

September 4, 2007

Cheryl M. Hadsall, Chair
Saginaw County Board of Commissioners
111 South Michigan
Saginaw, MI 48602

RE: MARC-ING REPORT – September 2007

Dear Madam Chair:

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 of the Marc-ing Report. 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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c: Department Heads
Controller's Office

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MARC-ING REPORT- SEPTEMBER 2007

1. AIRPORT: (County Services Committee)
Contact Person: Michael E. Thompson, Administration Director, 790-5209

Capital Improvement Summary: Apron/Taxiway Project Phase II - A \$265,000 project with a local share of \$16,000. Continuation of various facility upgrades and repairs including: rehabilitation of the main runway, taxi street 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).

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, there will be 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: Mark Wachner, Animal Care Center, 797-4500

We have noted a marked increase in dog on dog attacks. In all but two of the cases the attacking breed was a pit bull or a pit bull mix. Keeping pets properly restrained is paramount in avoiding these incidents. These incidents normally result in court actions. Regardless of the outcome of these actions there are no winners, only losers. Residents need to know their dog's behavior and breed tendencies. Being a good pet owner requires constant diligence. We are currently pursuing another show cause hearing as a result of the latest incident.

In August we were able to successfully complete several court proceedings. This will allow us to receive a disposition the animals being held. In addition it will free up some time for day to day operations

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

HEALTH INSURANCE - Effective October 1, 2007, the health insurance payroll deductions will be increasing 8%. This will take effect on the payroll date of October 12, 2007. Dental deductions will remain unchanged.

Open enrollment for AFLAC AND FLEXIBLE SPENDING is scheduled for October 22nd through November 2, 2007. There will be specific appointment times to make changes or sign up for flexible spending. For appointments call Patti or Kristine at 790-5516 or 790-5216.

4. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: (Executive Committee)
Contact Persons: Cheryl Hadsall, Chair
Kaye V. Schultz, Board Coordinator
Marc A. McGill, Controller/CAO

The Board of Commissioners agreed to consider various issues by Committee. The Status Report regarding these issues has been updated by the Controller/CAO as of September 1, 2007. These issues are attached and identified as ATTACHMENT A-F. If you have questions regarding any of these issues please contact the Committee Chair, Chairman of the Board, or the Controller.

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 2007/2008 at their August 2007 meetings. Draft #1 of the Controller's Recommended Operating Budget for fiscal year 2007/2008 has been laid on the table and a public hearing was held at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners on August 21, 2007. The Board of Commissioners are scheduled to vote to approve the budget and all final adjustments at their meeting on September 18, 2007.

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

The Building Authority last met on Friday, June 29, 2007. The Authority reviewed the financial situation of the Morley Building and discussed rents and repairs. An extension to the 9-1-1 lease was signed in July.

The Building Authority also reappointed the current slate of The Dow Event Center Advisory Board members to three year terms that expire on September 30, 2010.

The Authority continued to renegotiate several leases and contracts, including the lease of Morley Building parking lot.

The next Building Authority meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. at the Saginaw County Governmental Center.

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 2008-2012 at their August 2007 meetings. The Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2008-2012 has been laid on the table at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners on August 21, 2007. Completing this plan is part of the annual budget process and is required to comply with statutory requirements. The Board of Commissioners are scheduled to vote to approve the plan at their meeting on September 18, 2007.

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

The last quarter for the Commission on Aging has been filled with hours of budget and grant preparation. The Commission was successful in obtaining a \$10,000 grant from the Saginaw Community Foundation to renovate the kitchen area in its proposed collaborative effort for the Friendship Center project with the Boys & Girls Club.

Our collaborative efforts with the Saginaw Zoo administration have been beneficial for both of our organizations. This is our third year sponsoring a senior day out at the Zoo, which has been highly attended by many elderly citizens. Our zoo day theme this year is volunteerism and we have invited local volunteer organizations to set up informational booths at the zoo at which time our elder citizens will have the opportunity to access these organizations. The Senior Day Out at the Zoo day will be held on September 5, 2007 starting at 10:00, with evening entertainment starting at 5:00 p.m.

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

The Community Corrections grant award for FY 2008 was announced, Saginaw County will receive the same funding as FY 2007. The application included the same Plans and Services programs and Residential Services at Tri-CAP as in previous years. It should be noted; the State has not passed its budget for FY 2008.

A Request for Proposal was recently issued for a Day Reporting Program. This program is specifically designed for Circuit Court Probation Agents to use as a sanction for felony offenders sentenced to probation. The program is currently being provided for by Tri-CAP.

At the State of Michigan Community Corrections Board meeting, held on August 16th, the Board was addressed by Dennis Schrantz (MDOC's Chief Deputy Director), regarding the Proposed Reforms to Michigan Sentencing Laws. Although the reforms, as they are now, are not likely to pass, the State continues to lobby for them. If the proposed reforms do pass it may provide additional funding for Community Corrections in FY08. The Proposal is controversial and needs further study in respect to the local impact. Both the number of cases and dispositions into the jail are of concern.

