



# COUNTY OF SAGINAW

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*Controller/Chief Administrative Officer*

## INFORMATION ONLY

March 3, 2009

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

**RE: Marc-ing Report - November 2008**

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](http://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- MARCH 2009

### 1. AIRPORT: (County Services Committee)

Contact Person: Charles Cleaver, Administration Director, 790-5209

Capital Improvement Summary: Apron/Taxiway Project Phase II - A \$265,000 project with a local share of \$16,000 will be completed. Continuation of various facility upgrades and repairs including: rehabilitation of the main runway, taxi area and terminal apron, in addition to relocation of the fuel farm.

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 and then forwarded to the state with requests for available funding. This year, an additional airport layout plan will be prepared to identify future strategic planning for both long and short term airport development.

### 2. ANIMAL CARE CENTER: (Courts and Public Safety Committee)

Contact Person: Valerie McCullough, Animal Care Center, 797-4500

This department just held our annual rabies clinic and it seemed to be a huge success. In a four hour span our staff and volunteers were able service almost three hundred people with shots and licenses. The date and times are set to be convenient for the public to participate in getting their required shots and licenses.

Another thing that we are very proud of is our adoption rates for the month of December were outstanding! We were able to place 62% of our adoptable dogs for that month. That seems to be an increase of over 10% from previous months. We are striving for the same results for the future.

We are very thankful for the help from the ISS department in helping us load a new software program that will allow us to keep track of our animals on the computer instead of handwritten cards. We are still learning the system, but we are confident that this will be a great improvement to our operations.

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

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

Janice Mienk, Payroll & Benefits Supervisor, 790-5216

W-2's were distributed to all employees in January. Total gross wages in 2008 for Saginaw County Government employees amounted to \$31,822,773. 16. Total Social Security taxes paid by Saginaw County amounted to \$2,298,777.12, an amount matched by Saginaw County employees.

The normal contribution limit for 457 plans for 2009 was increased to \$16,500. Additionally, employees eligible for the "catch-up provision" may contribute up to an additional \$5,500 if they are age 50 or older. Or, those eligible to participate in the "pre-retirement" catch-up provision may contribute up to an additional \$16,500.

Employees are reminded to review their W-4 status and to file a new W-4 if their filing status or number of withholding allowances change.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced the implementation date for the revised Form I-9, *Employment Eligibility Verification* has been rescheduled to go into effect on April 3, 2009.

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

**DECEMBER 16, 2008 SESSION REPORTS OF REGULAR COMMITTEES**

- Adopted the Saginaw County Municipal Services Mutual Aid Interlocal Agreement.
- Approved entering into an agreement with the Thomas Township DDA for the County's participation in the sharing of tax revenues.
- Accepted the position classifications for the Environmental Health Specialist II, Electrician, Maintenance Worker III, and Clerk/Typist II in the Medical Examiner Office.
- Approved the committee compensation for the period November 2 – 29, 2008.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- Authorized participation in the Tri-City Area Joint Airport Zoning Board.
- Abolished the Saginaw County Officers Compensation Commission.
- Recommended individuals to fill an expiring term on the Road Commission.

**RESOLUTIONS**

- Abolished the Saginaw County Officers Compensation Commission.

The organizational meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 2, 2009, at the Saginaw County Courthouse with the Honorable Deputy County Clerk Thressa Zolton serving as Acting Chair pending the election of the Temporary Chair. 2009 Commissioners

**ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIR**

- Commissioner Robert M. Woods, Jr. was re-elected Temporary Chair.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

- Commissioner Bregitte K. Braddock was elected Chair of the Board.
- Commissioner Timothy M. Novak was elected Vice Chair of the Board.

**RULES OF THE BOARD**

- The 2008 Rules of the Board and the 2009 meeting schedule were adopted pending review by the Special Rules Committee.

The second day of the January Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 6, 2009, at the Saginaw County Courthouse with the Honorable Bregitte K. Braddock in the Chair. Committee assignments were made.

The third day of the January Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at the Saginaw County Courthouse with the Honorable Bregitte K. Braddock in the Chair.

## **REPORTS OF REGULAR COMMITTEES**

- Authorized the Commission on Aging to purchase a new vehicle.
- Amended the fee schedule for the Animal Care Center.
- Authorized Community Corrections to apply for additional funding for a Corrections Plan and Services New Initiative.
- Approved a salary waiver for the Undersheriff.
- Approved the factoring evaluation for the position of Maintenance Director.
- Amended Family and Medical Leave Policy #364.
- Approved the Committee Compensation Report for the period November 30, 2008 through January 10, 2009.

## **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- Approved the 2009 Board Rules.

## **FEBRUARY 17, 2009 SESSION REPORTS OF REGULAR COMMITTEES**

- Approved a Sublease between Saginaw County and the State of Michigan for the Midland Michigan Works! Service Center.
- Recommended approval of the Wendler Arena floor construction project, acceptance of funding, and extension of the SMG, Inc. management agreement with the Dow Event Center.
- Approved payment of claims and committee compensation reports.
- Adopted fiscal year 2010 budget calendar and 2010 – 2014 Capital Improvement Plan
- Approved updates to County Policy #346 entitled "Retirement."

