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

RE: MARC-ING REPORT – September 2008

Dear Madam Chair:

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

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

Sincerely,

Marc A. McGill
Controller/CAO

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MARC-ING REPORT- SEPTEMBER 2008

1. AIRPORT: (County Services Committee)
Contact Person: Marc A. McGill, Controller/CAO, 790-5210

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). This project has been in process for ten years.

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: Ellen Martin-Newton, Temporary Acting Director, 797-4500

My first two weeks in Saginaw County has been a learning experience. I have spent most of my time observing what the shelter's normal procedures and policies are. The trucks for our facility seem to be the most current situation that needs to be addressed. I have done some research on the current budget for vehicle repair and maintenance, there seems to be enough in the budget to take care of some of the repairs that are needed. Other than basic maintenance like tires and brakes, the biggest concern seems to be that the dog boxes are in dire need of repair. I was told the normal maintenance people will not work on the fiberglass, I am planning to check with two local fiberglass repair places to get estimates.

I have met with the Central Dispatch Directors, Animal Care Advisory Board, and Citizen's Watch for the city. Each have addressed me with different concerns and some new ideas to improve our operations. At the Animal Care Advisory Board meeting we discussed previous business of price increases and other ideas for the shelter. We discussed different options on how to improve adoptions and adopting out healthier animals. I have told them that I would do some research concerning vaccinations, spay/neuter, and fund raising ideas as soon as I am more acclimated with things in Saginaw. I have also told them that I would be working on getting the shelter's statistics in order to report to them at the next meeting.

This week we have been working on getting the Trust Account up to date. Next week I am hoping to be able to start looking at the officer's procedures and start getting numbers gathered as far adoptions and response time for calls. Those are the two things that have been brought to my attention that should be addressed as soon as possible.

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

Open enrollment for AFLAC AND FLEXIBLE SPENDING will be scheduled for October 20 through October 31, 2008. Information regarding scheduling specific appointment times to make changes or sign up for flexible spending will be available in the near future. Please call Patti or Kristine at 790-5516 or 790-5216 if you should have any questions.

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, 2008. 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 2008/2009 at their August 2008 meetings. Draft #2 of the Controller's Recommended Operating Budget for fiscal year 2008/2009 has been laid on the table and a public hearing was held at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners on August 12, 2008. The Board of Commissioners are scheduled to vote to approve the budget and all final adjustments at their meeting on September 23, 2008.

6. **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 2009-2013 at their August 2008 meetings. The Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2009-2013 has been laid on the table at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners on August 12, 2008. 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 23, 2008.

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

By this time, you have all heard the good news. Our Senior Millage passed with a 58% margin, which was a positive message from the community that the Commission on Aging is doing something right. However, we are suffering a deficit position, like other county departments, and positions will not be filled, waiting lists will be established, and expenditures will be reduced during the next fiscal year.

Our efforts to establish an intergenerational center has come to fruition. The Commission on Aging and the Boys & Girls Club of Saginaw have combined forces to apply for funding to renovate the Merrill Park Recreation Center and we have met our goal. The Friendship Center, our Hispanic Heritage Center, will occupy the building during the morning hours, when the children are in school. Activities will be planned whereby integration will take place, a perfect opportunity for mentoring school age children. The building has a gym area and a soon to be large rec area, which will provide additional opportunities for our seniors.

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

The State Office of Community Corrections proposed funding for Fiscal Year 2009 has been received. The grant provides funding for 12 different programs in Saginaw County. It also provides 46 beds at the residential center, TRI-CAP. The amount of the State Office of Community Corrections grant has not changed over the past several years and the proposal remained unchanged for FY 2009.

The Community Corrections Advisory Board has met and submitted a name for appointment to the Board of Commissioners for a defense attorney which will be vacant at the end of September. The Community Corrections Advisory Board currently has two other open board positions, one for a member representing media/communications and the other representing business.

During the month of August three positions within Community Corrections have been posted, the Pretrial Screener position has been filled, the interviews for Manager are being scheduled and the part-time Pretrial Clerk position has closed.

9. CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: (County Services)
Contact Person: Mike Boyd, Maintenance Director, 790-5235

There are no new construction projects at this time.

10. COUNTY EVENT CENTER: (County Services Committee)

Contact Person: Stephanie Beyersdorf, Management Assistant, 790-5212

The Dow Event Center closed out its summer schedule with the Low 4 Life: Low Rider Custom Car and Bike Show on Sunday, August 31, 2008. This fall will see the return of three popular series in Saginaw as well as some exciting new events.

The Saginaw Valley Concert Association (SVCA) is sponsoring Kevin Cole on September 21, 2008. Cole is a Bay City native who is well-known for his interpretations of Gershwin's work. The series will continue with American Jukebox on October 13, 2008; Michel Lauziere on November 18, 2008; Daniel Narducci on March 3, 2009; and Colorado Children's Chorale on April 23, 2009.

The 2008-2009 Broadway in Saginaw Series begins with *Chicago* on Sunday, September 28, 2008, at 7 p.m. Tickets for Broadway's most popular musical are on sale now. This year's series also includes: *Irving Berlin's I Love a Piano*, *Ain't Misbehavin'*, *The Beatles Experience Rain: From Ed Sullivan to Abbey Road*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, and *Riverdance*.

The home opener for the Saginaw Spirit's seventh season will take place in the Arena on September 17, 2008. Visit www.doweventcenter.com or www.saginawspirit.com for the complete 2008/09 schedule. Don't miss the exciting action on this ice this year!

Family fare will include Playhouse Disney Live! for two performances on Friday, October 24, 2008, at 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. The show includes the Mickey Mouse Clubhouse as Mickey plans a spectacular music party for all his friends. The Little Einsteins, the characters from Winnie the Pooh, and Handy Manny will all help Mickey out in this fantastic show.

Enjoy the comedic styling of crowd favorite *Friends of the Bob and Tom Show*, which will return on November 8, 2008. Performers include Jimmy Shubert, Geoff Brown, Auggie Smith, Greg Warren, Scott Dunn, Tammy Pescatelli, and MC Chick McGee.

Matthew Blasey has been named General Manager of the Dow Event Center, taking the vacancy left by James Wade Jr., who accepted a position at a SMG facility in Corbin, Kentucky. Blasey is a Midland, Michigan, native who has extensive experience in the entertainment industry, most recently working at the Compuware Arena in Plymouth and the Germain Arena in Estero, Florida.

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

Call 989-759-1330 to speak with the Box Office, or 989-754-4800 to purchase tickets through TicketMaster. Please visit TheDow's web site for an event calendar, which is updated through April 2008, and seating information at www.doweventcenter.com.

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

In the 2nd quarter of 2008, Saginaw Future Inc. (SFI) assisted six companies that invested more than \$48 million creating 169 jobs. Five companies won 62 government contracts valued at nearly \$13.4 million.

Amigo Mobility International, Inc. is a Bridgeport Charter Township-based manufacturer of mobility equipment. The company is adding 10,000 sq. ft. and new equipment. Amigo Mobility has recently won significantly large contracts from Wal-Mart, which led to the expansion. The company invested \$750,000 and created two jobs. The “friendly wheelchair” first came to life in a homeowner’s garage in Bridgeport, Michigan in 1968. The Amigo initiated the entire “scooter” industry.

CIGNYS - Bridgeport Facility is adding new equipment that will help the company become more competitive. The Bridgeport Charter Township Board of Trustees recently approved an investment incentive on the purchase of \$484,000 worth of new equipment. CIGNYS - Bridgeport Facility is located at 5763 Dixie, which is the former Shear Tool Inc. The company manufactures a variety of products. Saginaw Products, Shear Tool, Shields Manufacturing and Saginaw Caster and Wheel operate under the CIGNYS name.

