions.

ICMA has resources available on their website for everyone to access. One of which is InvestSmart at www.icmarc.org/smart which provides educational information about investing, suggestions to help you develop your own investing strategy based on your individual needs and comfort level with risk, and market and policy updates. ICMA also has a variety of investment tools, visit them online at www.icmarc.org.

4. **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: (Executive Committee)**
Contact Persons: Bregitte Braddock, Chair
Suzy Koeplinger, Board Coordinator

AUGUST 25, 2009 SESSION PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A public hearing was held on the proposed Saginaw County 2009/2010 Fiscal Year Budget and property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support General Government Operations.
- A public hearing was held on the reissuance and sale of certain Variable Rate Demand Limited Obligation Revenue Bonds, Series 2003 (Peace Lutheran School Project) which are currently outstanding and issued by the Economic Development Corporation of the County of Saginaw.
- A public hearing was held on the adoption of a Brownfield Plan for 3235 E. Holland Ave., Buena Vista Charter Township, Fort Saginaw Mall.

REPORTS OF REGULAR COMMITTEES

- Endorsed Commission on Aging funding application to Region VII Area Agency on Aging.
- Approved request from Public Health for acceptance of HUD Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Grant and associated positions.
- Approved request from the Economic Development Corporation to reissue Series 2003 Bonds for the Peace Lutheran School Project.
- Approved revision to the Parks and Recreation Commission Bylaws.
- Approved formal loan agreement between the Saginaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and Buena Vista Charter Township Downtown Development Authority for the Fort Saginaw Mall project.
- Eliminated County Policy #352 titled "Meetings and Related Expenses" in its entirety.
- Approved payment of claims and committee compensation reports.
- Laid on the table for formal adoption at the September 22nd session the Controller's recommended Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Budget and Budget Resolutions A, B, C and D.
- Certified the employee and officer delegates and alternates to represent the County at the MERS Annual Meeting.
- Approved the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Saginaw County and the GELC Family Division Probation Officers.

RESOLUTIONS

- Approved reissuance of Economic Development Bonds for the Peace Lutheran School Project.

5. BUDGET: (Budget & Audit Committee)
Contact Person: Koren A. Reaman, Financial Services Manager, 790-5218

The Standing Committees and the Budget/Audit Subcommittee have reviewed the Controller's Recommended Operating Budget for fiscal year 2009/2010 at their August 2009 meetings. Draft #1 of the Controller's Recommended Operating Budget for fiscal year 2009/2010 has been laid on the table and a public hearing was held at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners on August 25, 2009. The Board of Commissioners are scheduled to vote to approve the budget and all final adjustments at their meeting on September 22, 2009.

6. BUILDING AUTHORITY: (Appropriations Committee)
Contact Person: Marc A. McGill, Controller/CAO, 790-5578

The Building Authority last met on Thursday, April 16, 2009. Discussion took place regarding the refrigerated floor, a grant from SMG and a reduction and renewal of a millage for the event center.

The next Building Authority meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2009. The Authority will be deliberating a purchase agreement received from the Saginaw Community Foundation to purchase the Morley Building for \$550,000.

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

The Budget/Audit Subcommittee has reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan requests for fiscal years 2010-2014 at their August 2009 meetings. The Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2010-2014 has been laid on the table at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners on August 25, 2009. Completing this plan is part of the annual budget process and is required to comply with statutory requirements. The Board of Commissioners is scheduled to vote to approve the plan at their meeting on September 22, 2009.

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

As with all other county departments, the Saginaw County Commission on Aging has been busy with budgetary activities. Aging services has received a reduction in some of its programs, and rumors coming out of Lansing indicate that more reductions will be made. We have made it a priority to advocate for our elderly Saginaw County residents with our state legislators so that they are fully aware of what those cuts will really mean to our aging community members.

Our Westside Friendship Hispanic Senior Center enjoyed a well attended picnic and had some great entertainment. We brought together at least 75 older adults at the open house for the Freeland Senior Center. These participants were able to utilize the walking track at the sportszone community center in Freeland where the center has been relocated. They also enjoyed a delicious hot lunch. Due to the continuing low attendance at this center, it is very important that we utilize every method at our disposal to boost attendance with the end result of a renewed viable senior center.

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

The Community Corrections Grant was accepted on August 20, 2009 at the State Community Corrections Board meeting. The county will be receiving an additional \$12,161.00 for intermediate cell OUIL 3rd offenders sentenced to the P.L.U.S. program and an additional \$28,300.00 for a pilot program for Circuit Court.