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- "A" Resolution to Borrow against anticipated delinquent 2008 real property taxes.
- "B" Resolution of Agency to administer tax payment fund.
- "C" Resolution of Assurance to pay costs associated with the proposed Allendale Tile Drain.

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

The Board of Commissioners adopted the Budget Calendar for the Fiscal 2009/2010 Operating Budget on February 17, 2009. The 2009/2010 Budget process will begin in June 2009. Target budgets will be distributed to departments for their review and input on June 1, 2009, and are due back to Financial Services by June 26, 2009. The Controller's Office will then submit the first draft of a recommended Operating Budget to the Standing Committees and the Budget/Audit Subcommittee on July 27, 2009.

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

The Building Authority last met on Friday, January 16, 2009. The Authority discussed replacing the refrigerated floor at TheDow Event Center. Discussion also took place regarding a millage reduction and renewal for the Event Center.

The next Building Authority meeting will be scheduled as the need arises.

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

The Controller's Office will distribute information to departments regarding requests to submit the annual update of the 5-year capital improvement plan on June 1, 2009 with a target completion date of June 26, 2009. Completing this plan is part of the annual budget process and is required to comply with statutory requirements.

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

The Commission on Aging will be applying for its Transportation Funding through the Michigan Department of Transportation. As a result of this specialized funding, the program has received one or two replacement vehicles every three or four years. As has been our practice, we will be requesting two vehicle replacements, one lift van and one car.

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

Program expenditures are 30% to 35%, which is the predicted target range. Additional funding for cognitive therapy and P.L.U.S. was applied for under the New Initiative Grant through the State of Michigan. However, due to the State of Michigan FY2010 budget crisis, the award process has been cancelled.

The Community Corrections Advisory Board welcomed Sheriff William Federspiel and his designee, Lt. Paula Lounsbury as new board members. The Community Corrections Advisory Board will be focusing future meetings on jail diversion programs for Saginaw County.

10. DOW EVENT CENTER: (County Services Committee)  
Contact Person: Stephanie Beyersdorf, Clerk, Dow Event Center Advisory Board, 790-5471

Arena football is returning to Saginaw! The **Saginaw Sting** starts its second season in TheDow's Arena on Friday, March 20, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. against the River City Rage. The Sting, which joined the Indoor Football League (IFL), will play seven home and seven away games. Season tickets and Flex Game tickets for this family-friendly sport are available now. Prices for tickets are very reasonable and are priced in a variety of ranges and options. Don't miss out on all the excitement that this sport has to offer! Visit [www.thedoweventcenter.com](http://www.thedoweventcenter.com) or [www.thesaginawsting.com](http://www.thesaginawsting.com) for more information on ordering tickets.

The Dow Event Center has hosted many exciting events this winter. The family-friendly Shrine Circus returned to the Arena on January 15-18, 2009. The internationally-renowned Harlem Globetrotters rocked the Arena on January 29, 2009. **Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles** entertained multiple generations on February 12, 2009, and Professional Bull Riding returned to Saginaw just in time for Valentine's Day on February 13-14, 2009. **The Ice Blast**, held on February 21, 2009, in conjunction with the Saginaw Spirit hockey game, sold out.

There is plenty of entertainment coming to TheDow for the spring as well. **Monster Jam** Monster Truck Racing will return to TheDow for three shows on March 6-7, 2009. The Broadway in Saginaw Series continues its 2008-2009 season with **The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee** on April 21, 2009, in the Theater, and concludes with **Riverdance**, the Special Farewell Tour, on April 27-29, 2009. The Saginaw Valley Concert Association is sponsoring popular baritone **Daniel Narducci** on March 3, 2009. The Colorado Children's Chorale will perform in the Theater on April 23, 2009. Visit [www.thedoweventcenter.com](http://www.thedoweventcenter.com) or [www.saginawvalleyconcert.org](http://www.saginawvalleyconcert.org) for more details.

The **Saginaw Spirit's** 2008-09 season continues with four more home games on February 28, March 3, March 12 and March 14. Come experience tomorrow's NHL stars today right here in Saginaw! Visit [www.thedoweventcenter.com](http://www.thedoweventcenter.com) or [www.saginawspirit.com](http://www.saginawspirit.com) for more information.

Call 989-759-1330 to speak with the Box Office, or 989-754-4800 to purchase tickets through TicketMaster. Please visit the Event Center's web site for an event calendar and seating information at [www.thedoweventcenter.com](http://www.thedoweventcenter.com).

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

Saginaw Future Inc. (SFI) recently celebrated its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting, held at the Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Hotel and Conference Center. Thirty companies were honored for investing more than \$1.1 billion in Saginaw County. They chose to **Locate at the Source** - of solar, medical and advanced manufacturing technology.

Since 1992, SFI assisted 410 business expansion and attraction projects generating more than \$4.8 billion in new investment, and created and retained 13,576 jobs in Saginaw County. Since 1992, Saginaw Future was able to secure nearly \$65 million in infrastructure and development grants for Saginaw County. Through partnerships with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and the Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works!, SFI helped companies receive grant funds for the training and retraining of 6,138 workers.

