

ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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MAY 22, 2025 SESSION - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Allegan, State of Michigan, met in the Board Room of the County Services Building in the Township of Allegan on MAY 22, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of May 8, 2025, 2025, and rules of this board; Chair Dugan presiding.

The invocation was offered by District #5 Commissioner Dugan.

The Deputy Clerk led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Upon roll call the following members answered as Commissioners for the respective Districts:

DIST #1 CRAIG VAN BEEK
 DIST #2 MARK DEYOUNG
 DIST #3 BRAD LUBBERS
 DIST #4 SCOTT BELTMAN
 DIST #5 GALE DUGAN

MAY 8, 2025, 2025 SESSION MINUTES - ADOPTED AS PRESENTED

2/ Moved by Commissioner Beltman, seconded by Commissioner Van Beek to approve the minutes for the May 8, 2025, 2025 session as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - COMMENTS

3/ Chair Dugan opened the meeting to public participation and the following individuals offered comments:

1. David Morris - Shared concern over the amount of traffic accidents at the corner of Dumont and 118th Ave. How can that be made safer?

AGENDA - ADOPTED AS PRESENTED

4/ Moved by Commissioner Van Beek, seconded by Commissioner Lubbers to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION:

5/ **Jennifer Owens, President, Lakeshore Advantage - Economic Development**

Jennifer presented an update on the work that has been done while being on contract with the County.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

6/ Administrator Sarro noted his written report was submitted to Commissioners. Highlights included a previous question regarding ARPA funds and the potential to reallocate them towards groundwater funding as well as an assessment on storm damage, state of emergency, and potential for State level funding to repair damage.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - CLAIMS & INTERFUND TRANSFERS

7/ **WHEREAS**, Administration has compiled the following claims for 5/16/25 and 5/23/25; and

WHEREAS, the following claims, which are chargeable against the County, were audited in accordance with Section 46.61 to 46.63, inclusive, M.C.L. 1970 as amended and resolutions of the Board; and

WHEREAS, said claims are listed in the 2025 Claims folder of the Commissioners' Record of Claims.

May 16, 2025

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund - 101	159,785.62	159,785.62	
Friend of the Court - Cooperative Reimb. - 215	2,308.71	2,308.71	
MCOLES CPE - 217	6,024.00	6,024.00	
Health Department Fund - 221	2,335.62	2,335.62	
Solid Waste/Recycling - 226	88,194.25	88,194.25	
Animal Shelter - 254	350.61	350.61	
Indigent Defense Fund - 260	4,031.45	4,031.45	
Central Dispatch Fund - 261	20,425.77	20,425.77	
Grants - 279	14,935.40	14,935.40	
Sheriffs Contracts - 287	70,627.20	70,627.20	
Transportation Fund - 288	177,010.49	177,010.49	
Child Care Fund - 292	22,097.92	22,097.92	
Veterans Relief Fund - 293	517.30	517.30	
Senior Services Fund - 298	194,173.43	194,173.43	
American Rescue Plan Act - ARPA - 299	21,258.44	21,258.44	
Capital Improvement Fund - 401	9,557.42	9,557.42	
Property Tax Adjustments - 516	70,221.10	70,221.10	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund - 639	193.07	193.07	
Fleet Management/Motor Pool - 661	143.10	143.10	
Self-Insurance Fund - 677	392,077.43	392,077.43	
Drain Fund - 801	28,759.68	28,759.68	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$1,285,028.01	\$1,285,028.01	

May 23, 2025

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund - 101	73,114.42	73,114.42	
Parks/Recreation Fund - 208	1,049.96	1,049.96	
MCOLES CPE - 217	1,780.53	1,780.53	
Health Department Fund - 221	2,126.69	2,126.69	
Solid Waste/Recycling - 226	7,901.17	7,901.17	
Animal Shelter - 254	2,411.84	2,411.84	
Indigent Defense - 256	242.88	242.88	
Indigent Defense Fund - 260	83,534.80	83,534.80	
Justice Training Fund - 266	225.00	225.00	
Grants - 279	6,032.63	6,032.63	
Sheriffs Contracts - 287	54,243.00	54,243.00	
Transportation Fund - 288	33,436.60	33,436.60	
Child Care Fund - 292	4,053.26	4,053.26	
Veterans Relief Fund - 293	13.94	13.94	
Senior Services Fund - 298	10,616.49	10,616.49	
American Rescue Plan Act - ARPA - 299	230.00	230.00	
Capital Improvement Fund - 401	74,332.46	74,332.46	
Property Tax Adjustments - 516	18.68	18.68	
Tax Reversion - 629	272.00	272.00	
Self-Insurance Fund - 677	450,319.15	450,319.15	
Drain Fund - 801	324,986.49	324,986.49	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$1,130,941.99	\$1,130,941.99	

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners adopts the report of claims for 5/16/25, 5/23/25, and interfund transfers.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION-CREATE VACANCY

8/ **WHEREAS**, on December 14, 2023, the Allegan County Board of Commissioners (Board) elected Randall Smith to the Economic Development Commission At Large Representative; term set to expire December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, after several attempts to contact the member, on April 15, 2025, per [Bylaws](#) Article II, Section 3, the Economic Development Commission recommended to the Board that Randall Smith be removed for lack of attendance and that a new At-Large sector representative be sought.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the removal of Randall Smith and the creation of an at-large representative vacancy to the Economic Development Commission, effective immediately.