Dow Corning Corp. recently demonstrated its commitment to drive solar power innovations. The company opened a Solar Solutions Application Center in Freeland Michigan, to collaborate with customers to develop, evaluate and pilot materials solutions used to manufacture solar panels. The 27,000 sq. ft., state-of-the-art facility represents an investment of more than \$3 million and includes a laboratory, pilot equipment and testing facilities. A team of engineers and scientists will staff the facility, which is designed to be expanded as needed to meet the needs of the growing solar and photovoltaic industry.

The Sedona Building is the new name for the former Davenport Building in Downtown Saginaw. A retired real estate agent from Albuquerque, New Mexico, Dennis A. Merrill, purchased the structure at 310 S. Washington Ave. and has already inserted new landscaping and has fixed the air conditioning. Built in 1957 and with 16,000 square feet of available space, Merrill plans to add new furniture, carpeting, a mini-workout room, wireless internet, upgrade the HVAC, windows, carpet/flooring and fixtures throughout the building. SFI assisted Merrill and the City of Saginaw with the transfer of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act certificate to the new owner.

ITC Transmission is developing a \$25 million project to increase the reliability of the area's electrical service. The company received site plan approval for a new transmission station and electrical lines in Richland Township. Saginaw Future worked with the community and ITC on zoning issues related to the project that will serve development at Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation, a Dow Corning joint venture. The company had approached township officials about the zoning changes in order to build a substation on the west side of Raucholz north of Geddes. The old setbacks, 500 feet from a property line and 750 feet from an existing structure, were too large to allow ITC to build in the township. The Richland Township Board of Trustees also voted to accept a recommendation by the Planning Commission to decrease setbacks for public utilities.

Orchid Unique Orthopedic Solutions is a single-source manufacturer of surgical cutting accessories, instruments and implants. The company recently invested \$19 million to consolidate operations and expand its facility in Bridgeport Charter Township. The investment doubles the size of the Bridgeport location creating 150 jobs. Orchid Unique Orthopedic Solutions has 632 employees statewide, including 320 in Bridgeport.

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

We will be assisting the region with the regional exercise September 24. We will not be doing a full emergency operation's center activation but will only do a partial activation. Our Citizens Corp will assist as victims.

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.

We will be assisting the Saginaw ISD with our first Teen CERT class as part of an Emergency management grant the schools received.

We will be having a County family preparedness day September 14, 2008 The location will be the Shields' Men's Club. We hope to have a good turnout. We will be instructing families on preparedness and giving away free preparedness items.

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.

We declared a County State of emergency for the June 6, 7 wind storms. We did receive a Governors declaration and were able to get the DNR into the City of Saginaw to assist with the cleanup. We are currently working with the State and FEMA to appeal their denial of a Federal Presidential Declaration. If this occurs we can apply to recover around \$600,000 in cleanup reimbursement. I am confident we will succeed on this third attempt.

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

The Equalization staff is working on the Apportionment Report for the October Board of Commissioners Session. There are numerous units that still need to submit their L 4029 (Tax Rate Request Form) to the County. They have until October 1, 2008 to do so. The report also can be altered by any elections held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the November election date). As a result, if the voters approve additional Millage at a November Election, the County Board of Commissioners must then meet again to confirm the millage and, if necessary, amend its direction for the spread of the Millage (MCL 211.36 (5)). Due to the possibility of millages being approved after the Apportionment meeting, the report is now due November 30 instead of the 4th Monday in October.

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

The State Tax Commission has published 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 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 decrease. Our Department still must complete two year sales studies and then the assessor can ask for a one year study. We anticipate many of the taxing units will have one year residential studies. We have completed about half the residential studies and will now review the completed studies to see if the inclusion of foreclosed properties may be warranted.

Deborah Blehm, property description engineer, is retiring September 19. Deb has been with the Equalization Department for over 34 years. We wish Deb good luck and best wishes as she embarks on her new career.

14. FINANCIAL SERVICES: (Budget and Audit Committee)

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

The Financial Services Department is in the process of preparing for our annual audit by The Rehmann Group. The timeline and necessary procedures for the closeout of fiscal year 2007/2008 will be distributed to all departments by mid September to allow for adequate planning.