Over the past 17 years, the Saginaw Future Procurement Technical Assistance Center helped area companies win 3,147 local, state and federal government contracts valued at more than \$176 million. Throughout 2008, Saginaw Future teamed up with the MEDC to meet with local companies in order to remain connected and responsive to changing corporate needs. SFI and MEDC staff met with 153 companies through the Corporate Watch Call program.

Saginaw Future also continues to manage its funding campaign to support SFI's existing and new programs. The 2008-2010 *Campaign For Tomorrow's Growth* receives support from more than 180 private sector companies and individuals, and four foundations and organizations. SFI is also contracted with 18 local municipalities, including the County of Saginaw, to provide economic development services.

In order to capitalize on the rapidly developing solar industry in the Great Lakes Bay Region, Saginaw Future Inc., Midland Tomorrow and Bay Future, Inc. recently launched a dynamic partnership to attract new business investment to the region. The Great Lakes Bay Economic Development Partnership (EDP) is a marketing collaboration that will present a unified marketing message and help stimulate the region's solar industry.

The presentation featured the results of a Solar and Photovoltaic Study conducted by The Austin Group and Chabin Concepts; specialized solar consultants contracted by the economic development organizations. Research was conducted on existing solar-related companies in Bay, Midland and Saginaw Counties and how to leverage that presence in order to attract new investment. The study also detailed the necessary support structure for a strong solar business climate and how the region matched up. A specialized marketing campaign and Web site that targets the solar supply chain was officially launched ([www.MISolarAdvantage.com](http://www.MISolarAdvantage.com)). The Great Lakes Bay EDP is also developing a complete package of marketing materials to highlight the region's business attributes and quality of life.

SFI also launched two important marketing tools [www.MiMedicalAdvantage.com](http://www.MiMedicalAdvantage.com) and [www.saginawvalleysites.com](http://www.saginawvalleysites.com) MiMedicalAdvantage.com is another initiative focused on regional opportunities - in the medical device and technology field. The site is an informational resource for local manufacturers and start-up companies seeking to advance in the medical device industry and a promotional tool to attract medical device manufacturers to the area. SaginawValleySites.com is an online property database that features industrial, commercial, office and retail properties available in Saginaw County. The application allows Internet users and SFI staff to develop detailed reports that include demographics, workforce information and Google mapping.

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

Contact Person: Timothy Genovese, Director 790-5434

We are assisting the local hospitals in the planning of their may mass casualty drills that will occur this May. We will be scheduling an orientation exercise in May to assist and introduce the new EOC members to the procedures. We will also start our planning for the May 2010 regional drill. We are hosting this drill which will involve 14 counties.

We are continuing our National incident management training for all county first responders. They are required to have ICS 400 classes by September 2009

Homeland security grants: We are currently working with the region on the regional Homeland security grant, the LETPP grant and the Citizens Corps Grant. Regional planning and projects continues to take up more and more of our time.

Citizen Corps/CERT: We will be assisting the Saginaw ISD with Teen CERT classes and presenting emergency management in the schools as part of an Emergency management grant the schools received. We will be coordinating Student CERT training for 92 County students the April and then again in June.

We now have 92 Citizen Corps. Members. We are continuing to train and recruit new members. We meet every second Thursday of the month at the Saginaw County E.O.C. at 6:30 pm. Our Cert class (Citizens emergency response training) is schedules again this fall.

We continue to update the County Emergency Plans as well as the LEPC plans. The regional strategic planning conference is scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup> in Bay City. The Michigan homeland security conference is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> in Grand Rapids.

13. EQUALIZATION: (County Services Committee)

Contact Person: James Totten, Director, 790-5262

The tentative ratios and multipliers for the various real estate property classes have been published in the newspaper and are attached. These multipliers inform the assessor and the local citizens as to the changes of the true cash value in the classifications studied by the Saginaw County Equalization Department for the 2009 year.

We are uploading into the county system the various electronic assessment rolls from the local units for 2009 Saginaw County Equalization. Assessment notices, for taxpayers whose assessed and/or taxable values have changed, will be sent out 10 days prior to the board of review meetings.

Value increases and decreases for the various classes studied in Saginaw County are as follows:

Agricultural increased	9.08%
Commercial increased	0.02%
Industrial increased	1.63%
Residential decreased	(6.49%)
Timber Cutover decreased	(6.30%)
Developmental increased	<u>2.40%</u>
Overall decrease	(3.85%)

Based on the tentative ratios, the equalized value of the county will decrease by approximately \$213,150,000.

These changes affect the equalized value of the county and become a part of the taxable value calculation for each individual property. The current calculation of taxable value that will affect the 2009 taxes uses an inflation factor of 4.4% or equalized value, whichever is lower. The taxable value of new construction is in addition to this calculation. This inflation factor is the highest CPI since the implementation of taxable value in 1995.

Residential property is the largest class of property in the County accounting for 70% of the equalized value and 65% of taxable value. As indicated in the above paragraph the equalized residential value is projected to decrease overall in the County by 6.5%. Many properties will still have an increase in taxable value because of the **difference** between the equalized and taxable values. Indications are that the value of the residential class will decrease again in 2010. Given the significant decrease in equalized value and the relatively large CPI for 2009, we anticipate that the taxable value for most residential property in Saginaw County will be equal to the equalized value in 2010.