Moved by Commissioner DeYoung, seconded by Commissioner Beltman to adopt the report of claims for May 16, 2025 and May 23, 2025 as well as creating a vacancy in the Economic Development Commission. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:**9/ SHERIFF'S OFFICE—COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR POSITION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the request to re-classify one full-time Compliance Specialist Position (B22) to an Audio/Visual Compliance Coordinator Position (B23), effective the next full payroll cycle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator is authorized to perform the necessary budget adjustments to complete this action.

Moved by Commissioner Lubbers, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to adopt the re-classification of the full-time Compliance Specialist Position (B22) to an Audio/Visual Compliance Coordinator Position (B23). Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

10/ PUBLIC HEALTH—INCREASE IMMUNIZATION FEE

WHEREAS, the current fee for immunization and tuberculosis skin test administration is \$15.00; and

WHEREAS, the County's cost relative to the administrative fee is approximately \$50.00; and

WHEREAS, the Medicaid allowable reimbursement is \$23.03.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners adopts a revised immunization and tuberculosis skin test administration fee of \$23.00, effective July 1, 2025.

Moved by Commissioner Lubbers, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to adopt a revised immunization and tuberculosis skin test administration fee of \$23.00, effective July 1, 2025. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

PLANNING ITEMS:**11/ HEALTH DEPARTMENT 2025 QUARTER REPORT/2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

Jacqueline Billette from the Health Department presented the reports.

BREAK - 10:28 A.M.

12/ Upon reconvening at 10:38 A.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Van Beek, DeYoung, Lubbers, Beltman and Dugan. Absent: None.

13/ BOARD STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Board discussed reaffirming the strategic plan components, closeout, carry over, and new project additions.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS

14/ Chair Dugan opened the meeting to public participation and as there were no comments from the public, he closed the meeting to public participation.

15/ HOLTEC NUCLEAR POWER PLANT EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE FUNDING
Motion to authorize the Administrator to accept Holtec funding and make all necessary budget adjustments to implement the County's agreement with Holtec.

Moved by Commissioner Lubbers, seconded by Commissioner Beltman to authorize the Administrator to accept Holtec funding and make all necessary budget adjustments to implement the County's agreement with Holtec. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL June 12, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M.

16/ Moved by Commissioner DeYoung, seconded by Commissioner Lubbers to adjourn until June 12, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 P.M. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.



Deputy Clerk

Board Chair

Minutes approved during the 06/12/2025 Session

Allegan County Board of Commissioners



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Gale Dugan, Chair
Scott Beltman, Vice Chair

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING – AGENDA

Thursday, May 22, 2025 – 9 AM
County Services Building – Board Room
Virtual Connectivity Options Attached

DISTRICT 1
Craig Van Beek
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DISTRICT 2
Mark DeYoung
616-318-9612
mdeyoung@
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9 AM

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

OPENING PRAYER: Commissioner Gale Dugan

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMUNICATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 8, 2025

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

PRESENTATIONS:

PROCLAMATIONS:

INFORMATIONAL SESSION:

Mandy Cooper, Lakeshore Advantage—Economic Development

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

DISTRICT 3
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DISTRICT 4
Scott Beltman
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CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve of claims paid and to incorporate into proceedings of the Board (5/16/25 & 5/23/25)
2. Economic Development—establish vacancy (252-576)

DISTRICT 5
Gale Dugan
269-694-5276
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DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Sheriff's Office—Compliance Coordinator Position (251-845)
2. Public Health—increase Immunization Fee (252-392)

ACTION ITEMS:

1. None
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Mission Statement

“The Allegan County Board of Commissioners shall plan, develop, and evaluate the necessary policies and resources to ensure our county continues to progress and prosper”

PLANNING ITEMS:

1. Health Department 2025 Quarter Report / 2024 Annual Report
 2. Board Strategic Planning
 - a. Board of Commissioners—Reaffirm Strategic Plan Components
 - b. Board Planning—Closeout
 - c. Board Planning—Carry Over
 - d. Board Planning—New Project Additions
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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS:
ELECTIONS:**

1. Community Mental Health Board
 - a. General Public Representative—term expires 3/31/2026
2. Economic Development Commission
 - a. Arts & Culture Representative—term expired 12/31/24

APPOINTMENTS:

1. 911 Policy & Procedure Board
 - a. Emergency Services Representative—term expires 7/31/25
2. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
 - a. One Representative—terms expired 12/31/24
3. Local Emergency Planning Committee
 - a. Educational Representative—term expires 12/31/25
4. Material Management Planning Committee
 - a. One Compost Facility Representative—term expires 8/1/29
 - b. Representative of Environmental Interest—term expires 8/1/29
 - c. Elected Official of a Township Representative—term expires 8/1/29
 - d. Elected Official of a City or Village Representative—term expires 8/1/29
5. Jury Board (Circuit Judge recommends/Board appoints)
 - a. One Representative—term expired 8/31/23
 - b. One Representative—term expires 3/31/25
6. Tourist Council
 - a. Two Representatives—terms expire 12/31/26
 - b. One Representative—term expires 12/31/25