The State of Michigan's County Jail Reimbursement program is unable to reimburse counties for diverted felons incarcerated in the Saginaw County Jail for the remainder of the fiscal year. This is due to a shortfall which was predicted back in March 2009. The program will initiate reimbursements at the beginning of FY2010. At this time, Saginaw County has been reimbursed \$284,055.00 from the CJR program for diverted felons.

10. DOW EVENT CENTER: (County Services Committee)

Contact Person: Stephanie Beyersdorf, Clerk, Dow Event Center Advisory Board, 790-5471

The Dow Event Center closed out its summer schedule with **Scarface** and special guests on August 7, 2009. This fall will see the return of two popular series in Saginaw as well as some exciting new events.

Daughtry will be performing at TheDow on Thursday, October 29, 2009, with **Theory of a Deadman** and **Cavo**. **Daughtry** is the band fronted by Chris Daughtry of American Idol fame; the group has had a number of smash hits. Don't miss these exciting bands as they perform right here in Saginaw!

The Sweetest Day Stomachache Comedy Show will bring J. Anthony Brown, George Wilborn, Damon Williams, B-Phlat, Honest John, and Joe Clair to the Theater on October 17, 2009, at 8 p.m. Tickets for this event went on sale August 28; get yours soon!

The **Saginaw Spirit** will begin its eighth season with a home opener in Wendler Arena on September 24, 2009, against the Plymouth Whalers. Visit www.doweventcenter.com or www.saginawspirit.com for the complete 2009/10 schedule. Don't miss the exciting action on the ice this year!

Author and humorist **David Sedaris** will appear at TheDow's Theater on April 20, 2010. Mr. Sedaris has appeared on the *New York Times Best Sellers List* five times. Tickets to see this Grammy Award-nominated author are on sale now.

The 2009-2010 Broadway in Saginaw Series features several "retro" shows: **The Rat Pack is Back!** on December 5, 2009; **The Drowsy Chaperone** on January 28, 2010; **The Wedding Singer** on March 23, 2010; and **The Wizard of Oz** on April 7, 2010.

The Dow Event Center boasts various areas to hold meetings, conventions, receptions and other events. To make arrangements for events in the Hall or Garden Room, please contact Bill Stec, Director of Food & Beverage, at (989) 759-1339.

Call 989-759-1330 to speak with the Box Office, or 989-754-4800 to purchase tickets through TicketMaster. Please visit TheDow's web site for an event calendar, which is updated through April 2010, and seating information at www.doweventcenter.com.

11. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/SAGINAW FUTURE: (County Services Committee)
Contact Person: JoAnne Cray, President, 754-8222

In the 2nd quarter of 2009, Saginaw Future Inc. (SFI) assisted seven companies that invested more than \$12.3 million creating 358 jobs. Eleven companies won 200 government contracts valued at more than \$5.2 million.

Dow Corning Corp. plans to invest another \$3.5 million at its Solar Solutions Application Center in Freeland. The investment will support continued research and development of new techniques to commercialize the use of silicones. The company is working towards replacing organic materials in the construction of solar laminates, which are made into solar modules. Dow Corning opened its Solar Solutions Application Center in 2008. The 27,000 sq. ft., state-of-the-art facility represents a combined investment of \$6.5 million and includes a team of more than 25 engineers and scientists.

Garber Buick, located in Saginaw Charter Township, will retain its Buick nameplate! Third-generation owner Richard Garber credits the community's proactive approach in getting General Motors Corp. to reverse its decision. GM is offering a conditional agreement to work with its channel strategy and Garber Buick is committed to General Motors goals and channel strategy in the Saginaw market. Garber Buick put together a unique and impressive business case, and SFI, the Saginaw County Chamber, and numerous community leaders and residents rallied to support the dealership.

Morley Companies Inc. plans to add up to 350 new jobs and will invest \$4.5 million in Saginaw Charter Township to support the needs of a major new client. The 32,750 sq. ft. facility will house a call center and a training area. Morley has two existing office buildings and a warehouse on the site. This latest expansion comes on the heels of \$1.7 million investment in 2008.

Prints Plus Inc. located in the City of Saginaw has invested in new equipment to expand its capabilities. The company purchased an Océ' 350GT UV Flatbed Printer, which will allow the business to produce near-photographic quality prints on rigid and flexible media for sign and display graphic applications. Prints Plus invested \$140,000 and created two additional positions as a result of the project.

Saginaw Control & Engineering (SCE) will add at least four jobs to its ranks upon the installation of a \$430,000 welding machine. SCE has been serving the electrical industry since 1963 at its 255,000 sq. ft. manufacturing complex located at 95 Midland Rd. The company specializes in manufacturing both standard stock and custom designed enclosures, as well as precision sheet metal fabrications.