15. HEALTHSOURCE SAGINAW:

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

Operating results for the six month period ended of June 30, 2008 continues to reflect profits of the Behavioral Medicine Center and Medical Rehabilitation Center with significant operating losses in the Extended Care Center and Chemical Dependency Center. 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 \$112,914 before the recognition of the value of interest paid by millage monies as contributed capital. 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 \$2,320,785 at June 30, 2008.

HealthSource provided 44,986 days of inpatient care, 3,366 units of Outpatient Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy with 4,576 outpatient visits being made to our psychiatrists and behavioral therapists during the six month period ended June 30, 2008.

Phase I of the Building and Renovation Project was completed in May 2006 and consisted of construction of a new mechanical room, a new maintenance/storage garage, and new parking areas. Phase II was completed in August 2006 and consisted of hazardous waste removal and demolition of minor sections of the existing facility and the existing boiler/mechanical house to provide for new building placement. Phase III construction of pods C, D, E, F and G were completed in December 2007. In December 2007 and early January 2008, 127 long term care residents and all psychiatric and chemical dependency inpatient and outpatient services were moved to newly constructed areas. Removal of hazardous waste and demolition of vacated areas then began to enable completion of pods A & B and the areas to be remodeled. Occupancy is scheduled for January 2009 for pods A & B and June 2009 for remodeled areas.

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. Funding the additional expenditures is anticipated to be through the use of internal funds. Additional tax support for the project is not being considered.

On August 5, 2008 voters of Saginaw County overwhelmingly approved a .20 reduced millage proposal which will provide approximately \$1,000,000 to support losses of the Extended Care and Chemical Dependency Centers.

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 payor source of program services furnished by HealthSource.

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. Our commitment is 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.

For the past several months, ISS has been working with technology experts in the industry to identify ways to reduce our carbon footprint in the computer room, and, at the same time, to reduce our costs for these related services. Following a review of many of our key systems, a budget-conscious/performance-oriented solution was proposed, and our quest for funding began. Through available grant funds, and with the assistance of key personnel, ISS has acquired the hardware, and software, necessary to implement our network server virtualization solution. In the coming months, we will be partnering again with industry experts, in our effort to implement a solution that both meets our performance needs, and reduces our dependence on rack space, electrical resources and air handling services.

Once in place, ISS, and end-users, will immediately begin to realize the true benefits of server virtualization, which include, but are not limited to:

- Reduced numbers of physical servers, negating our need to continually purchase replacement, or purchase additional, physical servers, as service needs increase.
- More efficient use of existing servers resources; fewer physical servers will be used to provide more services, while maintaining performance levels and reducing over-all computer room power consumption and air-conditioning needs.
- Fail-over protection for vital county computing services; In addition to the installation of automated fail-over protection technologies, keeping users on-line when problems arise, ISS will now have the ability to service equipment without taking servers off-line and prevent unnecessary planned service outages.

As part of the transition to the new environment, ISS will be reviewing all backup processes and procedures and putting in place technology updates to more efficiently and effectively backup user data, faster, while utilizing less computing resources to do so. In addition, ISS will be looking into technologies to permit backup of user data multiple times per day, an improvement over our present nightly full backup process.

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

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

Jail Reimbursement revenues for Fiscal Year 2008, through July 31st are as follows: from the State of Michigan for Parole Holds and Diverted Felons, \$428,168; Federal Bed Rental, \$143,418; Medical & Property Damage and Room & Board, \$38,052; Work Release, \$23,979; Collection Agencies, \$3,189; and OUIL 3rd Grant, \$4,959. These receivable are in line with the target budget for FY 2008.

The State Criminal Alien Assistance Program was applied for, there has been no indication when to expect payment for this.

There have been discussions at the State level to once again change the criteria for reimbursable diverted felons. A meeting of the MACCAB managers has been scheduled to discuss these issues. The State discussion includes providing a jail re-entry program to be funded by the money received for diverted felons.