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. OPENING PRAYER: Commissioner Craig Van Beek
2. PRESENTATION: Employee Recognition
3. INFORMATIONAL SESSION: Circuit Court/Friend of the Court
4. CONSENT: Motion to approve of claims paid and to incorporate into proceedings of the Board (5/30/25 & 6/6/25 & 6/13/25)
5. ACTION: Board Strategic Plan Continues

REQUEST FOR MILEAGE:

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS:

ROUND TABLE:

CLOSED SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting – Thursday, June 12, 2025, 9 AM @ **BOARD ROOM – COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING, COUNTY SERVICES COMPLEX.**

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MAY 8, 2025 SESSION - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Allegan, State of Michigan, met in the Board Room of the County Services Building in the Township of Allegan on May 8, 2025 at 8:59 A.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of April 24, 2025, and rules of this board; Chair Dugan presiding.

The invocation was offered by District #3 Commissioner Lubbers.

The Deputy Clerk led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Upon roll call the following members answered as Commissioners for the respective Districts:

DIST #1	CRAIG VAN BEEK
DIST #2	MARK DEYOUNG
DIST #3	BRAD LUBBERS
DIST #4	SCOTT BELTMAN
DIST #5	GALE DUGAN

APRIL 24, 2025 SESSION MINUTES - ADOPTED AS PRESENTED

2/ Moved by Commissioner Lubbers, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung, to approve the minutes for the April 24, 2025, session as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS

3/ Chair Dugan opened the meeting to public participation, and as there were no comments from the public, he closed the meeting to public participation.

AGENDA - ADOPTED AS PRESENTED

4/ Moved by Commissioner Beltman, seconded by Commissioner Van Beek to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION:

5/ County Sheriff Frank Baker presented the Sheriff's Office 2024 Annual Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

6/ County Human Resources Coordinator Amy Doeden and Holtyn & Associates Vice-President Bruce Fetzer presented the 2024 Annual Report & 1st Quarter 2025 Wellness Report. Project Manager Valdis Kalnins presented the 1st Quarter 2025 Capital Report.

BREAK - 10:09 A.M.

7/ Upon reconvening at 10:20 A.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Van Beek, DeYoung, Lubbers, Beltman, and Dugan. Absent: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:**FINANCE COMMITTEE - CLAIMS & INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

8/ **WHEREAS**, Administration has compiled the following claims for 5/2/25 and 5/9/25; and

WHEREAS, the following claims, which are chargeable against the County, were audited in accordance with Section 46.61 to 46.63, inclusive, M.C.L. 1970 as amended and resolutions of the Board; and

WHEREAS, said claims are listed in the 2025 Claims folder of the Commissioners' Record of Claims.

May 2, 2025

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund - 101	211,475.19	211,475.19	
Parks/Recreation Fund - 208	2,050.15	2,050.15	
Friend of the Court - Cooperative Reimb. - 215	19.71	19.71	
Health Department Fund - 221	25,613.46	25,613.46	
Solid Waste/Recycling - 226	1,450.98	1,450.98	
Animal Shelter - 254	874.83	874.83	
Indigent Defense Fund - 260	854.08	854.08	
Justice Training Fund - 266	3,338.03	3,338.03	
Grants - 279	4,621.75	4,621.75	
Crime Victims Rights Grant - 280	60.40	60.40	
Sheriffs Contracts - 287	190.44	190.44	
Transportation Fund - 288	3,273.43	3,273.43	
Child Care Fund - 292	4,471.59	4,471.59	
Veterans Relief Fund - 293	930.00	930.00	
Senior Services Fund - 298	17,884.65	17,884.65	
American Rescue Plan Act - ARPA - 299	27,335.89	27,335.89	
Public Works Project Debt Fund - 365	125.00	125.00	
Jail Building Debt Fund - 366	125.00	125.00	
Fillmore: Re-Funding 2013 Bond Debt - 379	125.00	125.00	
Capital Improvement Fund - 401	72,239.08	72,239.08	
Property Tax Adjustments - 516	5,290.90	5,290.90	
Tax Reversion 2018 - 629	374.00	374.00	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund - 639	190.00	190.00	

Fleet Management/Motor Pool - 661	4,697.43	4,697.43	
Self-Insurance Fund - 677	37,851.58	37,851.58	
Drain Fund - 801	46,023.00	46,023.00	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$471,485.57	\$471,485.57	

May 9, 2025

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund - 101	172,550.35	172,550.35	
Parks/Recreation Fund - 208	7,547.17	7,547.17	
Friend of the Court - Cooperative Reimb. - 215	50.00	50.00	
Health Department Fund - 221	9,264.49	9,264.49	
Solid Waste/Recycling - 226	3,785.74	3,785.74	
Animal Shelter - 254	9,083.46	9,083.46	
Indigent Defense Fund - 260	5,384.32	5,384.32	
Central Dispatch Fund - 261	3,466.96	3,466.96	
Concealed Pistol Licensing Fund - 263	494.18	494.18	
Local Corrections Officers Training Fund - 264	170.13	170.13	
Justice Training Fund - 266	1,813.28	1,813.28	
Law Library Fund - 269	2,048.44	2,048.44	
Grants - 279	11,360.00	11,360.00	
Sheriffs Contracts - 287	6,879.82	6,879.82	
Transportation Fund - 288	22,787.18	22,787.18	
Child Care Fund - 292	3,457.64	3,457.64	
Veterans Relief Fund - 293	1,774.86	1,774.86	
Senior Services Fund - 298	13,889.00	13,889.00	
American Rescue Plan Act - ARPA - 299	11,939.20	11,939.20	
Capital Improvement Fund - 401	275,941.42	275,941.42	
Property Tax Adjustments - 516	27.48	27.48	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund - 639	462.57	462.57	
Self-Insurance Fund - 677	18,958.92	18,958.92	
Drain Fund - 801	43,108.70	43,108.70	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$626,245.31	\$626,245.31	