Star of the West Milling provides drying, processing and storing of grains. The company is expanding and refurbishing its City of Frankenmuth headquarters with a total investment of \$3.7 million, and has storage facilities throughout Saginaw County. SFI has worked closely with the growing agribusiness, which invested in additional storage and a grain dryer at it Frankenmuth Township location this spring.

Siler Precision Machine, Inc. continues to develop its Village of Merrill facility through the purchase of a new piece of equipment. This is the company's sixth investment since 2002, expanding nearly every year despite the challenging economy. Siler was established in 1994 when a vacant car dealership was converted into a tool & die facility.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke recently announced that Saginaw Future Inc., the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce received the 2009 Excellence in Economic Development Award for Excellence in Environmental or Energy Economic Development for their commitment to research-based, market driven economic

development. The economic development team worked together to assist Dow Corning and Hemlock Semiconductor in a global site search in late 2007, which resulted in its 2008 poly-silicon expansion project.

12. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: (Courts and Public Safety Committee)

Contact Person: Timothy Genovese, Director 790-5434

September is a very busy month for us. We are preparing for the Citizen Corps. Golf Outing Fundraiser at Kimberly Oaks Golf Course on Thursday September 17. If anyone is interested in donating door prizes, sponsoring the event or participating in the golf outing, please contact this office.

We will be participating in the Hemlock Sawdust Days Parade which takes place on Saturday, September 19, 2009 handing out flyers, etc. to promote the Citizen Corps.

We are also gearing up for Family Preparedness Day which is scheduled for September 27, 2009 from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. This event will be held at the park in St. Charles right on M-52 with different safety demonstrations, medical helicopters, police cars, fire trucks, police dogs and lots more.

September 29 thru October 1 we host National Incident Management training, ICS 300 for all county first responders. If you are interested in attending this class please contact this office.

We are continuing to train and recruit new members. Meetings are every second Thursday of the month at the Saginaw County E.O.C. at 6:30 pm. Cert classes (Citizens Emergency Response Training) is scheduled again this fall.

13. EQUALIZATION: (County Services Committee)

Contact Person: James Totten, Director, 790-5262

The Equalization staff is working on the Apportionment Report for the October Board of Commissioners Session. There are numerous units that still need to submit their L 4029 (Tax Rate Request Form) to the County. They have until October 1, 2009 to do so. The report also can be altered by any elections held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the November election date). As a result, if the voters approve additional Millage at a November Election, the County Board of Commissioners must then meet again to confirm the millage and, if necessary, amend its direction for the spread of the Millage (MCL 211.36 (5)). Due to the possibility of millages being approved after the Apportionment meeting, the report is now due November 30 instead of the 4th Monday in October.

The Department is also occupied with the equalization studies in the various classes of property within Saginaw County. State Tax Commission rules require that every classification of property in every unit be studied every year. For the 2009 assessment year, this requires Equalization to produce 121 studies in the real property classification and 30 studies of personal property among the 30 assessing jurisdictions in the County. This year, as in past years, these studies are being made available to the units as they are completed.

The State Tax Commission has revised the time period for two year studies. For 2010 studies the two year study covers October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2009. Last year the one year study time frame was changed to cover from October 1 of the preceding year through September 30 of the current year. The reasoning behind the change is to have the studies reflect more current market conditions. This now changes how and the timeframe in which we conduct our studies in classes of property other than residential. Previously, sales through March 31 of the current year, in this case 2009, were reviewed and from these sales land values and economic condition factors

(ECFs) were developed. After that point appraisal samples were completed and ratios were developed from the studies for the various classes of property in the various assessing units. With the new timeframe, sales through September 30 have to be used to develop the land values and ECFs. Now we are doing our samples and reviewing sales that we have up to this date and having to wait until late October or early November, when the late sales have been reviewed, to actually price the appraisal cards, complete the study and develop the appropriate ratio. The equalization studies are required to be completed by December 31 of each year.

The Tax Commission is also requiring that a one year sales study be used in the residential class. The single year sale study is a tool that has been used in the past when there is significant evidence of a declining market. Last year the Tax Commission required Equalization to develop two year studies, as was common practice, and if the assessor requested, to complete a one year study. What eventually happened was one year studies were developed for all the assessing units and you had to request permission from the Tax Commission to use a two year study. We will still be developing two year studies in the residential class due to the significant drop in the number of usable sales, either arms length or foreclosures. We anticipate requesting the use of two year studies in some of our smaller units and may have to complete appraisal studies in a few municipalities.

14. FINANCIAL SERVICES: (Budget and Audit Committee)

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

The Financial Services Department is in the process of preparing for our annual audit by The Rehmann Group. The timeline and necessary procedures for the closeout of fiscal year 2008/2009 will be distributed to all departments by mid September to allow for adequate planning.

