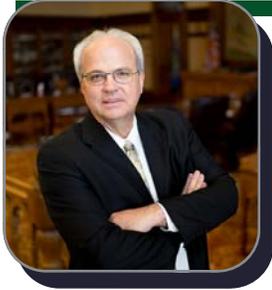




*Wishing you a NEW Year
filled with NEW hope, NEW joy,
and NEW beginnings*



From the Administrator

Martin D. Marshall

What have we accomplished?

Completed a Housing Needs Assessment and Target Market Analysis for most housing markets in Lenawee County. This enables the communities to apply for grants and use the study to attract developers and investors to build housing needed in the area.

Took part in the Lenawee Visioning process. This process, led by One Lenawee and facilitated by Eric Wolcott of MSU Extension Service, involved Lenawee County residents over most of 2017 to create a vision and plan of action to enhance quality of life and promote the opportunities in the county.

Applied for and received a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund grant in the amount of \$300,000 to complete the Kiwanis Trail from its current northern end point at Ives Road on into the City of Tecumseh at Cal Zorn Park. This was a top priority of the Connecting Lenawee subgroup of One Lenawee and completes a process started over 25 years ago.

Made improvements to Taylor Road Park to control water level in the pond, clear the trail for better access, create openings for wildlife habitat and improve drainage on and around the park to reduce flooding. The park was also used as a rest stop in the June cycling event by the Michigan League of Bicyclists.

Appointed the Tax Allocation Board, placed the tax limitation on the November ballot and provided for an informational program to educate county voters on the question.

Saw great participation in the Legislative Dinners held in June and November. The exchange of information was very helpful to county leaders at all levels.

The Lenawee County Airport successfully hosted many additional aircraft for the two Michigan International Speedway NASCAR events. The June race brought additional aircraft due to the Jackson airport being closed for major improvements and the August race saw many of those same aircraft return. The airport has also put many years of legal action behind it with the demolition of the last home on Lake Madison Court and removal of the road and utilities.

The Board of Commissioners approved a plan and contract to provide needed improvements to the radio systems of first responders in the county and the 911 Dispatch Center. The total project will add two new towers in the county and will operate over the 800 megahertz system in operation statewide. The plan received unanimous support from the police and fire chiefs associations and will make their work safer and more efficient.

By passage of the Tax Limitation Proposal on the November ballot, the voters of Lenawee County have laid a solid foundation for County services and programs in the years ahead.

What have we planned for 2018?

The first project for 2018 was actually kicked off just before Christmas with the architect, the construction manager and all of the effected officials meeting to hear the plans, timeline, scope and schedule of the rebuild of the Sheriff's office building. The project will touch several buildings and several departments.

The Kiwanis Trail project will get started this spring. While there are several partners that have and will play major roles in this grant project, the County, as grant applicant, will be involved in all aspects.

Work on the ballot proposal demonstrated to us that there is still much work to be done helping county residents better understand the programs and services available from County offices. Better communication with our citizens will be an ongoing project for all County departments.

The County will stay involved in the visioning process and will host the communications that keep the volunteers connected and involved. While it will continue to be very much and grassroots, volunteer focused, effort, the County will provide the support and structure necessary to keep it moving forward.

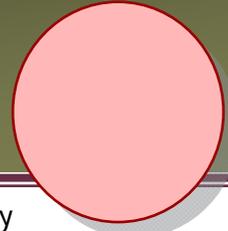
Also from lessons learned on the ballot proposal, the County will be reaching out to local municipalities to see where we can cooperate, assist and just communicate to better serve the needs of county residents.

In administering all of our projects, programs and services Lenawee County is committed to meeting the needs of the county in the most efficient and effective way possible. The Board of Commissioners and the entire County team take seriously their responsibility as stewards of the public trust and will continue to protect the interests of county taxpayers.



LENAWEE COUNTY Investing in You

Actions taken by Board of Commissioners



Year end business included approving the General Appropriations Act and First Quarterly Allotment of Appropriations.

A public hearing was held and the Board of Commissioners approved ProMedica's proposed issuance of hospital revenue and refunding bonds by the Lenawee Hospital Finance Authority in an amount not to exceed \$177,000,000.

Both MSU Extension and the Michigan Works! Southeast presented annual reports.

The Board also approved the 2018 non-union financial package, and the tentative agreements covering 2018, 2019, and 2020 with GELC, MNA, POAM, POLC, and United Steelworkers unions.

The Board of Commissioners decided to move forward with the reconstruction of the Sheriff's Office, waived the bidding requirements and approved the preconstruction Management and Architect services.

Board appointments confirmed in December include:

Airport Commission - Dawn Bales, Madison Twp

Department on Aging (Lenawee): Jeannine Johns, Art Liewert, Bob Oliver, Joyce Woerner, and Sandra Porter

Economic Development Corporation (EDC) concurrent appointments with Brownfield Authority and Hospital Finance Authority: David Stimpson and Jim Driskill

Emergency 9-1-1 District Board: Chief Troy Stern, Douglas Lerch, Miranda Benner

Homeland Security & Local Emergency Planning Committee: Chief Scott Damon, Deputy Chief Larry VanAlstine III (Alt. C. Wier), Sheriff Jack Welsh (Alt. Undersheriff Bevier), Craig Tanis (Alt. Jeff Betz), Ryan Rank, Dave Craig (Alt. Jason Schaindt), Lt. David Aungst (Alt: Corrine Purdue), Terry Collins, Health Officer Martha Hall (Alt. Susie Dice), Tina Golembewski (Alt: Pat Macek), Matt Richardson (Alt. Eric Miller), Joanne Dennis, William McGill (Alt: Sharon Cardinal)