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners adopt the Consent Items; to include the report of claims for 5/2/25, 5/9/25, and

interfund transfers along with the Application and Acceptance of the FY2026 Michigan Department of Corrections Comprehensive Community Corrections Grant.

Moved by Commissioner Beltman, seconded by Commissioner Lubbers, to approve the Consent Items as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - APPLY/ACCEPT FY2026 MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT

9/ **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners hereby approves to apply and accept when awarded the Michigan Department of Corrections, Office of Community Correction Grant for FY2026 (October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026), to continue programs: Career Readiness, Moral Recognition Therapy, Seeking Safety, the GED Program, the Opiates/Methamphetamine Specific Program and Administration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED any personnel and/or program services are coterminous with receipt of adequate funds through this grant; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized to make the necessary budget adjustments, and any necessary documents to complete this action are authorized to be signed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners adopt the Consent Items; to include the report of claims for 5/2/25, 5/9/25, and interfund transfers along with the Application and Acceptance of the FY2026 Michigan Department of Corrections Comprehensive Community Corrections Grant.

Commissioner Beltman, seconded by Commissioner Lubbers, to approve the Consent Items as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

PLANNING ITEMS:

10/ Administrator Sarro presented the Quarterly Board Strategic Plan Update. Discussion will continue on May 22, 2025, at the Board of Commissioners Meeting.

ELECTIONS

11/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Chair Dugan opened nominations to fill an existing 3-year term, downtown representative on the Economic Development Commission; term to expire 12/31/25.

Commissioner Beltman nominated Taylor Bentley, 1757 34th Street, Allegan.

Moved by Commissioner Van Beek, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Taylor Bentley as nominated. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

12/ BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Chair Dugan announced the appointment of the following individual(s) to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to fill a 3-year term; term to expire 12/31/27.

Kurt Hatfield, 258 Russell Street, Allegan

Moved by Commissioner Lubbers, seconded by Commissioner Van Beek to approve the appointment(s) as made. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS

13/ Chair Dugan opened the meeting to public participation, and as there were no comments from the public, he closed the meeting to public participation.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MAY 22, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M.

14/ Moved by Commissioner Beltman, seconded by Commissioner Lubbers to adjourn until May 22, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 12:16 P.M. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

Berkey Blaine

Deputy Clerk

Gale Dugan

Board Chair

Minutes approved during the 05/22/2025 Session

Annual Investor Update



Allegan County

May 22, 2025



**LAKESHORE
ADVANTAGE**



G.P.S.

LAKESHORE ADVANTAGE **CORE FOCUS**

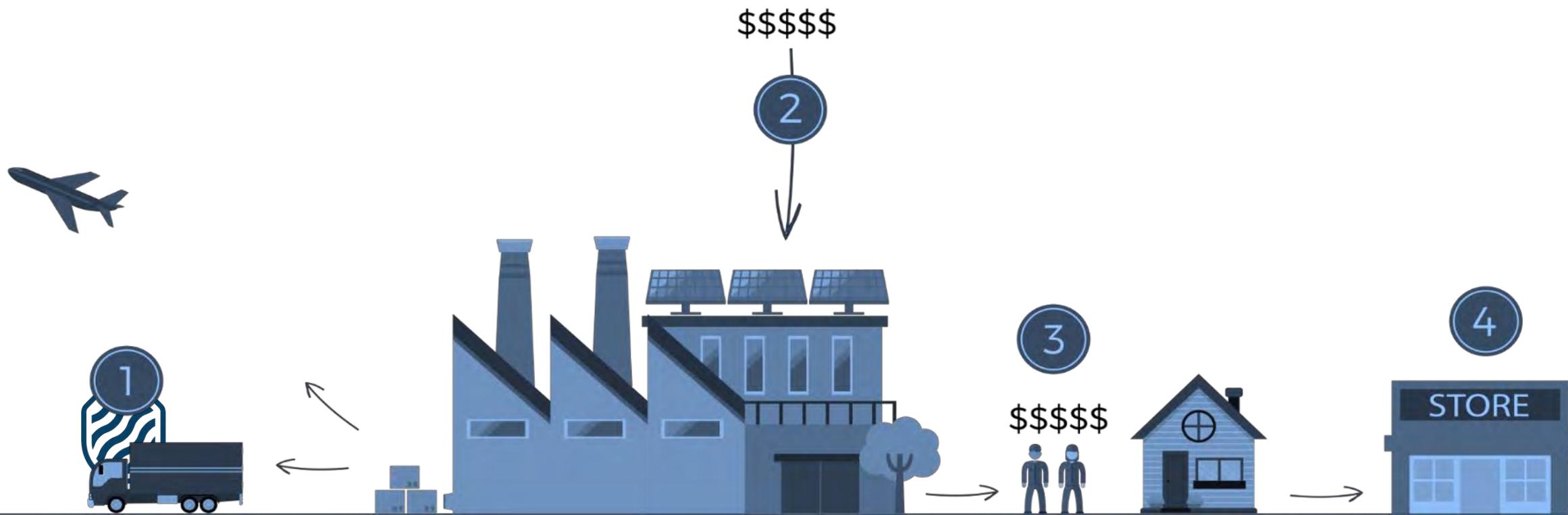


The Lakeshore Region's GPS—We grow, plan, and solve for a bright economic future.