Through the efforts of the Community Corrections subcommittee, MPRI (Michigan Prisoner Re-entry Initiative), the Saginaw MPRI is now providing services to parolees upon their return to the community. MPRI has put together a transition team which goes into the prison, meets with prisoners being paroled and develops a case management program for them. The Saginaw MPRI will be expanding to include Bay and Midland. The bid process for several services provided through MPRI vendors is currently underway for next year.

10. CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: (County Services)
Contact Person: Annette Taylor, Maintenance Director, 790-5235

There are no new construction projects at this time.

11. COUNTY EVENT CENTER: (County Services Committee)
Contact Person: Stephanie Beyersdorf, Management Assistant, 790-5212

Big names and perennial favorites will make appearances at The Dow Event Center this fall. For those who appreciate retro rock-n-roll, The Pink Floyd Experience will transport everyone back to the '70s on October 3, 2007. Alternative rockers Three Days Grace, Breaking Benjamin, and Seether will perform on October 12, 2007. Enjoy the comedic styling of crowd favorite *Friends of the Bob and Tom Show*, which will return on October 27, 2007. Veteran comic Jeff Dunham will perform his stand-up and ventriloquist act on November 18, 2007.

Tickets for the October 18, 2007, performance of *Annie* are on sale now; prices are \$52.00, \$41.00, and \$26.00. Other shows in the Broadway in Saginaw Series include *Hairspray* on December 2, 2007; *The Producers* on January 10, 2008; *RENT* on February 19, 2008; *Ring of Fire*, inspired by the music of Johnny Cash, on March 28, 2008; and *Movin' Out*, based on the music of Billy Joel, on April 13, 2008.

The Saginaw Valley Concert Association will host three groups this fall. The Bay Street Brassworks will perform everything from "Bach to Be-bop" on September 29, 2007. The Concordia Wind Symphony will perform their renditions of traditional, contemporary, secular and sacred music on October 28, 2007. The New Sigmund Romberg Orchestra and Soloists will perform *A Viennese Christmas* on December 5, 2007.

The home opener for the Saginaw Spirit's sixth season will take place in the Arena on September 19, 2007. Visit www.doweventcenter.com or www.saginawspirit.com for the complete 2007/08 schedule.

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 Kelly Mott, 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 2008, and seating information at www.doweventcenter.com.

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

In the 2nd quarter of 2007, SFI assisted eight companies that invested \$1.066 billion that will create 572 jobs and retain 130 jobs. A ninth company received a \$55,000 job training grant.

Dow Corning Healthcare Industries Materials Site (HIMS), located in Thomas Township, invested \$6.3 million in an expansion project and new equipment purchase. The expansion is a result of research and development of silicon-based pharmaceuticals and personal care products. Notably, Dow Corning HIMS has worked with developers of a safe and efficient way to treat head lice and other infestations that have potential product applications on a global scale.

GM – Saginaw Metal Casting Operations will invest \$63 million to produce cylinder heads for 3.6-liter high-feature V-6 engines by utilizing a new semi-permanent mold process. Construction is slated to begin in the spring of 2009, and targeted for completion in January 2011. The project will retain about 130 hourly employees.

Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation (HSC) is investing \$1 billion in its Thomas Township facility that will create 500 new jobs. Recently the MEDC announced an additional \$2 million grant to Thomas Township to make public infrastructure improvements needed for HSC's expansion of its polycrystalline silicon manufacturing operations. The grant is an addition to a \$1,010,000 grant previously announced by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), and is being made available with funds provided by the federal Community Development Block Grant program. Saginaw Future will administer the grant funds on behalf of Thomas Township & HSC.

R&M Machine Tool, Inc. purchased a second black oxidizing machine in two years, due to increased customer demand. The chemical process results in the application of a protective coating on machine parts that extends the life span of the machinery. The Freeland company invested \$50,000 in the new equipment this year and invested \$82,500 in an expansion last year to house the black oxidizing machines.

Ranger Tool & Die Company completed its second investment in less than a year. The company, located at 317 S. Westervelt Rd. in the City of Zilwaukee, invested \$120,000 in new Haas Milling equipment due to increased demand for its products. The investment will result in the addition of two new full-time positions.

Sargent Docks & Terminal recently invested \$125,000 in new equipment and will hire an additional employee as a result of the investment.

Siler Precision Machine, Inc. continues to develop and grow its Village of Merrill location. The latest project includes updating office space, meeting rooms and its main lobby. Siler is also investing \$160,000 in new CNC equipment that will result in one new job. This is the company's fourth expansion in four years totaling more than \$600,000.

Union Court Assisted Living Center is a senior citizen care facility being developed in the Village of St. Charles. A group of local investors, DCS Rentals LLC, invested \$1.8 million in the Union Court project, which is expected to create 20 to 30 new jobs.

Orchid Unique Orthopedic Solutions, a Bridgeport medical manufacturer, received a \$55,000 MEDC Economic Development Job Training grant for the training of 25 employees.

13. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: (Courts and Public Safety Committee)
Contact Person: Timothy Genovese, Director 790-5434

We will be assisting the post office with a drill on September 19th this drill will simulate an Anthrax detection at the post office.

Citizen Corps had a drill August 9th it involved team activations using the Emergin Computer System. Other exercise goals included first aid, CPR, search and rescue as well as fire suppression.