The Following Are The Tentative Recommended Equalization Ratios and Multipliers For Real Estate And Personal Property By Classification, Located In The Various Taxing Jurisdictions Within Saginaw County, Compiled From Data Available As Of February 1, 2009.														
TOWNSHIPS	REAL ESTATE												PERSONAL PROPERTY	
	AGRICULTURE		COMMERCIAL		INDUSTRIAL		RESIDENTIAL		TIMBER CUTOVER		DEVELOPMENTAL		PERSONAL	
	Ratio	Multiplier	Ratio	Multiplier	Ratio	Multiplier	Ratio	Multiplier	Ratio	Multiplier	Ratio	Multiplier	Ratio	Multiplier
ALBEE	46.22%	1.0818	46.06%	1.0855	50.20%	0.9980	53.25%	0.9390	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	50.00%	1.0000
BIRCH RUN	47.40%	1.0549	49.71%	1.0058	49.96%	1.0008	54.80%	0.9124	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	50.00%	1.0000
BLUMFIELD	45.28%	1.1042	49.61%	1.0079	45.17%	1.1069	54.20%	0.9225	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	50.00%	1.0000
BRADY	44.09%	1.1340	47.52%	1.0522	47.10%	1.0616	53.11%	0.9414	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	50.00%	1.0000
BRANT	44.07%	1.1346	48.32%	1.0348	48.81%	1.0244	50.87%	0.9829	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	50.00%	1.0000
BRIDGEPORT	44.07%	1.1346	51.00%	0.9804	49.58%	1.0085	53.03%	0.9429	N/C	N/C	48.37%	1.0337	50.00%	1.0000
BUENA VISTA	47.99%	1.0419	49.28%	1.0146	49.37%	1.0128	51.43%	0.9722	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	50.00%	1.0000
CARROLLTON	N/C	N/C	49.83%	1.0034	49.97%	1.0006	52.51%	0.9522	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	50.00%	1.0000
CHAPIN	44.25%	1.1299	48.94%	1.0217	43.65%	1.1455	58.94%	0.8483	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	50.00%	1.0000
CHESANING	45.70%	1.0941	49.41%	1.0119	49.82%	1.0036	56.04%	0.8922	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	50.00%	1.0000
FRANKENMUTH	45.15%	1.1074	50.56%	0.9889	48.78%	1.0250	55.97%	0.8933	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	50.00%	1.0000
FREMONT	44.43%	1.1254	49.88%	1.0024	46.29%	1.0801	53.13%	0.9411	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	50.00%	1.0000
JAMES	49.99%	1.0002	50.15%	0.9970	46.86%	1.0670	53.36%	0.9370	53.36%	0.9370	N/C	N/C	50.00%	1.0000
JONESFIELD	46.20%	1.0823	47.13%	1.0609	47.00%	1.0638	50.62%	0.9878	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	50.00%	1.0000
KOCHVILLE	46.15%	1.0834	49.99%	1.0002	49.30%	1.0142	52.36%	0.9549	N/C	N/C	46.71%	1.0704	50.00%	1.0000
LAKEFIELD	44.70%	1.1186	49.94%	1.0012	N/C	N/C	49.35%	1.0132	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	50.00%	1.0000
MAPLE GROVE	47.64%	1.0495	49.58%	1.0085	50.75%	0.9852	52.55%	0.9515	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	50.00%	1.0000
MARION	44.96%	1.1121	49.25%	1.0152	N/C	N/C	50.23%	0.9954	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	50.00%	1.0000
RICHLAND	47.65%	1.0493	48.77%	1.0252	43.50%	1.1494	52.36%	0.9549	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	50.00%	1.0000
SAGINAW	49.95%	1.0010	50.87%	0.9868	51.08%	0.9789	53.51%	0.9344	N/C	N/C	49.61%	1.0079	50.00%	1.0000
ST.CHARLES	45.51%	1.0987	47.51%	1.0524	49.92%	1.0016	55.30%	0.9042	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	50.00%	1.0000
SPAULDING	47.22%	1.0589	47.20%	1.0593	47.72%	1.0478	59.23%	0.8442	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	50.00%	1.0000
SWAN CREEK	46.29%	1.0801	48.17%	1.0380	49.55%	1.0091	52.27%	0.9566	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	50.00%	1.0000
TAYMOUTH	46.95%	1.0650	49.53%	1.0095	49.21%	1.0161	52.16%	0.9586	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	50.00%	1.0000
THOMAS	45.63%	1.0958	49.74%	1.0052	46.55%	1.0741	54.05%	0.9251	N/C	N/C	49.46%	1.0109	50.00%	1.0000
TITTABAWASSEE	45.91%	1.0891	46.28%	1.0804	48.10%	1.0395	51.09%	0.9787	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	50.00%	1.0000
ZILWAUKEE	46.62%	1.0725	49.88%	1.0024	49.63%	1.0075	50.83%	0.9837	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	50.00%	1.0000
CITY'S	AGRICULTURE		COMMERCIAL		INDUSTRIAL		RESIDENTIAL		TIMBER CUTOVER		DEVELOPMENTAL		PERSONAL	
	Ratio	Multiplier	Ratio	Multiplier	Ratio	Multiplier	Ratio	Multiplier	Ratio	Multiplier	Ratio	Multiplier	Ratio	Multiplier
FRANKENMUTH	N/C	N/C	49.33%	1.0136	45.13%	1.1079	55.44%	0.9019	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	50.00%	1.0000
SAGINAW	49.61%	1.0079	49.51%	1.0099	49.50%	1.0101	53.87%	0.9282	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	50.00%	1.0000
ZILWAUKEE	N/C	N/C	49.13%	1.0177	49.79%	1.0042	53.33%	0.9376	N/C	N/C	49.73%	1.0054	50.00%	1.0000
Prepared By : Saginaw County Equalization Department These Tentative Ratios And Multipliers May Be Modified Because Of Assessor And Board Of Review Changes.												Abbreviations N/C = No Classification		