Maintain A Robust Primary Business Base

Primary employers generate
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for our region.
These employers form the very core of the region's economic vitality.



POWERING OUR FUTURE

The Next Lakeshore Generation



POWERING PRIMARY EMPLOYERS AND COMMUNITIES

- Support the stability and growth of existing employers
- Top destination for new or expanding businesses in key industry clusters



An Extended Member of Your Team



228

**PRIMARY
EMPLOYERS**



477

**UNIQUE
INTERACTIONS**

across Allegan County



Successful Projects

New/Retained Jobs

Private Investment

16

551

\$243.9M

(8 in Allegan County)

(269 in in Allegan County)

(\$171.3M in Allegan County)

Rhino Seed

CASE STUDY

- Industry Cluster:
Agribusiness/Food
Processing
- 13,800 sq. ft expansion
- 22 new/retained jobs



RHINO SEED
YOU CAN BET YOUR GRASS ON IT.



480 ACRES

FIVE PROJECTS APPROVED



STRATEGIC SITE READINESS PROGRAM (SSRP)





PROJECT PIPELINE

●●●●
16

7 in Allegan County



PRIVATE INVESTMENT

●●●●
\$2.2B

\$1.1B in Allegan County



POTENTIAL NEW JOBS

●●●●
324

149 in Allegan County

POWERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF EMPLOYERS

- Build a dynamic startup ecosystem
- Engaging students and our major corporations





The NEXT CENTER



67

START-UPS



SURGE

POWERED BY LAKESHORE ADVANTAGE



\$2.7M

CAPITAL



POWERING OUR FUTURE WORKFORCE

- Growing the next generation of high-demand and emerging workers
- Accelerate attraction, retention, and growth in our talent pipeline



2024 Emerging Worker Survey

- Surveyed 200+ 18 – 34-year-olds
- Living/working in Allegan + Ottawa Counties
- Working in top In-demand positions and industries



Likes



- Access to Lake Michigan
- Outdoor recreation
- Living close to family
- Sense of safety

Dislikes



- Cost of living/low pay
- Lack of inclusivity/diversity
- Lack of job/career advancement opportunities

Initiatives



West MI Childcare Coalition

Published regional childcare plan for Ottawa and Allegan Counties.

[View Plan](#)



Economic Indicators and Comparative Communities Study
Contracting with Robey Analytics on updated metrics for 2030 and 2035

Initiatives



**RAP 3.0 Regional
Subgrant**
Saugatuck Township – Town
Center



**Regional Outdoor Recreation
Asset Mapping Project**
New initiative funded through a
regional MEDC grant

2024 MILESTONES & METRICS

Item	Achieved?	Notes
Seat on Lakeshore Advantage Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rob Sarro
Allegan EDC Board Administration		Transferred administration to Allegan County upon request of county staff. Participate in quarterly meetings and provide report.
Primary employer annual outreach plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	320 significant interactions with 86 Allegan County employers
Annual Business Intelligence Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	57 Business Intelligence Interviews conducted with Allegan County employers
Attraction on lead submissions, research requests, and site tours	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing
Commercial real estate agent outreach and education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing (Ex: 2025 Developer Day)
Vacant site and building tours as needed for expanding employers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing

Item	Achieved?	Notes
Primary entrepreneur education for high tech/high growth primary employers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	67 startups navigated, \$2.7M leveraged
Lakeshore Advantage website includes primary employer resources and tools	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing
Digital communications and social media platforms promote Allegan County employer news	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing
Investor engagement event	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Elected Officials Reception, Saugatuck Center for the Arts

Upcoming Events



Annual Fellows Gathering
June 12
The Next Center



Economic Development for Government Officials

June 18,, 11:30a-1:00p
Allegan County Offices
3255 122nd Ave., Allegan



**Developer Day 2025:
Housing & Industrial
Development Opportunities**

August 7
Allegan & Ottawa County
Bus Tour and Networking



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S T A T E O F M I C H I G A N

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

FINANCE - CLAIMS & INTERFUND TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, Administration has compiled the following claims for 5/16/25 and 5/23/25; and

WHEREAS, the following claims, which are chargeable against the County, were audited in accordance with Section 46.61 to 46.63, inclusive, M.C.L. 1970 as amended and resolutions of the Board; and

WHEREAS, said claims are listed in the 2025 Claims folder of the Commissioners' Record of Claims.