15. HEALTHSOURCE SAGINAW:

Contact Person: Lester Heyboer, Jr., President/CEO, 790-7888
Raymond Bartels, Commissioner
Marc A. McGill, Controller

Operating results for the six month period ended of June 30, 2009 continue to reflect profits of the Behavioral Medicine Center with operating losses in the Extended Care Center being significantly reduced. The Chemical Dependency Center continues the trend of incurring operating losses in excess of \$350,000 yearly. Operating losses in the Extended Care Center and Chemical Dependency Center are partially offset by millage support. HealthSource incurred a year to date operating loss of \$359,281 before the recognition of the value of interest paid by millage monies as contributed capital and cost of removing hazardous materials. For the month of June 2009, HealthSource reported a loss of \$107,206 after donations, interest, and millage but before contributed capital and hazardous material removal costs compared to budgeted income of \$17,712. HealthSource reported a loss of \$444,524 for the six month period ended June 30, 2009 after donations, interest, millage, contributed capital, and hazardous material removal costs.

As a result of the Board of Trustees designating \$6,000,000 of operating cash for use in the construction program, unrestricted operating cash balances have been reduced to \$3,359,741 at June 30, 2009. This is an increase of \$523,028 from the previous month of May, 2009.

HealthSource provided 45,114 days of inpatient care, 2,537 units of Outpatient Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy with 2,355 outpatient visits being made to our psychiatrists and behavioral therapists during the six month period ended June 30, 2009.

All Extended Care Center Neighborhoods, inpatient Psychiatric, Chemical Dependency, and Rehabilitation areas and Psychiatric outpatient areas were completed in 2009 and are being used to provide services. Removal of hazardous waste and demolition of the four story South building was completed in June and July of 2009. Remodeling of existing areas is ongoing. The project is scheduled for completion in September of 2009.

16. INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND SERVICES (ISS): (County Services Committee)

Contact Person: Johnathan Miller, Director, 790-5575

ISS is presently involved with a significant number of unique projects, working with departments to meet their specific needs. In addition to providing daily support for the existing computing infrastructure, ISS assists users with solutions their computer problems, working to keep the county's 900+ personal computers up and running for users. ISS also provides support for in-house, canned/retail and outsourced end-user applications, used by county personnel and the public we serve. Some of our current activities include:

It is time, once again, for ISS to take inventory of the computer and computer related equipment owned by the county and managed by ISS.

ISS is often questioned by users, asking why the inventory process is necessary and what this information is used for. In short, the inventory process helps us insure, and maintain that our records for this equipment correctly reflect information such as where the equipment is located, the person it is assigned to, and what it is used for. When users call the ISS Help Desk, support persons rely on this information, to help them correctly and quickly identify the computer the user is calling about, and what software is presently running on it; having this information available to us, and knowing this is reasonably accurate, helps insure faster assistance and efficient problem identification and resolution.

With each successive equipment inventory process, ISS works to achieve improve on the last. With each inventory, there are two main goals: 1.) to perform a complete inventory of county computer and computer related equipment, and 2.) analyze our processing methods and the affects of our processing on end-users, and develop better and more efficient processes and procedures for the next inventory event. First and foremost, our primary goal is to insure that our inventory processing has minimal impact on county computer users and their work day. ISS recognizes that our invasion of county department office spaces is disruptive; through end-user feedback, processing statistics analysis, and end-of-process reflection, steps are taken to further lower our impact on county business.

In coming weeks, ISS will be contacting departments to arrange for the inventory of computer equipment assigned to them. Where possible, ISS will be working to schedule inventory processing so that our work in departments is performed during less busy times of the day/week/month. As always, thank you for your patience, during this process.

18. MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT: (County Services Committee)

Contact Person: Mike Boyd, Maintenance Director, 790-5235

Boilers have been inspected for the 2009-2010 year. Fourth Floor main hall and main bathrooms have been stripped and waxed. 3rd floor was worked on during the weekend of August 22 & 23. Carpets on the third, fourth and parts of the first floor have been cleaned. ISS is in the process of upgrading their entry door security. We have be repairing and replacing faucets in the main bathrooms.

The radiator for the Courthouse generator is being repaired after a hole was discovered.

Grounds crew has been repairing parking lot at Haithco. Imerman has been getting a face lift also; shuffle board slab has been remove, tennis court post have been reset and a new lamp post has been made for the boat launch. The Equestrian trail has been brush hogged.

19. MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY:

Contact Person: Sandra M. Lindsey, CEO, 797-3400

As everyone knows, the State of Michigan is in terrible trouble with state revenue forecasts worsening every week, and the unemployment rate at 15.2% (14.6% for Saginaw County). Without a doubt, the members of the Michigan Legislature clearly have a very tough job ahead of them this summer as they work to produce a balanced budget for next year in light of the state economic crisis. However, the proposed funding reductions to the public community mental health (CMH) system for next year are beyond the pale and will threaten the very health and safety of our community and the existence of the CMH system we have worked to build and improve in our state over the last 35 years.

There are two budget bills pending, one in the Michigan House of Representatives (**HB 4436**) and one in the Michigan Senate (**SB 0249**). Of greatest concern are the proposed reductions to the General Fund (GF) line item for the CMH system in both budget bills. **In the House Bill 4436 the targeted cut is \$40 million.** The House bill though was put together months ago and most informed Lansing insiders believe that if the budget was being prepared today, this number would be much higher. **The Senate Bill 0249 more recently released, proposes a \$61 million dollar reduction to the GF line item that supports the CMH system in Michigan.** In either case the targeted magnitude of the GF cut will forever change the public mental health system in our state as we know it.

The SCCMHA share of the proposed \$61 million dollar cut is likely to be somewhere around \$1.2 - \$1.8 million of our \$8 million GF authorization, (if the cuts are taken as a straight percentage of historic GF allocations to individual Community Mental Health Service Programs). Considering that we cut over \$1 million in expenses in the current year both to balance our budget and to comply with the 2009 Executive Order Budget Reductions for the last quarter of this year, this is a monumental challenge that cannot help but cause harm to people and our community. SCCMHA is still forecasting a \$1.4 million shortfall by year end.

As it stands right now SCCMHA already has some of the most stringent eligibility criteria in the State of Michigan for uninsured / under insured persons. This level of service reduction will force persons off needed medication and out of service resulting in increased homelessness, increased suicides and will in turn pose significant public safety concerns for consumers themselves as well as the Saginaw County community. We have in fact already alerted the Michigan Department of Community Health that we would anticipate having to eliminate services for 50% of these persons or 1,293 consumers next year.

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

Dow-Kokam joint venture battery plant. On her way back to Lansing, the Governor saw the Michigan Works! Service Center sign at our office in Midland, and directed her driver to pull in for a surprise, unannounced, spur-of-the-moment visit. She spent about 10 minutes in the office talking to job seekers. The Governor was full of praise for program staff. She even filled out a customer service survey. Complaining that the top category was merely "very good", she changed it to "excellent" and checked every box. The Governor singled out three Midland Center program staff by name: Karen Peckham, Susie Stewart, and Tara Hulse; and wrote: "Thank you for your terrific work on behalf of people who are struggling. Gratefully, Jennifer Granholm."

The Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth (DELEG) has identified \$1,396,968 statewide in ARRA funding in support of the ECAR program. The program will provide apprenticeship readiness training for women, minorities, and economically disadvantaged persons in the energy conservation construction trades. ECAR seeks to create a pool of members of the aforementioned underrepresented groups with proven readiness to enter energy conservation construction apprenticeships. The ECAR program will provide recruitment, assessment, apprentice readiness training, basic skills remediation, needs related payments, drug screening, and other supportive services to meet the energy conservation construction workforce training needs of Michigan.

These funds are restricted to the eight cities identified by the Cities of Promise initiative that aims to redevelop communities and reduce poverty, which includes the City of Saginaw. The cities are those that are experiencing sometimes, devastating conditions because of declining population, extreme poverty, loss of industry and jobs, crumbling infrastructure, and blighted neighborhoods. The Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works Region will provide the ECAR training to 15 participants through a contract with Delta College.

The Recovery Act, signed February 17, 2009, provided states supplemental appropriations of Wagner-Peyser funding designed for the administration of enhanced labor exchange services to job seekers and employers. A portion of each state's Wagner-Peyser Recovery Act funding is specifically allocated to the provision of Reemployment Services (RES) to Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants. Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works Agency will receive \$204,000.00 to provide intensive, individualized services to UI claimants to assist with their reentry into employment.

In the month of June, 6,694 individual job seekers came into our Service Centers in Saginaw, Midland and Bay Counties. Actual traffic flow (i.e. people come in more than once) was 21,141 in June, or in other words, an average of 961 people accessed our services in the three Counties each business day. We are on track this year to have 40,000 separate and distinct individuals come into one of our Service Centers. That's about 21% of the entire labor force in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

21. MOSQUITO CONTROL: (Human Services Committee)
Contact Person: Randall Knepper, Director, 755-5751

Mosquito populations have been at normal to above normal levels throughout the summer this year. The months of June, July, and August all experienced significant rainfall events resulting in large broods (hatching) of mosquitoes. Unlike most summers, no areas of the County were spared by dry conditions thus mosquitoes have been very active in all townships of the County.