Lenawee Transportation Corporation: Cindy Prue, Scott Clites

Parks and Recreation Commission: Dan Bruggeman

Region 2 Planning Commission: Karol "KZ" Bolton, Bob Knoblauch

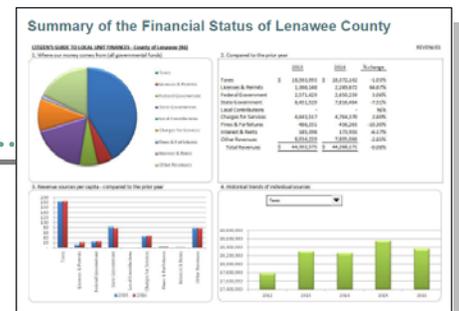
Solid Waste Coordinating Committee: Dan Swallows, Kasee Johnson, Jim May

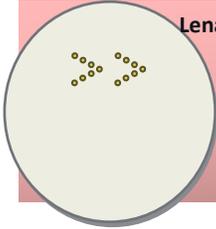
Southeast Michigan Consortium Board: Karol "KZ" Bolton, Chris Wittenbach

Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board (CMHPSM): Ralph Tillotson

Lenawee County makes available an annual Citizen's Guides to County Revenues, Expenditures, and Obligations. 2017 numbers have been included in the reports which are available in the Administrator's section of the County website.

www.lenawee.mi.us





Highlights



The Sheriff's Office along with several area police departments and the MDOC, participated in the "Shop with a Cop" program on December 16th at the Walmart in Adrian. We bought clothing and gifts for 54 needy children from throughout the county. We spend \$100 per child plus a \$25 gift from Santa which is raised through private donations from the community.

DURING THESE EXTREMELY COLD CONDITIONS

REMEMBER THE ANIMALS IN YOUR CARE



Pet & Livestock safety tips

www.AMVA.org

American Medical Veterinary Association

Winter weather brings with it many different types of hazards including treacherous driving conditions, increased home fire risks related to holiday lighting, and carbon monoxide by improper use of heaters in and around the home. The holiday season should be a time of happiness spent with family and friends. Don't be a victim to these and other hazards this year. For additional information on how you can be prepared for winter weather go to www.ready.gov/winter-weather. There are many safety tips and information on how to prep protect your family from winter hazards" Office of Emergency Management



PROJECT CONNECT



Linking Individuals, Families, & Veterans with immediate community resources.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2018
Lenawee County Fairgrounds
10am - 2pm

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

- FREE Meal & Food Assistance
- FREE Haircuts
- FREE Giveaways
- Door Prizes
- Attend Info Sessions for Chances to Enter a Prize Raffle
- Housing / Shelter
- Employment
- Job Training Info
- Veterans Services
- Health Screenings & Info

For more information, contact Brittney at 264-0782

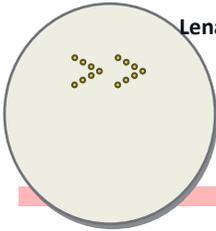
Lenawee County Fairgrounds
602 N. Dean Street, Adrian
Merchants Building

Free Transportation Available! Call (517) 264-6360

*Please limit assistive carts to strollers and wheel chairs



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Lenawee County Department

Highlights

The County mileage reimbursement rate which is set at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) rate will be **54.0 cents** per business mile beginning **January 1, 2018**

The IRS announced the 2017 mileage rate on December 14, 2017 (<http://www.irs.gov>)

Andre Land Forming Blissfield State Bank Channel
 Dairy Farmers of America Fulton SWCD Gleaner Life Insurance Society Milk Source, LLC
 Haviland Drainage Products Prattville Fertilizer & Grain, Inc. The Andersons, Inc. Triple K Irrigation, Inc.

Center for Excellence Crops Day
 Friday, January 5th, 2018
 Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.
 RSVP by December 29th: (517) 263-7400 Ext. 3
 or via our website: www.lenaweedc.org,
 go to "Events" page and fill out contact information

Kemner Iott Benz Kenn-Feld Group Lenawee County Farm Bureau Monsanto BioAg Plant Tuff, Inc.
 Precision Ag Services Quality Liquid Feeds—Agronomy Redline Equipment The Nature Conservancy
 River Raisin Watershed Council Wilbur-Ellis Co.

The Conservation District is currently accepting tree orders - check out their website. <http://www.lenaweeconservationdistrict.org/>

January 2018 Webinar Schedule

Access our presentations from any computer with internet!

Brought to you by the **Financial and Homeownership Education Team** through video meeting technology called Zoom.

Retirement Planning	January 10, 17, 24 and 31	6-8pm ET	Free	Scott Matteson mattes25@anr.msu.edu
Accessing Arabic Financial Education Curriculum	January 10	12-2pm ET	\$60	Khurram Imam imamkhur@anr.msu.edu
Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?	January 18	12-1pm ET	\$10	Brenda Long longbr@anr.msu.edu
Your Money, Your Goals	January 22	12-1:30 ET	Free	Brenda Long longbr@anr.msu.edu
Homebuyer Education	January 23 and 25	6-8pm ET	\$50	Beth Waitrovich waitrovi@anr.msu.edu
Accessing Arabic Financial Education Curriculum	January 29	12-2pm ET	\$60	Khurram Imam imamkhur@anr.msu.edu

Webinar Pre-Registration is required. Go to mimoneyhealth.org Under Events, find the complete Events calendar!

Prefer a self-paced online class? Go to www.ehomeamerica.org/msue and choose the Homebuyer Education Course or the Money Management Course. Both are available in English or Spanish. Both provide a certificate of completion when finished.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

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MSU Extension programs and materials are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, or veteran status.

Annual Northwest Michigan Orchard and Vineyard Show will be Jan. 16-17, 2018

Growers are encouraged to attend this two-day, premier educational program to discuss important issues for Michigan fruit industry and much more.



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