We are currently working with the region on the Regional Homeland Security Grant.

Regional planning and projects continues to take up more and more of our time.

We received a \$10,000 homeland security grant for this year for Citizen Corps. This will allow us to do a citizen emergency response training class this fall.

We will be having a County family preparedness day on September 30th At the Kern Pavilion in Frankenmuth. We will be using this event to kick off our "Get Ready Saginaw County" campaign. We have received two private grants for Citizen Corps for \$5,000 for these projects.

We now have 92 members. We are continuing to train and recruit new members. We meet every second Thursday of the month at covenant hospital at 6:30 pm.

We continue to update the County emergency plans as well as the LEPC plans .

14. 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, 2007 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)).

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 2008 assessment year, this requires Equalization to produce 120 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 published new guidelines for foreclosure sales and their use in residential sales studies. They have also published new guidelines for the use of a single year sales study. (STC Bulletins No. 5 and No. 6 for 2007) The new foreclosure guidelines are intended to allow the use of foreclosure sales in the sales study if this type of sale meets certain criteria. The general consensus is the use of these sales would increase the sales ratio and in some instances may require assessments to be decreased. An overall ratio above 50% requires the assessments to be lowered.

The single year sale study is a tool that has been used in the past when there is significant evidence of a declining market. The Tax Commission has changed the sales period that is used in this study from a calendar year to the State of Michigan's fiscal year. They have also added some additional indicators that would allow a single year study to be used.

These new guidelines and procedures are in response to the declining number of residential sales and the increasing number of foreclosures. The expectation is that residential assessments will not increase and would likely decrease. This may or may not affect taxable value, the value property taxes are based on, depending on how long a person has owned their property and where the property is located. Our Department has completed about half the residential studies and will now review the completed studies to see if the inclusion of foreclosed properties may be warranted.

15. 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 2006/2007 will be distributed to all departments by mid September to allow for adequate planning.

16. 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, 2007 continues to reflect significant profits of the Behavioral Medicine Centers and significant operating losses in the Extended Care Center and Chemical Dependency Center which are offset by millage support resulting in a year to date loss, before the recognition of the value of interest paid by millage monies as contributed capital, of \$6,655. This compared to a profit of \$86,079 for the six month period ended June 30, 2006. As recommended by the Certified Public Accountant firm that performs the audit of HealthSource Saginaw's financial statements the interim financial statements now recognize the value of interest paid by millage monies as contributed capital. Thus, after this recognition of \$129,585 the profit for the month of June 2007 was \$73,395.

The organization provided 44,473 days of inpatient care, 2,784 units of Outpatient Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy with 4,735 outpatient visits to our psychiatrists and behavioral therapists during the six month period ended June 30, 2007. During March, 2007 the Board of Trustees designated \$6,000,000 of former operating cash for use in the construction program. Thus unrestricted operating cash balances have been reduced to \$2,004,484 at June 30, 2007.

Filing of certificate of need (CON) documents with the State of Michigan took place on February 1, 2007 for licensing of 20 new psychiatric beds and delicensing 20 medical surgical beds. Approval of the licensing request was granted in July of 2007. The increased bed capacity in the newly constructed Psychiatric Center should eliminate denials to the unit when all psychiatric beds are filled.

Phase I of the Building and Renovation Project consisted of construction of a new mechanical room, a new maintenance/storage garage, and new parking areas. Construction of Phase I began in January 2006 and was completed in May 2006. Hazardous waste removal and demolition of minor sections of the existing facility and the existing boiler/mechanical house to provide for new building

placement was completed in August, 2006. Phase III construction of cement foundations and flooring, and the steel structure for pods C, D, E, F and G began in early August, 2006 and was complete by the end of 2006. Completion of pods C, D, E, F, and G is projected for the fall of 2007. At that time 135 long term care residents and all psychiatric and chemical dependency inpatient and outpatient services will move to newly constructed areas. Removal of hazardous waste and demolition of vacated areas will then occur enabling completion of pods A & B and the areas to be remodeled for occupancy scheduled for the fall or winter of 2008. Presently the building and remodeling project is approximately 50% complete.

In January 2007 the Board of Trustees approved additional expenditures for the Building and Renovation Program at HealthSource. The additional expenditures relates to 1) increased psychiatric bed capacity to meet the increasing needs of the community 2) An integrated Security/Communications System to assure the highest level of safety and security for the patients/residents/clients, visitors, staff and the community 3) Speeding up repairs to the existing buildings and continued replacement of moveable furniture and equipment to provide a more home-like environment for those served by HealthSource. Additional tax support for the project is not being considered. Funding the additional expenditures is anticipated to be through the use of internal funds.

The State of Michigan's 2007 budget includes numerous areas reducing Medicaid program funding. However, current approval by CMS of the State's Medicaid Quality Assessment Program will help assure HealthSource's long term care Medicaid revenues will not be materially affected during fiscal 2007.

The financial strength and wellbeing 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. Our commitment is to serve Saginaw County and surrounding areas with the highest quality care possible.

17. INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND SERVICES (ISS): (County Services Committee)
Contact Person: Johnathan Miller, Director, 790-5575

Our staff is currently involved in more than 400 projects. This is in addition to handling the daily problems with the more than 900 personal computers and thousands of mainframe programs used by county personnel. Some of the current projects include:

Next Generation LEIN – Saginaw County operates a gateway into the Michigan State police Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN). This network currently operates much the same as when it was first implemented in the 1960's. The MSP is currently in the process of modernizing and upgrading this network. The changes that the MSP implements will have an impact on the automated functions that Saginaw County has implemented for the submissions of warrants, court dispositions, fingerprints and other information. We are currently testing the new state system to determine what changes will need to be made to the Saginaw County interfaces. We anticipate having all of the needed changes in place before the MSP "goes live" with the new system on Sept. 31, 2007.

Windows Vista - We are currently evaluating the latest operating system offering from Microsoft, Windows Vista. Vista is available in a number of "flavors", each targeted at a specific type of user. We have several copies of the Business version of Vista installed in the ISS department and have encountered numerous problems. Vista does not work properly with many of the printers and software packages currently installed throughout the county. Moving to workstations running Vista will involve significant expenses for printer replacements and software upgrades.

Microsoft Office 2007 – We are also evaluating the latest Office product from Microsoft, Office 2007. We have found very few compatibility problems with this software, but the user experience is significantly different from prior versions. Some functions have been removed, others added, and all have been rearranged. When moving to this package, a significant amount of time will be required to re-learn how to use the many functions available.

Jail Kiosks – The Saginaw County Jail has installed two kiosks to help automate some functions. One kiosk is located inside the jail and allows inmates to order supplies and personal items. The second kiosk is located outside the jail and allows friends and family members to deposit funds into an inmate's account. These funds are used to pay for the supplies ordered by the inmate, as well as other services that the jail must provide. ISS has integrated these devices with the Inmate Accounting system, eliminating the manual bookkeeping.

18. JAIL REIMBURSEMENT: (Courts and Public Safety Committee)

Contact Person: Benita Snyder, Jail Reimbursement Coordinator 790-5584

Revenue projections from the State of Michigan for Parole Holds and Diverted Felons through July 2007 are \$405,828. This represents 95% of the revenue budget for these line items. This office continues to notify the circuit court bench when offenders are eligible under the Jail Reimbursement program as diverted felons.

Additional revenue for jail reimbursement from inmates (room/board, medical/property damage, Work Release), collection agencies, OUIL 3rd grant, SCAAP Award and other revenues through July 2007 are \$88,700, this is 92% of the projected revenue budget for these line items.

The revenue from Federal Bed Rental through July 2007 is \$199,492. This office is responsible for tracking these inmates and invoicing this revenue source. However, it is not part of the Jail Reimbursement revenue budget.

19. LABOR CONTRACTS: (Labor Relations Committee)

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

Negotiations remain on-going with the Sheriff's Department's Deputies and Corrections Officers/Clerks units. Negotiations have been opened with the Sheriff's Department's Sergeants and Juvenile Detention's Supervisors' and Youth Care Specialists' units.

EMPLOYEE GROUP	NUMBER OF POSITIONS	EXPIR. CURRENT CONTRACT
OPEIU - COURTHOUSE EMPLOYEES	166	09/30/09
GELC - PROBATION OFFICERS, DISTRICT COURT	7	09/30/09
TEAMSTERS - PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES	21	09/30/09
TEAMSTERS - ANIMAL SHELTER EMPLOYEES	5	09/30/08
GELC - PROBATION OFFICERS, FAMILY DIVISION	6	09/30/08
COAM - SHERIFF UNIT III-CAPT. & LT.	3	09/30/08
TEAMSTERS - HEALTH DEPARTMENT/COA EMPLOYEES	114	09/30/08
AFSCME - PROSECUTORS	18	09/30/08
UAW – MANAGERS	67	09/30/08
UAW – PROFESSIONALS	72	09/30/08
UAW – CLERICAL, TECHNICAL & PARA-PROFESSIONALS	23	09/30/08
POLC - SHERIFF UNIT II-SGTS.	15	09/30/07
GELC – DETENTION CENTER SUPERVISORS	4	09/30/07
GELC - DETENTION YOUTH CARE SPECIALISTS	24	09/30/07
POAM SHERIFF UNIT I (312 ELIGIBLE)	50	09/30/05
POAM - SHERIFF UNIT 1 (NON 312 ELIGIBLE)	57	09/30/05

20. MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT: (County Services Committee)
Contact Person: Annette Taylor, Maintenance Director, 790-5235

CIRCUIT COURT PROBATION (BAGLEY ST): Painted walls and cleaned carpet in office area where the Sheriff Department sub-station was located. Stair treads were also replaced.

COURTHOUSE: Work was performed on the South Side of the Courthouse which involved the removal of existing concrete, benches and trees. New benches, trash receptacles and outside lights will be installed with the necessary electrical being run. This project was necessary due to the safety hazard posed with the heaving of the existing sidewalk bricks, etc.; due to age and deterioration. Repairs needed to be done to the existing Courthouse ground sprinkler system. The renovation and re-location of the Law Library located in the Courthouse basement area has been completed. Still in the process of finishing renovations to the Emergency Operation Systems Department.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Ran the necessary electrical needed for the installation of a heater for the elevator mechanical room. This will prevent the malfunction of the elevators during the upcoming cold weather months keeping the hydraulic fluids/oils from freezing. The front sidewalks were ground down to prevent the hazard of people tripping on the concrete that had heaved over the years. Necessary electrical is being run for the installation of a security proximity reader for the Lab area.