In late August our Education Department sent out information packets to schools informing them of our classroom educational programs and encouraging teachers to schedule a presentation as soon as possible as it is often difficult to honor late requests.

As part of the State of Michigan's budget problems all Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) regional offices will be closed as of October 1, 2009. In the past the Saginaw Regional office provided testing for all our seasonal technicians to become Certified Pesticide Applicators. This closure will significantly affect the training of seasonal employees from all the local mosquito control districts. Discussions have already begun with MDA officials in Lansing to seek possible solutions.

By January 1, 2013 the FCC has ruled that all communication radios must be converted to digital or analog frequency's need to be narrowed by 50%. Currently our radios are analog and it is not clear how many can be reprogrammed to narrow analog. In the near future we will begin exploring options to resolve this issue and the associated costs.

On September 9th our facility will host a Scrap Computer Drive in cooperation with the Saginaw County Environmental Health Department.

22. MSU EXTENSION: (Human Services Committee)
Contact Person: Deanna East, Director, 758-2500

Birth-Five and Healthy Families Saginaw Programs: Angela Harris, Extension Educator, Children, Youth, Families and Communities: MSUE's Birth-5 program provides free parent education to all families in Saginaw County with children 0 to age 5. *Parents As Teachers*, a researched based curriculum, is used during monthly home visits with parents. Parents receive quality information about their child's development in all areas that include: gross motor, fine motor, communication, social-emotional development, and problem-solving. During our 3rd quarter, the MSUE Parent Educators completed 491 home visits and completed 389 Ages and Stages screens. The 2008-2009 grant year has faced financial challenges as well as impending challenges for next year. However, our Birth-5 partnership has faced these challenges as a team and have been advocating with local and state legislators. We were fortunate to have Representative Jim Stamas attend a home visit and speak with a family directly. Along with advocacy efforts, our team has come up with some innovative and cost saving strategies which should allow us to continue to provide services to families in Saginaw.

Nutrition Programs: Dawn Wilcox, Extension Educator, Children, Youth, Families and Communities: Over the summer months, MSU Extension has had the opportunity to provide nutrition education sessions to over 900 WIC- eligible mothers and children and over 900 low-income older adults over the age of 60. Project FRESH and Senior Project FRESH coupons were distributed at the Downtown Saginaw Farmer's Market and Hemmeter's Farm Market. All Project FRESH mothers and children took part in the Grow Your Kids with fruits and vegetables social marketing campaign. The project is intended to increase fruit and vegetable consumption among food stamp recipients by engaging community collaborations with existing relationships to disseminate a consistent message. Over \$36,000 worth of coupons was passed out to eligible Saginaw County residents for use at local farmers markets leading to the increase in fresh fruits and vegetables and local buying.

In addition, 92.5% of adult participants who graduated from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP-Ed) had a positive change in the grain, fruit, vegetable, milk, or meat and bean/group consistent with the MyPyramid recommendations. A 28.2% positive change in physical activity was also reported for adult participants. Specifically, an increase of 10% of participants participated in physical activity more than 60 minutes and a 12% increase in those participating in physical activity 30 to 60 minutes a day, which is consistent with the dietary

guidelines recommendations of 60 minutes most days of the week. The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) reported similar results with 98.8% of participants reporting a positive change in any of the food group recommendations and 24.4% of the participants noted a positive change in the amount of physical activity reported per day. Food resource management information on budgeting has led to a decrease in the amount of money spent on food per person per month as well.

The month of August celebrated Breast Feeding Awareness month with the campaign titled "A Mother's Milk, All a Baby Needs." Saginaw County Breastfeeding Initiative Mother-to-Mother Peer, Amy Campbell participated by attending all Project FRESH coupon days and talking to prenatal mothers or mothers who are currently breastfeeding. August 12th, 2009 marked the first annual Breastfeeding Awareness Walk for the State of Michigan. Counties across the state celebrated with a one hour walk promoting breastfeeding with awareness pins and T-shirts.

23. 911 AUTHORITY:

Contact Person: Thomas McIntyre, Director, 790-5504

No report was submitted this month.

24. PARKS: (County Services Committee)

Contact Person: John Schmude, Parks Director, 790-5280

Remaining summer 2009 programs include: Soggy Doggy on September 16 at Haithco Park. Usually the lake is off limits to pets but for this one evening bring them out and let them swim to their hearts content. This event is free.

3 Trails 3 Days on September 18, 19, 20. Experience the rail trails in Bay, Midland and Saginaw Counties during this three day trail awareness event sponsored by The Dow Chemical Company.