14. FINANCIAL SERVICES: (Budget and Audit Committee)

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

The audit for the year ended September 30, 2008 is in the final stages of completion. The completed audit is scheduled to be presented by Rehmann Robson to the Budget/Audit Subcommittee on March 5, 2009 and to the Board of Commissioners on March 24, 2009.

The Financial Services Department continues to provide interim financial reports throughout the year. These reports are intended to identify impending problems so that proper corrective action may be taken to avoid potential year-end deficits.

15. HEALTHSOURCE SAGINAW:

Contact Person: Lester Heyboer, Jr., President/CEO, 790-7888

Raymond Bartels, Commissioner

Marc A. McGill, Controller

Operating results for the twelve month period ended of December 31, 2008 continue to reflect profits of the Behavioral Medicine Centers with operating losses in the Extended Care Center being significantly reduced. Our 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 offset by millage support which resulted in a year to date operating loss of \$495,393 before the recognition of the value of interest paid by millage monies as contributed capital and losses recorded on demolition costs and abandoned assets. Net income (loss) for the twelve month period ended December 31 after losses recognized for abandoned assets, hazardous materials, and demolition costs and income from contributed capital was \$300,069 for 2008 and \$(350,947) for 2007. Unrestricted operating cash balances were \$1,179,140 at December 31, 2008. An additional \$6,000,000 of former operating cash has been designated by the Board of Trustees for use in the construction program.

HealthSource provided 88,705 days of inpatient care, 6,362 units of Outpatient Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy with 8,162 office visits being made to our psychiatrists and behavioral therapists during the twelve month period ended December 31, 2008.

The State of Michigan's 2009 budget includes no increases to Medicaid program funding. Funding from the Medicare program for 2008/2009 is anticipated to increase by 2-3%. Medicaid and Medicare are a major source of payment for program services furnished by HealthSource. Revenue from the recently passed Stimulus legislation is not known but anticipated to have a positive affect on Medicaid funding.

The financial strength of HealthSource Saginaw is at its highest point in well over a decade and is positioned to effectively carry out its Mission and complete the new building and replacement program within the revised budget and on a timely basis. HealthSource is committed to serve Saginaw County and surrounding areas with the highest quality care possible.

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:

County Core Application Redevelopment Effort

In our work with departments throughout the county in recent years, ISS has come to the conclusion that many County ISS developed and maintained applications could be improved, some through somewhat moderate development changes and others by way of ground-up application re-write.

As faces change in the county, and in ISS, through retirements and career changes, so, too, has the direction of application development in the IT industry. Many organizations are moving away from the traditional mainframe based applications, and are now supporting network server based applications. Modern network based development platforms provide for better application life-cycle tracking, including better control of application updates and, thus, fast, more accurate, less problematic development cycles.

One of the leading technologies in server based application development is the Microsoft .NET application development platform. This multi-language development environment has become an industry standard for the network server hardware platform, and is the basis for many in-house and off-the shelf software solutions.

In recent years, ISS has been working to retool our development work force, preparing for our programming team for the move to this modern development platform. Through recent retirements, ISS has been afforded the opportunity to bring in additional application developers, many already trained in the .NET technology, further fortifying our knowledgebase in this technology, and significantly reducing the time spent training our developers in this new environment.

Over the next several months, and coming years, ISS will be working with departments throughout the county to analyze their business processes, review how existing applications are assisting with those processes, to identify deficiencies and problems, and finally, to develop an application that not only meets existing needs and requirements, but, provides added value over applications and services provided by ISS today. As existing applications are replaced with ones customized to meet, and exceed, the needs of today's county business, ISS is confident that our customers will share in our excitement and enthusiasm, as we work together to take on this endeavor.

17. JAIL REIMBURSEMENT: (Courts and Public Safety Committee)  
Contact Person: Mary Amend, Jail Reimbursement Coordinator 790-5584

Jail Reimbursement approximate revenues for year to date, are as follows: from the State of Michigan for Parole Holds and Diverted Felons, \$89,617; Federal Bed Rental, \$26,129; Medical & Property Damage and Room & Board, \$9,469.98; Work Release, \$9,110; Collection Agencies, \$238; and OUIL 3<sup>rd</sup> Grant, \$2,348.50.

There has been a change in the criteria for reimbursable diverted felons. Crime classes 'G' and 'H' are not covered for diverted felons billing. Some qualifying crimes have changed to from an 'E' crime class to a 'G' crime class; therefore, the offender is no longer eligible for reimbursement. At this time, it has had little impact on Saginaw County Jail Reimbursement Program.