JAIL FACILITY: The ceiling tiles and lights are being replaced on the entire 2nd floor of the Jail; project mandatory after the last Department of Corrections inspection. A double wall non-metallic pipe had to be replaced between tank sump and widow pit to the underground diesel storage tank for the generator. This repair was mandatory after inspection was performed by the Department of Environmental Quality. The sump located on the roof of the jail was replaced to prevent water build-up, causing various roof leaks.

JUVENILE CENTER: Two boiler tubes had to be replaced due to the boiler system being over 40 years old. Have also been running the necessary electrical wiring for the installation of a new security proximity reader that will be the same currently utilized by the Courthouse/Sheriff Department.

MISCELLANEOUS: The Maintenance Utility Worker position has been filled by Beth Capen. The Maintenance Crew Leader position has been filled by Jeff Capen.

OLD ANIMAL SHELTER: The old Animal Shelter was demolished by Bierlien Construction. This building had been vacant for some time causing numerous break-ins and the existing incinerator had been condemned.

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

First Responders Guide for Behavioral Health Interventions Celebrated - The Protocol Sub Committee of the Persons with Disabilities Committee, an ad hoc committee of mental health stakeholders, appointed by County Commission Chairwoman Cheryl Hadsall, released their final work product on August 20, 2007 at the last full committee meeting. For the first time in county history, 15 different first responder organizations for mental and behavioral health emergencies have signed off on a universal protocol manual. The manual, entitled Saginaw County First Responders Guide for Behavioral Interventions, is the culmination of nearly a year of planning, and will make the lives of everyone touched by the need for emergency mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment and the process for related hospitalization easier. With greater organization and procedural clarity comes

greater efficiency, reduced cost, accountability and ultimately, better care. The protocol manual idea arose from ideas and mutual challenges identified by the Saginaw County Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

The organizations involved in the project include: Saginaw City Police, the County Sheriff's Department, Mobile Medical Response, Covenant and St. Mary's Emergency Services, Saginaw County Family and Probate Courts, Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority, HealthSource Saginaw, Saginaw County Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Services, Saginaw County Department of Human Services and the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners.

The protocol manual will be posted on the Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority web site for public reference by early September at www.sccmha.org.

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

The No Worker Left Behind (NWLB) initiative provides dislocated and low-wage workers with up to two years of free tuition at any Michigan community college, university, or other approved training program. Qualifying individuals must pursue an associate's degree or occupational certificate in a high-demand occupation, emerging industry, or entrepreneurship program.

No Worker Left Behind aims to accelerate workers' transitions into new careers and meet the needs of employers who need highly-skilled, educated workers to grow their businesses. Any Michigan resident who is unemployed, has been notified of an imminent layoff, or whose family income is \$40,000 or less is eligible for free tuition under NWLB. Participants must be at least 18 years old, must not have graduated from high school in the last two years; and must not be full-time college students. Eligible participants have three years to participate in this one-time offer, beginning on August 1, 2007.

Workers who may be eligible for free tuition assistance under No Worker Left Behind are encouraged to contact the Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! Agency at the following locations: 3875 Bay Road, 614 Johnson and 102 W. Bell (St. Charles) in Saginaw County, 4061 N. Euclid and 625 Mable (Pinconning) in Bay County and 1409 Washington in Midland County. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/nwlb.

The Workforce Development Board took action at the 08/07/07 meeting to permit the Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works Agency to enter into a lease with New Covenant Inc. for space to be used for a new downtown one-stop center. The location of the new office is the site of the former Jacobson's Building.

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

This summer has been a mirror opposite of last summer which had heavy accumulations of rain and record high mosquito populations. So far this summer rainfall has been geographically dispersed and minimal resulting in very few adult mosquito problems. The weather has such an import impact on mosquito densities and the past two years are classic examples.

Mosquito-borne disease activity has also been minimal this year. So far seven birds from Saginaw County have been tested for WNV with all being negative. As of this report only two mosquito samples have been diagnosed positive for WNV and they were located in Birch Run and St. Charles townships.

Our three week long tire drives along with collections by our tire crew have again harvested a bounty of mosquito breeding tires this summer. Currently a total of 13,069 tires have been collected and shredded this summer.

By August 27th we will have lost over half our seasonal employees as they return to college, thus all remaining seasonal staff will be consolidated into one shift (4pm-12:30am) that will conduct both larviciding and adulticiding activities.

Our agency has been working diligently with the Saginaw County Department of Public Health to eliminate mosquito breeding abandoned swimming pools. This has been successful but it seems that for every pool we eliminate we find another that is in disrepair and breeding mosquitoes.

The annual County auction will be held at our facility on Saturday, September 8th and we will also be jointly hosting a Scrap Computer Collection drive with the Saginaw County Department of Public Health on Tuesday, September 11th.

