

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**For 2023**  
**From BOB GENETSKI**  
**COUNTY CLERK AND REGISTER OF DEEDS**  
**TO THE**  
**ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF**  
**COMMISSIONERS**

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COUNTY BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS (EXCERPT)  
Act 156 of 1851

*46.11 Powers of county board of commissioners.  
Sec. 11.*

*A county board of commissioners, at a lawfully held meeting, may do 1 or more of the following:*

...

*(k) Require a county officer whose salary or compensation is paid by the county to make a report under oath to the county board of commissioners on any subject connected with the duties of that office*



## COUNTY CLERK

### **Vital Records**

Year	Number of Transactions
2017	4,210
2018	4,356
2019	4,254
2020	5,129
2021	5,067
2022	4,686
2023	4,386

### **Births Recorded**

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Births	12	27	25	30	29	35	22	32	39	42	30

### **Marriage License Applications**

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Applications	773	821	815	850	775	669	797	731	750

### **Number of Honorable Discharge Papers Recorded by Military Veterans**

YEAR	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Number Filed	4	1	44	24	16	6	28	19	15

In 2023, there were 869 deaths recorded, 203 Notaries conferred, 401 DBA's, and 2,118 CPL's issued.

The Vital Records Division took in \$229,618.60 for the services provided.

## **Elections in 2023**

### May 2<sup>nd</sup> Jurisdictions with Proposals on the Ballot

Otsego City (fire)  
City of Holland (property sale, pool authority)  
Allegan Township (road, fire)  
Otsego Township (fire)  
Bloomingdale Schools  
Caledonia Schools  
Hamilton Schools  
Hudsonville Schools  
Wayland Schools

### August 8<sup>th</sup> Proposals and Offices on the Ballot

Fennville Schools (recreation)  
Otsego Schools  
Lake Michigan College proposal

### November 7<sup>th</sup> Proposals and Offices on Ballot

City of Holland Mayor & City Council  
The City of the Village of Douglas Council  
City of Saugatuck City Council  
City of Wayland City Council  
City of Fennville City Commission  
Otsego Township (solid waste proposal)  
Village of Hopkins (Headlee Override)  
Gobles Public Schools (bond)  
Martin Public Schools (bond)

## **The Circuit Court Records Division**

### Overview of New Cases Filed in the 48<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court

Appeals: 31   Adoptions: 27   Criminal: 741   Civil: 194   Domestic: 609

Juvenile/Neglect: 575   Personal Protection Orders: 463   Misc. Family: 0

### Breakdown in Personal Protection Orders

Adult PPO's (Domestic): 295

Adult PPO'S (Non-Domestic): 160

Juvenile PPO'S: 7

### Collection and Disbursement of Monies for the Court

Relative to collection of monies and disbursement to crime victims in 2023, the Circuit Court Records Division started off the year with a beginning balance of \$200,708.54, collected \$214,332.62 and then paid out \$245,541.14 to victims of crimes in adult cases.

For Juvenile cases, the office collected \$26,274. Of that, the deputy clerks mailed \$25,406.58 to victims of crimes.