18. LABOR CONTRACTS: (Labor Relations Committee)

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

Negotiations remain ongoing with the Juvenile Detention Supervisors' unit. Negotiations have been opened and remain ongoing with the eight groups with contracts that expired on September 30, 2008.

EMPLOYEE GROUP	NUMBER OF POSITIONS	EXPIR. CURRENT CONTRACT
OPEIU - COURTHOUSE EMPLOYEES	161	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	7	09/30/08
COAM - SHERIFF UNIT III-CAPT. & LT.	3	09/30/08
TEAMSTERS - HEALTH DEPARTMENT/COA EMPLOYEES	106	09/30/08
AFSCME - PROSECUTORS	18	09/30/08
UAW – MANAGERS	63	09/30/08
UAW – PROFESSIONALS	70	09/30/08
UAW – CLERICAL, TECHNICAL & PARA-PROFESSIONALS	24	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	20	09/30/09
POAM SHERIFF UNIT I (312 ELIGIBLE)	43	09/30/09
POAM - SHERIFF UNIT 1 (NON 312 ELIGIBLE)	56	09/30/09

19. MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT: (County Services Committee)  
Contact Person: Mike Boyd, Maintenance Director, 790-5235

**Maintenance-** We have been working on long inspection lists from the jail and are just about completely finished. Tom has finished the Referee desk for Lynda Heathscott and it is installed. Mark has been busy with keeping everyone warm enough through the winter. Neil Eggebrecht has been promoted from Utility worker to Grounds Maintenance worker II. Jeff Capen has been promoted from Crew Leader to Maintenance Worker III.

**Grounds-** We had early and very heavy snows this year. Nick, Fred and Neil spent most of the winter out at the agencies. Grounds are presently working on doing all repairs and maintenance on summer equipment. They are also praying for no more snow?

20. MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY:  
Contact Person: Sandra M. Lindsey, CEO, 797-3400

No report submitted this month due to unforeseen, yet understandable circumstances. Expect report as normal in the next March-ing Report.

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

The Workforce Development Board voted unanimously at its February 3, 2009 meeting to change the name of the organization to Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! Effective on March 1, 2009. Prior to the vote Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce President Bob Van Deventer reported to the Workforce Development Board on the history of the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance and its adoption of the Great Lakes Bay brand for the region.

Our Michigan Works organization is a regional entity, and it makes sense to support these efforts and adopt the name change. The adoption of the new name will help to increase the regional brand's recognition around the state and country through various workforce development networks.

Michigan Works has started a new program in Saginaw called JET (Jobs Education & Training) Plus. JET Plus is an innovative delivery strategy designed to address the barriers of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients that prevent many from entering training that leads to career employment and workplace stability. Six regions in the state were chosen to start this pilot program. Saginaw County is one of those regions. JET Plus utilizes TANF Funds to deliver two distinct models of comprehensive employment-related education, training, career preparation, and community service to a portion of Saginaw's Family Independence Program (FIP) recipients through the current program year ending September 30, 2009.

Michigan Works has contracted with Delta College and Education and Training Connection (ETC) to provide education and training. Participants who need to obtain their GED, adult basic education, or English as a second language are attending ETC. Vocational training classes for welding, manufacturing readiness, construction readiness, health unit coordinator, phlebotomy, and pharmacy technician classes are offered at Delta College. These classes are all designed to prepare individuals for occupations that are in demand in our area.

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

As is typical for this time of year staff are busy on winter projects which include: repair and preventative maintenance of application equipment and vehicles; fabrication of new ULV spray equipment control boxes for truck cabs; body work on damaged vehicles; development of new customized spray route maps; continue investigate updating our automatic vehicle location (AVL) system; and purchase and outfitting three new half ton vehicles for our fleet.

Our 2009 Program Plan has been completed and can be reviewed or printed from our website at [www.scmac.org](http://www.scmac.org) for those who may be interested. Our website has been recently redone and I would encourage anyone who hasn't visited it in awhile to check it out as it full of much more information and pictures then our past website.

We have already begun the process of securing permits to allow us to conduct aerial larviciding for spring mosquitoes on federal refuge and state game lands. It appears that we have met the criteria this year for the federal refuge but may encounter difficulties with getting a permit for one State game area we annually larvicide. It is also our plan to work with the Shiawassee NWR staff to update their *Human Health Emergency Response Plan*. If we can be successful in implementing changes to this plan it would streamline the permitting process and hopefully alleviate the yearly permitting issues we have recently experienced.

Paul Kinde joined our staff in November following the retirement of our long term foreman Tom Burt. Interviews for seasonal employment are underway and will be completed prior to our annual training session scheduled for March 20-21<sup>st</sup>.

On Jan. 7, 2009, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit ruled in National Cotton Council, et al. v. EPA to vacate EPA's 2006 rule allowing mosquito control operators, agricultural pesticide users, state pest controllers and others to spray pesticides on or near water under certain circumstances in accordance with FIFRA without having to obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Unless an appeal is successful, mosquitocide applications that could result in "excess" pesticide or "lasting residuals" in "waters of the U.S." could either require CWA permits, or could be challenged in federal courts without the protection of the 2006 rule. This ruling could have a significant effect on our agencies ability to kill mosquitoes in their aquatic stage. We will be working closely with the American Mosquito Control Association and the Michigan Mosquito Control Association to get a favorable resolution to this situation.