18. LABOR CONTRACTS: (Labor Relations Committee)

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

Labor Relations – The contract between the County and the Detention Youth Care Specialists was approved at the August Board meeting. Negotiations remain on-going with the Juvenile Detention’s Supervisors’ unit. Negotiations have been opened with the eight groups with contracts expiring September 30, 2008. Negotiation sessions are scheduled to begin in September with most groups.

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	19	09/30/09
TEAMSTERS - 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	107	09/30/08
AFSCME - PROSECUTORS	18	09/30/08
UAW – MANAGERS	62	09/30/08
UAW – PROFESSIONALS	71	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	3	09/30/07
GELC - DETENTION YOUTH CARE SPECIALISTS	19	09/30/07
POAM SHERIFF UNIT I (312 ELIGIBLE)	43	09/30/09
POAM - SHERIFF UNIT 1 (NON 312 ELIGIBLE)	55	09/30/09

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

It has been a busy summer, for the new Grounds Supervisor, Nick Cooper. Storms have us running around doing branch duty, along with extra cutting because of a wetter summer.

Vacations are almost over with and we now have a full staff. Please welcome our new Utility worker, Neil Eggebrecht. He has been working hard to get caught up with all the shredding and lights that are out. Please be patient he is working on getting things back on schedule. Bobby Hollerback will be retiring at the end of September after 24 ½ years with the County. Bobby will be missed. Also leaving us will be Dellena Conner from our Janitorial staff. She will be retiring at the end of August after 22 years of service.

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

No report was submitted this month

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

The following events are sponsored by Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works!

- August 19, 2008 – MID-MICHIGAN JOB FAIR
Location: The Dow Event Center - Saginaw
- September 10, 2008 – Saginaw Valley Manufacturing Association Golf Outing
Location: Saginaw Country Club
- September 10, 2008 – Midland Area Chamber of Commerce
Mulligan Masters Golf Outing, Location: Bucks Run Golf Club, Midland
- September 27, 2008 – “A Region’s Worth of Opportunity!”
Location: Doubletree, Bay City
- October 9, 2008 – Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! Annual Meeting
Location: Dow Diamond, Midland; 7:30 a.m., keynote speaker: David Bradley.

Regarding the September 27th event: Nursing and allied health students from around the state will converge here, in our region, for an exciting information-packed event sponsored by the East Central Healthcare Michigan Regional Skills Alliance. It has been recently calculated that 187 registered nurse openings will occur within our four major medical centers. Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! is the fiscal agent for the MRSA in our area.

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

For the past two months we have had contrasting mosquito populations throughout the County. The Southern half of the County has been very dry with marginal mosquito populations. The Northern half of the County has had numerous heavy rain storms resulting in significant mosquito densities. Townships with the highest mosquito populations include: Carrollton, Zilwaukee, Buena Vista, Blumfield, Kochville, Tittabawassee, and Thomas.

This year we started using a new adult mosquito spray with the active ingredient of permethrin. We have used malathion since 1978 and once we use our remaining product in stock our spray operations will use permethrin exclusively. The most noticeable change for the public will be that permethrin has almost no odor compared to malathion which has a very strong and unpleasant odor.

In late August our Education Department sent out informational packets to schools informing them of our classroom educational programs.

To date, Michigan has reported one human case of West Nile virus in a man from Lenawee County. So far our disease detection program has only found one mosquito sample positive for West Nile virus from a trap collection taken in Spaulding Township.

Our three tire drives this year collected a total of 7,466 tires. Additional tires collections throughout the summer have resulted in our agency disposing of a record total of 16, 448 tires.

On September 27th the annual County Auction will take place at our facility. A few days later on September 30th our facility will host a Scrap Computer Drive in cooperation with the Saginaw County Environmental Health Department.