May 16, 2025

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund - 101	159,785.62	159,785.62	
Friend of the Court - Cooperative Reimb. - 215	2,308.71	2,308.71	
MCOLES CPE - 217	6,024.00	6,024.00	
Health Department Fund - 221	2,335.62	2,335.62	
Solid Waste/Recycling - 226	88,194.25	88,194.25	
Animal Shelter - 254	350.61	350.61	
Indigent Defense Fund - 260	4,031.45	4,031.45	
Central Dispatch Fund - 261	20,425.77	20,425.77	
Grants - 279	14,935.40	14,935.40	
Sheriffs Contracts - 287	70,627.20	70,627.20	
Transportation Fund - 288	177,010.49	177,010.49	
Child Care Fund - 292	22,097.92	22,097.92	
Veterans Relief Fund - 293	517.30	517.30	
Senior Services Fund - 298	194,173.43	194,173.43	
American Rescue Plan Act - ARPA - 299	21,258.44	21,258.44	
Capital Improvement Fund - 401	9,557.42	9,557.42	
Property Tax Adjustments - 516	70,221.10	70,221.10	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund - 639	193.07	193.07	
Fleet Management/Motor Pool - 661	143.10	143.10	
Self-Insurance Fund - 677	392,077.43	392,077.43	
Drain Fund - 801	28,759.68	28,759.68	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$1,285,028.01	\$1,285,028.01	

May 23, 2025

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund - 101	73,114.42	73,114.42	
Parks/Recreation Fund - 208	1,049.96	1,049.96	
MCOLES CPE - 217	1,780.53	1,780.53	
Health Department Fund - 221	2,126.69	2,126.69	
Solid Waste/Recycling - 226	7,901.17	7,901.17	
Animal Shelter - 254	2,411.84	2,411.84	
Indigent Defense - 256	242.88	242.88	
Indigent Defense Fund - 260	83,534.80	83,534.80	
Justice Training Fund - 266	225.00	225.00	
Grants - 279	6,032.63	6,032.63	
Sheriffs Contracts - 287	54,243.00	54,243.00	
Transportation Fund - 288	33,436.60	33,436.60	
Child Care Fund - 292	4,053.26	4,053.26	
Veterans Relief Fund - 293	13.94	13.94	
Senior Services Fund - 298	10,616.49	10,616.49	
American Rescue Plan Act - ARPA - 299	230.00	230.00	
Capital Improvement Fund - 401	74,332.46	74,332.46	
Property Tax Adjustments - 516	18.68	18.68	
Tax Reversion - 629	272.00	272.00	
Self-Insurance Fund - 677	450,319.15	450,319.15	
Drain Fund - 801	324,986.49	324,986.49	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$1,130,941.99	\$1,130,941.99	

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners adopts the report of claims for 5/16/25, 5/23/25, and interfund transfers.

S T A T E O F M I C H I G A N

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION-CREATE VACANCY

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2023, the Allegan County Board of Commissioners (Board) elected Randall Smith to the Economic Development Commission At Large Representative; term set to expire December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, after several attempts to contact the member, on April 15, 2025, per [Bylaws](#) Article II, Section 3, the Economic Development Commission recommended to the Board that Randall Smith be removed for lack of attendance and that a new At-Large sector representative be sought.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the removal of Randall Smith and the creation of an at-large representative vacancy to the Economic Development Commission, effective immediately.

S T A T E O F M I C H I G A N

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

SHERIFF'S OFFICE—COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR POSITION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the request to re-classify one full-time Compliance Specialist Position (B22) to an Audio/Visual Compliance Coordinator Position (B23), effective the next full payroll cycle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator is authorized to perform the necessary budget adjustments to complete this action.

S T A T E O F M I C H I G A N

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

PUBLIC HEALTH—INCREASE IMMUNIZATION FEE

WHEREAS, the current fee for immunization and tuberculosis skin test administration is \$15.00; and

WHEREAS, the County's cost relative to the administrative fee is approximately \$50.00; and

WHEREAS, the Medicaid allowable reimbursement is \$23.03.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners adopts a revised immunization and tuberculosis skin test administration fee of \$23.00, effective July 1, 2025.



ALLEGAN COUNTY REQUEST FOR ACTION FORM

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS OR TRANSFERS

Completed RFA form must be attached to a work order request through the Work Order system. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Finance @ext. 2658.

Date 5/9/2025

Department Requesting Health

Submitted by Jacque Billette

Contact Information x4753

Fund, Activity: 621

Describe the requested change, and why it is needed:

Would like to increase fee for immunization administration and tuberculosis skin test administration fee from \$15.00 to \$23.00 for both private payers and Medicaid reimbursement. \$23.00 is the current fee approved for Medicaid reimbursement.

Current cost to administer vaccines and tuberculosis skin test is above this \$23.00 fee. For administration, according to time studies, it takes nurse 15 minutes, support staff 45 minutes, equipment (cotton balls, band-aids, etc.), and indirect costs. Breakdown for costs using the lowest staff hourly wages are below:

(Nurse time - 15 minutes) \$8.55 + (fringe nurse) \$7.59 + (support staff time - 45 minutes) \$18.00 + (Support staff fringe) \$5.69 + (Indirects) \$8.22 + (Equipment) \$2.00 = \$50.05

We believe that immunization and tuberculosis test services would fall under "Benefit Level - 2" according to the County Budget Policy, services that provide both "Global" and "Group Specific" benefits, which allows for up to a 50% recovery rate for this service. Based on the cost, this administrative fee increase would not exceed the cost, but would help recoup costs.