The Outdoor Recreation and Event Coordinator position has been filled by Stephanie Wirtz who has a degree in Recreation from Central Michigan University and was last employed by the Saginaw Community Foundation as their Youth Initiatives and FORCE Coordinator.

25. PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT/LABOR CONTRACTS: (Labor Relations Committee)

Contact Person: Jennifer Broadfoot, Personnel Assistant, 790-5507

New Employee Orientation Sessions are being scheduled for October 13 and 15, 2009. Departments with employees who need to attend will be notified by Personnel several weeks in advance of the sessions. If you have any questions regarding the orientation sessions, please call Personnel at 790-5213.

Negotiations remain ongoing with all County bargaining units except for the Family Division Probation Officers whose contract was approved by the Board of Commissioners at their August 25, 2009 meeting. The contract covers from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2012. It includes a four years wage freeze, with lump sum payments of 1.75% received in 2009, 2010 and 2011. It also contains the several changes to health insurance including:

PPO1 and PPO2

- Increase the office visit co-pay from \$0 (PPO1) and \$5 (PPO2) to \$20
- Increase the ER visit co-pay from \$0 (PPO1) and \$25 (PPO2) to \$50
- Increase deductible from \$0 to \$100/\$200 in network; \$200/\$400 out of network
- Increase prescription drug co-pay from \$0 (PPO1) and \$3 (PPO2) to \$10 generic/\$40 name brand

PPO8:

- Change prescription drug co-pay from 25% (\$10 min/\$25 max) to \$10 generic/\$40 name brand

An additional \$100 a year will also be provided for wellness reimbursement, and the union will have one member on a union-management health insurance committee to examine savings on an ongoing basis. The members of the unit will also receive a share of any BC/BS Michigan Savings Refund received in 2009, 2010, 2011.

Following is the status of the Employee Groups:

EMPLOYEE GROUP	NUMBER OF POSITIONS	EXPIR. CURRENT CONTRACT
OPEIU - COURTHOUSE EMPLOYEES	167	09/30/09
GELC - PROBATION OFFICERS. DISTRICT COURT	7	09/30/09
TEAMSTERS - PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES	19	09/30/09
POAM - ANIMAL SHELTER EMPLOYEES	6	09/30/08
GELC - PROBATION OFFICERS. FAMILY DIVISION	6	09/30/12
COAM - SHERIFF UNIT III-CAPT. & LT.	3	09/30/08
TEAMSTERS - HEALTH DEPARTMENT/COA EMPLOYEES	104	09/30/08
AFSCME - PROSECUTORS	18	09/30/08
UAW – MANAGERS	64	09/30/08
UAW – PROFESSIONALS	73	09/30/08
UAW – CLERICAL, TECHNICAL & PARA-PROFESSIONALS	25	09/30/08
POLC - SHERIFF UNIT II-SGTS.	14	09/30/09
GELC – DETENTION CENTER SUPERVISORS	4	09/30/07
GELC - DETENTION YOUTH CARE SPECIALISTS	24	09/30/09
POAM SHERIFF UNIT I (312 ELIGIBLE)	45	09/30/09
POAM - SHERIFF UNIT 1 (NON 312 ELIGIBLE)	57	09/30/09

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

County Planning staff has been conducting PASER data collection for evaluation of pavement conditions on Federal Aid roads in the county. The areas outside the City of Saginaw were completed during August 10 –12, and the roads in the City of Saginaw were surveyed during the week of August 17th. This is an annual data collection program that is performed through the cooperative efforts of SMATS, the County Road Commission, the City of Saginaw, and MDOT. Funding is provided by the Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council.

There are several important new projects to report. The County Road Commission will receive a \$1.2 million Transportation Economic Development Fund grant for safety improvements on Frost, Gratiot, and Orr Roads near the Hemlock Semiconductor facility. The project includes the investment of \$430,000 in local funds for a total cost of \$1,630,000. The improvements will include roadway widening to incorporate turn lanes and deceleration lanes.

Also, STARS will receive an additional \$279,699 in ARRA funds for 10 “mini hybrid” conversion kits for diesel buses. The conversion kits provide significant improvements in fuel economy and air emissions.

Finally, MDOT Bay Region will receive a Transportation Enhancement Grant to purchase 6.2 miles of rail corridor in Saginaw and Bay Counties for the Bay-Zilwaukee Rail Trail. The Saginaw County portion of the corridor extends from Kochville Road in Zilwaukee Township to the north County Line. The Bay County portion runs to Backus Street in Bay City. The right-of-way acquisition will be funded by \$249,975 in Federal Enhancement funds, \$75,025 from MDOT, and \$50,000 from the Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network for a total cost of \$375,000.