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

Proud Fathers Parenting Classes in Freeland Prison: Angela Harris, Extension Educator, Children, Youth, Family and Community- MSUE Saginaw County is providing the Proud Fathers curriculum to inmates in the Freeland Correctional Facility. In Saginaw County 49% of babies are born to single mothers. Research indicates that father involvement enhances the growth and well-being of men as well as children. A nurturing father brings those attitudes, values, and skills to children and family that best support growth, development, and stability. This program, created on an experiential learning model, provides activities that encourage thinking and feeling in a supportive group atmosphere. Proud Fathers facilitators include a female and a male to offer gender sensitive perspectives. Some of the lessons taught include "The roots of Fathering", "Nurturing our Children and Ourselves", "Discipline Without Violence", and "The Father I Choose To Be". Inmates will participate two times a week for seven weeks.

Sugarbeet Diagnostic School: Steve Poindexter, Senior Extension Educator, Sugarbeet Advancement - On August 6, 2008 Steve Poindexter, from Saginaw County MSU Extension hosted the Sugarbeet Diagnostic School at the Michigan Sugar Blumfield Piling Ground near Reese, Michigan. Approximately 75 growers and agribusiness people participated in this daylong training session, which was designed to give hands-on experiences in recognizing, diagnosing, and solving sugarbeet production problems. It was the first of its kind for sugarbeets and was open to everyone in production agriculture. The attendees were able to interact with seven MSU Extension Specialists and four Michigan Sugar researchers and agronomists in small group.

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 400,000 calls per year. 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.

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.

We continue to work with all cellular providers in Saginaw County to become Phase II compliant. We are one of the first counties in Michigan to attempt to test Phase II, which would allow the name and cellular number of the user, along with the coordinates, to place the cellular caller within 300 feet of where the call is being received. Testing began in January 2003 and as of April 2006; we have ten (10) cellular companies Phase II compliant. As of 2008, we continue to work with various wireless to close the distance of coordinates to better serve the wireless customer during an emergency situation.

25. PARKS: (County Services Committee)

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

Remaining Summer 2008 events include:

Soggy Doggy will be held on Wednesday, September 17th 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. The park is usually off limits to pets but for this twice per year event your dog is allowed to romp and play in the lake.

Don't miss 3 Trails 3 Days, Friday, September 19th through Sunday, September 21st at the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail, Pere Marquette Rail Trail and the Bay County RailTrail/Riverwalk. The event culminates with a picnic at the St. Charles Area Park. A pre-registration fee of \$25 per adult and \$5 for those 12 and under includes a special backpack, water bottle, refreshments, picnic and one-year membership with the Friends of the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail.

Funding has been secured for the second phase of the Tri-County Regional Path Study projected to be completed by the end of November 2008.

Current Capital Improvement Projects include:

- A prefabricated vault bathroom has been installed at the southern most end of the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail and is nearing completion.
- Refurbishment of the basketball and tennis courts and replacement of the front fence and entrance gates will be completed early this fall.
- A new playground has been installed at Ringwood Forest.

26. PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT: (Labor Relations Committee)

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

Information regarding the 2008/09 Combined Charitable Campaign is expected to be available on the intranet by the end of September.

New Employee Orientation Sessions will be scheduled in October. 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 – New projects include a Transportation Enhancement Grant for the construction of a "Welcome to the Saginaw Valley" sign and landscaping at the I-75/Birch Run Road interchange (Exit # 136) in Birch Run Township. The total cost of the project is \$185,409, with the Enhancement Grant providing \$103,903, MDOT contributing \$37,081 & local funding through the County Convention & Visitors Bureau in the amount of \$44,425. The project is to be let in December 2009 with construction in 2010.

The other new project is sponsored by STARS through the FTA New Freedom program. This project will provide operating assistance for the expansion of LIFT service throughout Buena Vista Township and purchase a vehicle for LIFT passengers with an extra heavy-duty wheelchair lift that exceeds ADA requirements. The total award is for \$134,500, which includes \$74,500 for service operations, \$50,000 for purchase of an accessible van with lift, and \$10,000 for marketing efforts to inform the public that this expanded service is available.