24. MSU EXTENSION: (Human Services Committee)
Contact Person: Ruth Miller, Director, 758-2500

Community and Economic Development Program - Our educator, Julia Darnton, assigned to this area has continued to work with local community based organizations to help them meet their goals. The East Genesee Avenue Association is making progress toward becoming more organized with the election of officers and a draft of by-laws for the group. In early June, the group held a car show that attracted both vehicle owners and the community for a day of fun. Julie is also working with the group to develop a local business directory and quarterly newsletter.

In the coming months, we will continue to work with new community groups to complete strategic planning activities, including the Houghton-Jones Neighborhood Area in Saginaw. We are also working to partner with staff from the City of Saginaw to complete neighborhood studies in other areas. In addition, support is being given to the Saginaw Financial Awareness Coalition.

Sugarbeet Advancement-Agriculture - The Michigan State University Extension Sugar beet Advancement (SBA) was established in 1997 in response to declining sugar beet yields and profitability. This caused the beet industry to be at risk of closing its doors. Over 50% of the support funding comes from Michigan Sugar Company for research and education of the growers. A recently completed 10 year evaluation of the program indicates large impacts and strong support for this unique effort.

Yield improvements in the last ten years have went from an unprofitable yield of 15.5 tons/acre in 1996 to a record yield of 23.5 tons/acre in 2006. For every one ton increase, grower revenue increases by 6 million dollars. Many positive production changes have occurred in the last ten years that can be directly attributed to SBA efforts in research and education efforts. The most recent evaluation indicated that 70.1% of the respondents indicated they relied most heavily on (SBA) for information. A total of 67.7% agreed that SBA should take the lead in educational programming. Over 85% have participated in farm meetings and workshops and 76% rated them as very good to excellent. Since its development in 1997, SBA has had positive measurable impact and influences on changes in production practices. From the survey major concerns for growers in the future are continued profitability, disease control, and industry stability. All of which SBA can play a major role in improving.

4-H Youth Development - Summer is the busiest time for 4-H. We have had many activities over the last two months. Almost 50 youth were certified in the Pork Quality Assurance program and became eligible to sell a hog at the county fair. This certificate program is based on teaching youth the "10 Good Production Practices" to assure pork quality, ethics in youth livestock programs and food safety.

Three county camps were held this year. There were 22 teens (13-19) who were trained and served as 4-H Camp Counselors to 45 youth (8-13 years old) who attended a four day long overnight camp. There were 33 youth (5-8 years old) who attended the 4-H day camp, and 45 youth and adult participants that attended our family fishing & shooting sports camp.

MSUE's Annual Exploration Days was held again this June, its theme was "Set Your Sights on Success." Saginaw County had 7 youth who attended. This event offers almost 200 different enrichment classes for youth to choose from, while giving them a 3 day "college experience". Youth attend classes, stay in the dorms, eat in the cafeteria and explore campus.

25. 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 is facing a new challenge regarding the new VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) where people subscribe various companies for new phone service over internet connections. Many users may not realize that the 9-1-1 technology doesn't work until they actually need to use it. Users report busy signals, or being connected to the wrong substation - one user was apparently even connected to an insurance agent.

There's a push on the state level to regulate VoIP, 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.

26. PARKS: (County Services Committee)
Contact Person: John Schmude, Parks Director, 790-5280

Remaining Summer 2007 events include:

Soggy Doggy on Wednesday, September 12th at the William H. Haithco Recreation Area. Here is your chance to bring your K-9 companion out to play at the beach. Come out and let your dog romp and play in the lake.

3 Trails 3 Days, September 21st – 23rd at the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail, Pere Marquette Rail Trail and the Bay County RailTrail/Riverwalk culminating with a picnic at Bigelow Park in Bay City. A pre-registration fee of \$25 per adult and \$5 for those 12 and under includes a t-shirt, refreshments, picnic and one-year membership for the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail.

Dog Days Howl-a-Ween Costume Contest, October 24th at Imerman Memorial Park and sponsored by the Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, WKCCQ, and the Pet Supplies Plus store. You and your dog are going to have a rip-roaring good time celebrating Halloween with us.

27. PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT: (Labor Relations Committee)
Contact Person: Jennifer Broadfoot, Personnel Assistant, 790-5507

Information regarding the 2007/08 Combined Charitable Campaign is expected to be available on the intranet by the end of September.

New Employee Orientation Sessions will not be scheduled again until completion of the renovations in the ISS Training Room. 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.

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

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING - The Planning Department staff has completed several major transportation planning documents. These include:

The 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan is a long-range look at transportation needs in the Saginaw area, and major investments that are recommended to provide for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods. This plan has been approved by the Federal Highway Administration.

The SMATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for 2008 through 2011 is a listing of transportation projects that will be undertaken in the area over the next four years by state and local road agencies, and by public transit providers. The projects currently listed total over 95 million dollars.

Finally, the SMATS Unified Work Program describes the transportation planning and related activities that will be undertaken in Saginaw County during the next fiscal year from October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008.