27. PUBLIC HEALTH: (Human Services Committee)
 Contact Person: Natasha Coulouris, Health Officer, 758-3818

Health Promotions & Communication

SCDPH has received Phase I and Phase II Public Health emergency Response funding for H1N1 planning and administration from MDCH.

Currently CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices has set recommendations for the administration of H1N1 vaccine to those individuals who are at a higher risk of disease or complications, those who are likely to come into contact with novel H1N1, and those who could infect young infants.

The SCDPH continues to remain active in all communications and conference calls that MDCH-OPHP has been presenting to keep locals informed.

Environmental Health

Food Service Inspections for May	141
Food Borne Illness Investigations for May	0
ServSafe Food Class Participants Training	16
Temporary Food Licenses granted for May	92
Radon Kits Distributed in July	11
Day Care & Adult Foster Care Inspections	10

Immunizations

Clinic Attendance for July 2009

Clinic Attendance for the **2009** calendar year 2,492

TB/CD

TB tests completed (administered and read)	104
Positive TB results	1
Referrals from other agencies	9
TB cases for 2009	0

STD/HIV

# of client visits	280
# of condoms distributed	4416
Genital Herpes	5
Positive Lice Check	0
Positive Syphilis	1
Positive Gonorrhea	8
Positive Chlamydia	28
Cases of NGU	4
Positive Trichomonas	23
Positive HIV	0

WIC

Currently the WIC Program has 109 (St. Charles), 931 (Main Health Department), 78 (Birch Run), and 13 (Chesaning) high risk clients for a total of 1,131.

Project Fresh finished July 29, 2009. WIC gave out 845 coupon sets this year.

28. PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION: (County Services Committee)
Contact Person: Jim Koski, Public Works Commissioner, 790-5258

The 1st phase of the Dredging has completed. Testing of the water has begun and after approval of the testing period then the water will be released from the disposal site in stages. The next phase of dredging will begin in late fall or early spring 2010.

The Allendale Tile project, located in Saginaw Township, is in the engineering phases and bids should go out in early October. Construction may begin yet this fall or early spring. An informational meeting is scheduled for September 24th. Many maintenance projects are also going on this time of the year.

The Kochville Township Sewer & Watermain Project is in the preliminary engineering stages.

An inspection report on the Misteguay Creek dikes and dams and has indicated that there are some areas that need repair work. The Misteguay Creek Intercounty Drainage Board is currently digesting this information and will act upon the consultant's recommendations in the near future.

As of August 28, 2009 104 new soil erosion and sedimentation control permits have been issue. This number is down due to the economy and the decrease of construction in Saginaw County.

29. PURCHASING: (County Services Committee)

Contact Person: Kelly M. Suppes, Purchasing/Risk Manager, 790-5505

Quotes were solicited to purchase a new copier for the Public Works Department. A Purchase Order was issued to Konica Minolta Albin in the amount of \$5,521.09 for a Bizhub 362 Digital Copier with Fax.

A listing agreement has been entered into with Remax of Owosso to sell a forfeiture home in Owosso, Shiawassee County. The home was listed on the public market in June for \$115,000 and the listing price was reduced to \$95,000 in August. The agent will receive 6% commission of the accepted offer. The listing agreement runs for 6 months ending on 10/13/09.

An ebay account has been established to allow the County to post forfeiture and/or surplus property. The ebay seller name is **countyofsaginawsurplus**. During the month of July-August, we received over \$13,000 in eBay sales for items including: Surplus MDT's, (3) Mosquito Control Trucks, Tools, Airport Miscellaneous Surplus. We will continue to post surplus property as it becomes available.

An RFP was posted to purchase a Dell Equal Logic PS400. The bid has been awarded to Netech Corporation, a Dell Certified Partner. The bid included option proposals with specification modifications in the amounts of \$36155, \$40520 and \$43430. The ISS Department hasn't determined which option to purchase as of this writing.

An RFP was issued to various Medical Contractors to provide a Proposal for Inmate Medical Services in the Saginaw County Jail. A pre-proposal conference and jail tour was held on July 29. Proposals were due and opened on August 19. A total of (4) proposals were received from: SecureCare, Inc., Wexford Health Sources Inc., Health Professionals, LTD., and Prison Health Services, Inc. A selection panel is currently evaluating the (4) proposals and expect to narrow it to 2-3 for a 1 hour presentation/interview. The final selection should be made on or before September 30. If a new Medical Contractor is selected the actual Contract start date will be on November 1, 2009.

30. RETIREMENT:

Contact Person: Amy J. Deford, Retirement Adm., 790-5577

524 employees are enrolled in the Defined Contribution Program (DC) as of August 8, 2009, while 139 employees remain in the MERS Defined Benefit Plan.