Based on 2024 immunization and tuberculosis administration numbers (1,109 administrations), this fee increase would lead to a revenue increase of \$8,872.

If there is an outbreak of a disease and the HD is responding to that outbreak, or if a client is unable to pay, the HD utilizes different procedures and a sliding-scale fee option.

	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revenue Increase:	621	\$8,872
<input type="checkbox"/> Revenue Decrease:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expenditure Increase:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expenditure Decrease:		



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ANNUAL REPORT

Allegan County
Health Department



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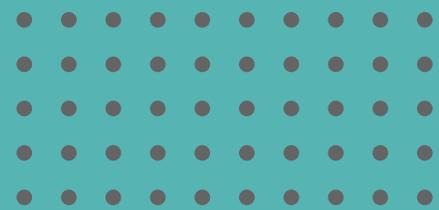




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A LETTER FROM OUR HEALTH OFFICER

To the Allegan County Board of Commissioners & Citizens of Allegan County,

On behalf of the Allegan County Health Department (ACHD), I am pleased to present the 2024 *Allegan County Health Department Annual Report*. While the health department engages in a variety of projects, partnerships, and responses across the county, the following report highlights some of the significant accomplishments and success stories from the major programs housed at your local health department.

Greater than the number of services we provided or milestones we reached in 2024 is the dedication to our mission and the people whom we serve in Allegan County. Our purpose of “Together: striving for a healthier Allegan County” drives the work of ACHD employees each day and provides the foundation of the work that we do. I would also be remiss not to thank our amazing partners in and outside of Allegan County who support and contribute to ACHD’s purpose – your contributions to the health of Allegan County citizens are greatly appreciated.

Whether it is a sanitarian out in the field inspecting a well or septic system, a nurse providing health services to clients in clinics, a health educator sharing health education, or a community health worker connecting Allegan County citizens to local services, ACHD staff are working diligently to serve county residents’ individual needs and protect community health. ACHD staff are planning for the future as well. In a rapidly changing world, ACHD staff prepare for possible man-made or natural situations that could affect the health and well-being of community residents.

The accomplishments highlighted in the following pages are the direct results of the consistent and unwavering efforts of ACHD staff, community partners, and the continued support of the Allegan County Board of Commissioners. It is my hope that you will learn something you did not know about the Allegan County Health Department and glimpse some of the hard work that goes into creating the shield that protects community and individual health in Allegan County.

Together in Health,



Jacqueline Billette, MPH
Health Officer

GOVERNANCE



Board of Commissioners



Jim Storey
District 1



Mark DeYoung
District 2



Robert J. Sarro



Dean Kapenga
District 3



Scott Beltman
District 4



Gale Dugan
District 5

In memory of Dean Kapenga, who was first elected as an Allegan County Commissioner in 2006 and served the citizens of Allegan County the 30 years prior at the Allegan County Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Kapenga demonstrated unwavering commitment to the people of Allegan County during his years of service.

MISSION

The Allegan County Board of Commissioners shall plan, develop, and evaluate the necessary policies and resources to ensure our county continues to progress and prosper.

VISION

The Allegan County Board of Commissioners is committed to providing our citizens superior and innovative services, being judicious and efficient in the expenditure of resources, and promoting a safe, clean, and healthy environment in which to live, work, and play.

HEALTH ADMIN TEAM



Jacque Billette, MPH
Health Officer



Randy Rapp, RS
Environmental Health Manager



Lisa Letts, BSN, RN
Personal Health Manager



Grant Ruppert, REHS
Planning and Preparedness Manager



Rik Tooker, MD, MPH
Medical Director

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Together: Striving for a Healthier Allegan County

Our strategic framework improves community health outcomes to better align with the Organization's vision and purpose of the Department.



DIVISION OVERVIEW

ADMINISTRATION

The Health Administration team provides leadership, many centralized functions, and guides the vision and implementation strategies for the entire department. They issue advisories and official letters to protect the public's health, and collect data to better support service delivery.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The Environmental Health team provides services such as licensing and inspecting food establishments, campgrounds, public swimming pools, and septage disposal sites. The team issues permits and performs inspections for the installation of wells and septic systems, and provides beach sampling, vector-borne surveillance, groundwater contamination monitoring, and facilitates the Resource Recovery program.

PERSONAL HEALTH

The Personal Health division offers clinical services such as immunizations and HIV/STI testing. Personal health includes programs for communicable diseases, lead, Hearing and Vision, Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS), and rabies monitoring. They also provide education and on-site inspections for medical providers participating in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program.

PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS

The Planning and Preparedness division provides health education and collaborates with community partners for projects such as the Community Health Needs Assessment. The team develops plans, helps coordinate the public health response to emergencies, conducts exercises, and communicates with community, regional, and state stakeholders to protect the public.