These new projects must be added to the Transportation Improvement Program by SMATS before funds can be committed.

In July, staff also attended a one-day training program on Traffic Safety Analysis.

LOCAL PLANNING & ZONING –The Saginaw County Metropolitan Planning Commission is looking at the possibility of partnering with the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association to sponsor a plan for wind energy development in Saginaw County. While some communities already have planning or zoning language in place that addresses wind energy development, many do not. Planning and education efforts can place local officials in a better position to address wind energy projects when they arise in the future.

28. PUBLIC HEALTH: (Human Services Committee)

Contact Person: Natasha Coulouris, Health Officer, 758-3818

The Health Promotion & Communications Division continues to coordinate health fairs. Emergency Preparedness has met with St. Charles Superintendent and Police Chief to allow for the usage of the St. Charles School District to be designated as one of the five identified PODs for Saginaw County. Further collaboration with the school system will continue as the Saginaw Intermediate School District received a grant from the Department of Education to implement Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools. SCDPH's focus on this grant is to continue expansion of identified school POD sites, school pandemic flu preparedness, and overall family preparedness through the promotion of the ***Get Ready! Saginaw County***.

Environmental Health Services Food Service Program, while assuring a safe food supply through inspection, education and enforcement, completed 139 inspections and issued 89 Temporary Food Licenses.

After many months of hard work and research, SCDPH-LSD has finally received our official certification for using the Dionex. The Dionex will allow semi-automation and expansion of our water chemistry panel. This expansion will occur in October when our re-structuring of the services offered will be reflected in the prices.

As a regional lab, the SCDPH-LSD assisted Central Michigan District Health Department in the epidemiological investigation to find the root cause of a local Salmonella outbreak. We accepted non-traditional samples for the enteric cultures. These non-traditional samples included canine feces.

MDCH has added 4 doses of prevnar as the new standard of practice for children 19-36 months. Therefore, the new profile includes 4 doses of DTap, 3 doses of IPV, 1 dose of MMR, 3 doses of Hib, 3 doses of Hepatitis B, 1 dose of varicella, and 4 doses of prevnar. The goal of the State is that each county achieves a coverage level of 70%.

During the month of July, the Child and Adolescent Health Care Nurse provided services to the Migrant Program of St. Charles School District. 16 presentations were presented to 243 participants on topics relating to dating violence, nutrition and fitness.

In July 2008, there were 199 clients enrolled in the Healthy Start program. On July 19th the Healthy Start Haithco Father event occurred with 150 individuals attending. On July 29th, the March of Dimes honored the Healthy Start program at a press luncheon.

Staff participated in the Healthy Start Father's Event and Friday Night Live in an effort to recruit more male clients. Other outreach activities include 33 letters being sent to area churches offering free educational presentations to the members of their congregation.

A total of 645 clients are enrolled in Children's Special Health Care Services in Saginaw County. This represents 2.1% of the State enrollment of children in our county. Our average enrollment for the year is 661.

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

The movement of the McClellan Run Drain and the Fisher Drain is in process. By relocating these two drains from within inside the plant, allows Hemlock Semi Conductor to expand their facilities.

The construction of the Oakley Sanitary Sewer is approaching completion.

The Merrill/Jonesfield Water project has been completed.

Monitoring wells are in the process of being installed around the DMDF site and dredging will begin soon.

The 109th Annual Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners Summer Conference took place at Boyne Mountain August 12th – 15th.

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

Butler Auction Service will conduct the Annual Vehicle & Equipment Auction on Saturday, September 27, 2008 @ 9:30 am. The auction will be held at the SCMAC, 211 Congress. The Saginaw County Road Commission is placing 14 vehicles (Work Vans, Pickups, Dump Trucks) in the auction. We have a variety of other equipment including computer equipment, office furniture, electronics, tools, bicycles, housewares, sporting goods, etc. For a more detailed listing please visit the Butler Auction Service website at www.rodbutler.com

A 1985 GMC Brigadier 5 Yard Dump Truck w/ Snow Plow used by H.W. Browne Airport was sold by our Ebay vendor, Ezeway Auctions. The vehicle gross sales price was \$3,400.00. Proceeds were deposited into the H.W. Browne Airport Fund.