The 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the 2008 – 2011 Transportation Improvement Program are available on the SMATS web site at <http://www.saginawcounty.com/SCPlanning/smats.htm>. The Unified Work Program is available at the SMATS office. All of these documents are developed with a high degree of cooperation with state and local agencies, and their preparation includes opportunities for public involvement and comment.

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

Health Department staff continues to prepare for Accreditation which is scheduled the week of November 26-30, 2007. The Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Program seeks to assure and enhance the quality of local public health in Michigan by identifying and promoting the implementation of public health standards for local public health departments, and evaluating and accrediting local health departments on their ability to meet these standards. This will be the third round of Accreditation for the department.

On Thursday, August 23rd Dr. Matthew Boulton, M.P.H., made a visit to Saginaw to meet with staff to discuss partnerships and specific collaboration with the University of Michigan School of Public Health to determine a process for assembling existing data and building capacity for obtaining broader community input.

Natasha Coulouris, M.P.H., was appointed to serve on the Michigan Association for Local Public Health's (MALPH) Executive Committee, along with being appointed to the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Chronic Disease Committee that examines healthy lifestyle and chronic disease issues.

Emergency Preparedness will be holding an exercise design meeting with the United States Post Service (USPS) located at the Washington Office. This exercise will take place on Wednesday, September 19 after hours with a simulation of the USPS Bio-hazard Detection System alarm detecting anthrax in the mail. This will be a full scale exercise to test USPS response, county and regional HAZMAT, and the Health Department's dispensing prophylaxis to USPS employees.

The Lead Program has applied for three HUD grants. The Healthy Homes Demonstration Grant is the collaboration with University of Michigan dealing with asthma triggers in conjunction with lead hazards; the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant would allow us to extend services to the entire county if awarded; and the 2007 Lead Hazard Control Grant which is essentially reapplying for the current grant. Saginaw qualified as an applicant because our county is one of the worst for lead poisoning risks due to the age and condition of housing.

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

Construction of the Village of Oakley waste water treatment facility is underway. The 4.37 million dollar project has been awarded to Mead Brothers Excavating out of Springport, Michigan and Rothenberger Company out of Concord, Michigan.

A petition for the Kasper Drain in Tittabawassee Township has been filed with the Public Works office on June 6, 2007. The Board of Determination date is scheduled for September 5, 2007 at the Tittabawassee Township Hall.

160 soil erosion and sedimentation control permits were issued since October 1, 2006.

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

COUNTY AUCTION The annual Saginaw County auction has been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 8. The auction will be conducted by Butler Auction Service. This years auction items include: Police Vehicles, Trucks, Passenger Vehicles, Mopeds, Office Furniture, Computers, Office Equipment, Tools, Appliances and much more. All sales proceeds will be deposited in the appropriate Fund.

RFP FOR JANITORIAL SERVICE AT (4) MI WORKS! SERVICE LOCATIONS Bids were received on June 27 from Janitorial Service Companies to perform services at (4) MI Works! Service Centers located at 1) Bay Road, Saginaw; 2) Midland; 3) St. Charles; 4) Bay City. The Contracts were awarded for a 3 Year term as follows:

Bay Road	S.T.V. Sales, Inc .	\$ 895.00/Mo	\$10,740.00/Yr
Midland	Rost Cleaning Ser.	\$1,325.00/Mo	\$15,900.00/Yr
Bay City	Rost Cleaning Ser.	\$1,695.00/Mo	\$20,340.00/Yr
St. Charles	American Maint.	\$ 328.00/Mo	\$ 3,936.00/Yr

RFP FOR JANITORIAL SERVICE-CIRCUIT COURT PROBATION (BAGLEY ST.) Bids were received on August 8 from Janitorial Service Companies to perform services at the Circuit Court Probation facility on Bagley Street. The contract was awarded for a 3 year term as follows:

Rost Cleaning Service	\$1,165.00/Mo	\$13,980.00/Yr
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RFP FOR COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS-DAY REPORTING An RFP was advertised and issued to several providers for Day Reporting Services as part of the Community Corrections grant. The program is to provide another means to assist non-assaultive felony probationers in maintaining its obligations required under its probation orders. RFP responses are due back on August 29, 2007. All responses will be turned over the the CCAB to review and make a recommendation for contract award.

RFP FOR SANITATION SERVICES An RFP has been advertised and issued to several providers for Sanitation Services to all Saginaw County facilities. Bids are expected back on September 10th. The current contract with Waste Management expires on September 30th.

32. RETIREMENT:

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

Retirement Plans – 452 employees are enrolled in the County's ICMA Retirement Corporation Defined Contribution Program (DC) as of August 24, 2007, while 230 employees remain in the MERS Defined Benefit Plan.

MERS Defined Benefit – The MERS 61st Annual Meeting will be held in Kalamazoo, Michigan September 18-20, 2007. An election for the Employee Representative was held on June 13, 2007. Cathy Brickel of the Controller's Office was elected to represent all Saginaw County employees at this meeting.

33. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT: (Courts and Public Safety Committee)

Contact Person: Sheriff Charles Brown, 790-5456

There is no report this month for the Sheriff's Department.