The active mosquito control season will be here in the next few weeks as we typically find our first mosquito larvae in woodland snowmelt pools around the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March.

23. 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: The Birth-5 Program and the Healthy Families Saginaw Program at Michigan State University Extension has provided services to 264 families in Saginaw County in 2008. Parents receive information from Parents as Teachers and Building Strong Families curricula, immunization education, referrals to community services such as Early-On, Ages & Stages Developmental Screenings and access to monthly play groups at 12 sites throughout Saginaw County.

Since 1999, MSUE along with Saginaw ISD, Saginaw Public Schools, Teen Parent Services and the CAN Council have collaborated to bring the Birth-5 service to Saginaw County. This partnership allows all families in Saginaw to receive services seamlessly and effortlessly. Since 1999, 98.9% of families served did not have substantiated incidence of child abuse or neglect. The average special education rate in Saginaw County is 15.2%, however children who received Birth-5 services have a special education rate 6.4%. This reduction of special education rates saves Saginaw County schools roughly \$9,000 a year per child. We are continuing our efforts with families in Saginaw County to ensure children enter kindergarten ready to succeed.

Bioeconomy: Mark Seamon, Extension Educator, Bioeconomy Innovation Counselor: The Bean and Beet Research Farm was host to a Bioenergy Crop Demonstration Trial this year. This trial was established to help local landowners and farmers evaluate the potential opportunity of growing dedicated energy crops on their farms. The trial was established with the financial support of the Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network. The information that was gained from this trial was shared during a field day in August and at six regional agriculture review sessions throughout the Saginaw Valley and Thumb. About 300 people attended these programs, including about 70 at the Teymouth Township Hall. These attendees who represented almost 180,000 acres of farmland rated the presentation on the energy crops a 2.78 on a scale of 1 to 4. This indicates strong interest and the need for continued efforts to educate the agriculture community on alternative energy topics.

4-H Peer Mentoring: Kim Towne, Extension Educator, 4-H Program: 4-H Peer Mentoring in Saginaw County is growing! Over the last year we have partnered with the Saginaw County Business Education Partnership to establish Peer Mentoring programs in 5 local High Schools; Arthur Hill, Birch Run, Carrollton, Heritage, and Saginaw. Within these schools, seventy five mentor/mentee matches have been made. Mentors meet at least once a week for a minimum of an hour with their mentees to work on activities and projects that focus on workforce preparedness, homework help, nutrition, entrepreneurship and gardening. Each group also participates in Service Learning, by identifying needs within their communities and finding the resources to address these needs. Several projects currently being planned/conducted are making fleece blankets for the Underground Railroad, gathering baby items for Covenant Neo-Natal Unit, gathering items for "Hero Packs" for Children of Deployed Soldiers, and a "Stuff a Bus" Event where items will be donated to a food pantry. Teen mentors receive training on different mentoring topics each month, and participate in various team building exercises. Teachers report that youth who are involved in the Peer Mentor Program attend school more regularly, have higher self esteem and better grades than they did before they began participating in the program.

#### 24. 911 AUTHORITY:

Contact Person: Thomas McIntyre, Director, 790-5504

Saginaw County 9-1-1 continues to strive toward the updating of its equipment at the center. Saginaw County 9-1-1 Central Dispatch serves as the vital link between the citizens and the public safety agencies in Saginaw County, handling nearly 395,000 calls for 2008. Our mission is to serve all of Saginaw County's citizens and visitors by providing prompt, accurate, and reliable access to the county's public safety agencies; thus, making Saginaw County a safer community in which to live, work, and visit.

There's a push on the state level to regulate VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol), many lawmakers claiming they're concerned unregulated 911 services could prove dangerous, when in reality they're primarily interested in tapping into the potential tax revenue. But as VoIP becomes more popular, and some users consider ditching their land-line, there's emerging questions about who will ensure that these services work as advertised.

Saginaw County is now working on the new Digital Radio System Engineering Plan with Motorola and the MPCSC (Michigan Public Safety Communications System); this plan will help direct Saginaw County toward the new goals in implementing this system by November 2009.

Currently in the works to update our CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) System with Motorola, Premier 1 system, along with the NICE digital recording system, recording 64 channels at one time, this could be radio, 911 calls, and administrative calls. We are now in the works to replace or upgrade all LAN system, basically connecting all municipalities within Saginaw County together.

25. PARKS: (County Services Committee)

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

Winter 2009 programs include: Apple Mountain Downhill Ski Nights on January 9 and February 21. A beginner's ski lesson is included in the package price.

Snowman Building Contest from January 1 – March 19. Categories include: Adult, Teen (13 – 17), Children (ages 12 and under) and the 97.3JOE FM category. Adult and teen top winners will receive a \$100 gift card, and the winner in the children's category will receive a John Deere ride-on toy.

Dog Day Winter Romps on January 14, February 18 and March 18 at Imerman Memorial Park. Bring your dog(s) out for an hour and a half of lantern lit play in the Steven A. Kirshenbaum Memorial Dog Park.

Law Enforcement Torch Run, Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics Michigan on February 21 at the William H. Haithco Recreation Area.