A 2000 Chevrolet 2 Yard Dump Truck used by the Saginaw County Maintenance Department was also sold by Ezeway Auctions. The vehicle gross sales price was \$6,000.00. The vehicle was experiencing many costly repairs and a decision was made to sell the vehicle and purchase a more cost effective utility vehicle.

Insurance Applications have been completed and sent to the County Insurance Broker, Marsh USA, Inc. to submit to the various Public Entity underwriters to provide coverage for risks associated with Saginaw County including: General Liability, Public Officials Liability, Employer Practices Liability, Law Enforcement Liability, Employee Benefits Liability, Airport Liability, Non-Owned Aircraft Liability, Vehicle Liability, Property and Umbrella Coverage. Insurance Quotes will be available during the month of September and coverage will be bound prior to 10/1/08.

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

Retirement Plans – 467 employees are enrolled in the County's ICMA Retirement Corporation Defined Contribution Program (DC) as of July 31, 2008 while 178 employees remain in the MERS Defined Benefit Plan.

Employment Separation Option – The 20 and out window opened on April 1, 2008, and since its opening, there were 47 employees opting to retire as of September 1, 2008. The window will be open until September 30, 2008 for any employee with 20 years of service as of September 30, 2008.

**ATTACHMENT A
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
ISSUES FOR 2008 AND STATUS AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2008**

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	Spring 2008	Completed secured approval

ATTACHMENT B
COUNTY SERVICES COMMITTEE
ISSUES FOR 2008 AND STATUS AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

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 2008	Construction in progress. Dredging to start in 2008.

ATTACHMENT C
BUDGET AND AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF APPROPRIATIONS
ISSUES FOR 2008 AND STATUS AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

ISSUE	WHY IS THIS AN ISSUE?	WHO ARE THE MAIN PLAYERS?	WHERE WILL IT BE DEBATED?	WHAT CAN WE EXPECT?	DATE FOR ACTION	STATUS
2006 / 2007 Audit	Required by State Statute.	BOC Controller Department Heads Elected Officials	Budget & Audit BOC	An unqualified audit opinion and report.	April 2008 Board Meeting	Completed
2008 / 2009 Budget	Required by State Statute.	BOC Controller Department Heads Elected Officials	Committees Budget & Audit BOC	A balanced budget.	September 23, 2008 Board Meeting	Draft #1 delivered May 1, 2008 Draft #2 delivered July 18, 2008
Prepare Capital Improvement Plan for 2008 / 2009	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 23, 2008 Board Meeting	Draft #1 delivered May 1, 2008 Draft #2 delivered July 18, 2008

ATTACHMENT D
LABOR RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE OF APPROPRIATIONS
ISSUES FOR 2008 AND STATUS AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

ISSUE	WHY IS THIS AN ISSUE?	WHO ARE THE MAIN PLAYERS?	WHERE WILL IT BE DEBATED?	WHAT CAN WE EXPECT?	DATE FOR ACTION	STATUS
<p style="text-align: center;">Develop Negotiating Strategies for Expired and New Labor Contracts</p>	<p>Several Labor Agreements expire in 2008 and need to be finalized.</p>	<p>BOC Labor Relations Staff County Attorney</p>	<p>BOC Labor Relations</p>	<p>Direction to management for proposals to Unions.</p>	<p>Ongoing 2009</p>	<p>County staff members are currently in negotiations with several labor groups.</p>

ATTACHMENT E
LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE OF APPROPRIATIONS
ISSUES FOR 2008 AND STATUS AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

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 2008	Last meeting was held on June 20, 2008

ATTACHMENT F
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ISSUES FOR 2008 AND STATUS AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

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, 2008	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, 2008	Completed