**ATTACHMENT A
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
ISSUES FOR 2007 AND STATUS AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2007**

ISSUE	WHY IS THIS AN ISSUE?	WHO ARE THE MAIN PLAYERS?	WHERE WILL IT BE DEBATED?	WHAT CAN WE EXPECT?	DATE FOR ACTION	STATUS
Wildlife Refuge Mosquito Spraying	Securing the rights to treat areas of the Shiawassee Wildlife Refuge to offer residents protection from mosquito-related diseases.	Federal Govt Mosquito Board Mosquito Director	Human Services Federal Dept of Fish and Wildlife	Ability to treat Refuge areas that affect our citizens	Winter 2007	COMPLETED

ATTACHMENT B
COUNTY SERVICES COMMITTEE
ISSUES FOR 2007 AND STATUS AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2007

ISSUE	WHY IS THIS AN ISSUE?	WHO ARE THE MAIN PLAYERS?	WHERE WILL IT BE DEBATED?	WHAT CAN WE EXPECT?	DATE FOR ACTION	STATUS
Dredging the Saginaw River	16 businesses rely on the Upper Saginaw for survival of their existence. River must be dredged	Businesses BOC DEQ Army Corps Public Works	Army Corps County Services DEQ	A long-term plan to dredge the Saginaw River which includes the acquisition of land for a disposal site.	Ongoing 2007	Construction in progress. Dredging to start in 2008.

ATTACHMENT C
BUDGET AND AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF APPROPRIATIONS
ISSUES FOR 2007 AND STATUS AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2007

ISSUE	WHY IS THIS AN ISSUE?	WHO ARE THE MAIN PLAYERS?	WHERE WILL IT BE DEBATED?	WHAT CAN WE EXPECT?	DATE FOR ACTION	STATUS
2004 / 2005 Audit	Required by State Statute.	BOC Controller Department Heads Elected Officials	Budget & Audit BOC	An unqualified audit opinion and report.	March 27, 2007 Board Meeting	COMPLETED
2006 / 2007 Budget	Required by State Statute.	BOC Controller Department Heads Elected Officials	Committees Budget & Audit BOC	A balanced budget.	September 18, 2007 Board Meeting	In Progress
Prepare Capital Improvement Plan for 2006 / 2007	BOC needs to determine the priorities for purchasing items in the Capital Improvement Fund.	BOC Controller Department Heads Elected Officials	Budget & Audit BOC	A priority list for staff to implement as part of the 2007 / 2008 Budget.	September 18, 2007 Board Meeting	In Progress
Five Year Financial Forecast	BOC can determine and prioritize needs and resources for next five years.	BOC Controller Department Heads Elected Officials	Budget & Audit BOC	A plan to wisely allocate funds to maintain a strong financial position of General Fund resources for next five years.	April 24, 2007 Committee of the Whole Meeting	COMPLETED

ATTACHMENT D
LABOR RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE OF APPROPRIATIONS
ISSUES FOR 2007 AND STATUS AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2007

ISSUE	WHY IS THIS AN ISSUE?	WHO ARE THE MAIN PLAYERS?	WHERE WILL IT BE DEBATED?	WHAT CAN WE EXPECT?	DATE FOR ACTION	STATUS
Develop Negotiating Strategies for Expired and New Labor Contracts	Two of sixteen Labor Agreements expired in 2005 and need to be finalized	BOC Labor Relations Staff County Attorney	BOC Labor Relations	Direction to management for proposals to Unions.	Ongoing 2007	County staff members are currently in negotiations with five labor groups.

ATTACHMENT E
LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE OF APPROPRIATIONS
ISSUES FOR 2007 AND STATUS AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2007

ISSUE	WHY IS THIS AN ISSUE?	WHO ARE THE MAIN PLAYERS?	WHERE WILL IT BE DEBATED?	WHAT CAN WE EXPECT?	DATE FOR ACTION	STATUS
Legislator Meetings	To ensure communication and meet with Legislators on a continuing basis.	Legislative Controller Legislators	Legislative BOC Committee of Whole	Meetings to ensure committee objectives are being met and communicate all current legislative issues to their correct departments.	Ongoing 2007	Third meeting was held August 20, 2007 7:30 a.m.

ATTACHMENT F
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ISSUES FOR 2007 AND STATUS AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2007

ISSUE	WHY IS THIS AN ISSUE?	WHO ARE THE MAIN PLAYERS?	WHERE WILL IT BE DEBATED?	WHAT CAN WE EXPECT?	DATE FOR ACTION	STATUS
County General Information Book	The BOC desires to communicate annually to other municipalities and the financial markets financial and business practices of the County.	BOC Controller Treasurer	Executive	A General Information Book reflective of the financial condition of the County.	April 1, 2007	COMPLETED
Annual Information Brochure	The BOC desires an informative report to citizens that highlights both prior year's accomplishments and next year's goals and initiatives.	Chair Executive Controller/CAO	Executive	An information brochure suitable for distribution which is informative and reflects a positive image.	February 1, 2007	COMPLETED
Annual Newspaper Fold	The BOC desires as a communication tool an information section to place into the Saginaw News circulation.	BOC Executive Department Heads Elected Officials	Executive	An information fold in the Saginaw News.	Spring / Summer 2007	COMPLETED