Building Regional Path Connections, an event organized by local recreation leaders, will unveil the newly developed Regional Path Plan connecting Bay, Midland, and Saginaw Counties. The event will be held at Delta College on March 11 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Seating is limited.

The final draft of the 2009 – 2013 Saginaw County Recreation Plan is nearing completion and expected to go before the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners in March for adoption

26. PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT: (Labor Relations Committee)

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

April 23, 2009 has been designated as Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day for 2009. More information about activities scheduled for the day will be available in the April Personnel Newsletter.

New Employee Orientation Sessions will be scheduled soon. 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.

27. PLANNING: (County Services Committee):

Contact Person: Doug Bell, Planning Director, 797-6800

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING – Staff efforts have been highly focused on ensuring that the Saginaw Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (SMATS) is in the best possible position to take advantage of additional funding for transportation projects that will be made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

SMATS has established a list of local projects that will be eligible for ARRA funding. All of these projects are already listed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for 2009 – 2011. This list was developed through the cooperative efforts of the Transportation Planning Committee and the Saginaw County Metropolitan Planning Commission. SMATS will be able to move as many of these projects forward as possible to qualify for 100% Federal funding under ARRA.

The total cost of the SMATS project list is estimated at \$10.5 million. The latest estimates from MDOT indicate that the amount of ARRA funds that will be available to the Saginaw urbanized area for local road projects is about \$3.7 million. The additional funding through ARRA is certainly a welcome addition and will help complete some projects on an accelerated schedule. However, it is important to realize that the available funding will be far short of the total need for transportation improvements in the community.

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

SCDPH is gearing up for Public Health Week. Public Health Week will take place the week of April 6 – 10, 2009 with the annual V.K. Volk Memorial Lecture being held on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. During this week’s activities, the SCDPH will be honoring the Employee of the Year Award Recipient, “Distinguished Service Award Recipient, and the Spirit of Public Health Award Recipients.

Every local health department in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan will be participating in a state level exercise on March 24, 2009 to test the State’s and each local health department’s Distribution Node (DN) plans.

SCDPH presented to the area school nurses providing a pandemic flu update to address the current situation of H5N1 in the world and local planning efforts.

Environmental Health

Food Service Inspections for January	129
Food Borne Illness Investigations for January	0
ServSafe Food Class Participants Training	12
Temporary Food Licenses granted for January	15
Radon Kits Distributed in January	722

Immunizations

Clinic Attendance for January 2009	
Clinic Attendance for the <b>2008</b> calendar year	5,822

TB/CD

TB tests completed (administered and read)	140
Positive TB results	1
Referrals from other agencies	4
TB cases for 2009	0

STD/HIV

# of client visits in January	246
Genital Herpes	4
Positive Lice Check	1
Positive Syphilis	0
Positive Gonorrhea	12
Positive Chlamydia	18
HIV Tests completed	13

Saginaw County had one newly diagnosed HIV positive individual.

The SCDPH WIC Clinic will be closed the week of March 30 – April 3, 2009 to undergo training and changing over to the new MI-WIC computer system.

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

We are currently obtaining easements for the Kochville Township Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System that is being administered under Act 185, which is presently in the design stage.

We have received a resolution and a letter of commitment, to start the preliminary engineering stages of a new county drainage district, being known as the Allendale Tile Drain.

The Public Works Commissioner and staff attended the 110<sup>th</sup> Michigan Association of Drain Commissioners Winter conference which was held the week of February 16<sup>th</sup>.

The US Army Corps of Engineers presented a demonstration of the process of the River Dredge project and also presented an Appreciation Award to the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Dredging will begin around May 15<sup>th</sup> after the eagle mating season concludes.

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

An RFP was issued to solicit the purchase of (2) Para transit Lift Vans for the Commission on Aging. The Vans will replace (2) vans currently in service. The funding for this purchase is from Grant monies available through the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Bids were received from Mobility Transportation Services and Gresham Driving Aids. The contract was awarded to Mobility Transportation Services of Canton Michigan. The total cost for the (2) vans is \$59,322.00.

An RFP was issued to solicit the purchase of (150) Mobile Data Terminals on behalf of the SCCJCC Committee. The bid was awarded to Advanced Wireless Telecom of Wixom. The Panasonic Tough book was selected as the best product to meet our specifications. The total cost of the project is \$713,955.20 which included the MDT, USB Readers, Charge Guard, Mobile Docking Station, Mounting Hardware and 5 Year Warranty. The funding for this purchase is allocated to the various law enforcement agencies within the County of Saginaw.

A contract was awarded to Hotshot Delivery Systems to replace a defective 1999 Ford F150 Chassis with a new 2008 Chevy Silverado Chassis. The contract also includes a new hotshot body frame, mount and drive compressor, new oven and refrigeration lines, new electric board and harness, refurbish the fiberglass body, and to transfer the hotshot body to the new chassis. Total cost of this purchase is \$19,915.00.

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

Retirement Plans – 478 employees are enrolled in the Defined Contribution Program (DC) as of February 18, 2009, while 139 employees remain in the MERS Defined Benefit Plan.

Deferred Compensation – Linda Brooks with ICMA will be at the Courthouse on Monday, March 23, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and at the Health Department on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. to meet with employees regarding the 457 plan.