2024 HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Successfully completed state and program accreditation requirements

Onboarded a new Health Officer and Planning & Preparedness Manager

Began a new Community Health Needs Assessment cycle with many partner agencies

STI program expanded clinic hours to include walk-in availability

Added sensory equipment to waiting room and clinic room

Staff member became certified as a Community Health Worker to better serve Allegan County

Onboarded a new Health Educator and Public Health Technician

Completed certification partnership for MI Vaccination Partners MVP

Personal health and food team members certified in Basic Life Support (BLS)

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH: VECTOR-BORNE & BEACH MONITORING

21 Ticks collected at 2 sites (8 black-legged ticks & 13 deer ticks)

14 Mosquito sampling days at 5 sites

79 Total mosquitoes collected, 13 species identified



Mosquitoes and ticks are tested to look for species that can carry Lyme disease, West Nile virus, and more.

Surface water is tested and monitored for HABs and *E. coli*.



221 Total beach samples taken

8 Total beaches sampled for 14 weeks

48 Groundwater samples collected over 17 total days

3 Lakes sampled, 2 with confirmed Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)

Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)

In 2024, the Allegan County Health Department (ACHD) confirmed the presence of harmful algal blooms (HABs) at Swan Lake and Duck Lake. Harmful algal blooms are also known as blue-green algae or cyanobacteria.

ACHD sent out a press release on the dangers of HABs and best practices for avoiding water-related activities when HABs are present. ACHD also released newsletters for the residents of the affected lakes providing the latest test results and guidance. Additionally, advisories were posted on social media and at public access points (e.g. boat launch) to notify the public.

Groundwater Study Work Group

In 2024, the Groundwater Study Work Group held two stakeholder meetings to discuss the progress of the study and help determine the future of groundwater for Allegan County. The work group collaborated with the Michigan Geological Survey (MGS), local units of government, and Kraai Well Drilling to install seven additional monitoring wells. The Allegan County Health Department (ACHD) also teamed up with the Outdoor Discovery Center (ODC) to create educational materials for schools and the community about groundwater protection in Allegan County.



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH: FIELD SERVICES

Sanitarians permit and inspect new, existing, and replacement septic systems and wells to maintain safe water and sewage disposal at residential homes and commercial sites.

519 Residential well permits issued

335 Residential well final inspections completed

122 Abandoned wells plugged

Customer Feedback

"I wanted to personally thank you for your excellent communication skills, personality and willingness to help...I never have to wait for any Septic location requests which is super helpful..."



2,685 Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control (SESC) inspections

356 Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control (SESC) permits issued

606 On-site sewage disposal permits issued

361 On-site sewage disposal final inspections completed

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH: FOOD & OTHER SERVICES



100 Temporary food establishments inspected

727 Fixed food establishments inspected

Worked on 31 restaurant plan reviews and 16 existing site reviews

Trained two Public Health Technicians to audit specialized food venues



54 Public swimming pools inspected

11 Body Art facilities inspected

21 Campgrounds inspected



Sanitarians conduct regular inspections of all food establishments, including restaurants, food trucks, and temporary locations such as fair stands, to protect the public from foodborne illness.

Inspections of body art facilities include tattoo shops, piercing locations, and more.

RESOURCE RECOVERY

6 Total events held
(3 tire, 3 Household Hazardous Waste)

3,175,100 Pounds of single-stream recycling

48,560 Pounds of E-waste recycled

59,955 Pounds of Household Hazardous Waste recycled



***Compared to 35,985 pounds in 2023**

Household Hazardous Waste collection was available to all county residents

Two townships were onboarded & completed their first year in the recycling program

There was a 36% increase in participation in recycling events

113 Agriculture tires collected

4,447 Passenger tires collected



The Resource Recovery program helps Participating Governmental Units (PGUs) recycle and dispose of materials that can be harmful to the environment.

Materials Management Planning Committee

The Resource Recovery program is currently in the process of updating the county's Solid Waste Plan, written in 1997, to a Materials Management Program. This will include goals to increase recycling and use new methods for hard-to-manage materials such as organic waste, textiles, and styrofoam.

The work program has been approved, which provides a timeline to write the plan. This plan is important for environmental sustainability within our county and state.

Proposed Milestone Schedule

Task	Completion Date/Deadline	2024				2025				2026			
		Q1 - JAN-MAR	Q2 - APR-JUN	Q3 - JUL-SEP	Q4 - OCT-DEC	Q1 - JAN-MAR	Q2 - APR-JUN	Q3 - JUL-SEP	Q4 - OCT-DEC	Q1 - JAN-MAR	Q2 - APR-JUN	Q3 - JUL-SEP	Q4 - OCT-DEC
Task 1 - Planning	7/2/2024	X	X										
Task 2 - Materials Management Planning Committee	8/22/2024		X	X									
Task 3 - Materials Management Plan Grant requirements	4/30/2025				X	X	X						
Task 4 - Materials Management Plan Request for Proposal	TBD					X	X	X					
Task 5 - Plan Management	TBD							X	X	X			
Task 6 - Data Collection	TBD								X	X	X		

PERSONAL HEALTH

The personal health division offers clinical services such as STI testing and treatment, tuberculosis (TB) testing, case management for lead exposure, animal bite follow-ups, immunizations, Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS), hearing and vision screenings, and partners with My Community Dental Centers for oral health screenings.

852 Total Children's Special Health Care Services clients

306 Level 1 Plan of Care clients

438 Level 2 Plan of Care clients

1,229 Pre-K hearing screenings

1,456 Pre-K vision screenings

For more information on personal health services, visit allegancounty.org/health/personal-health



74 Lead testing follow-up clients

1,860 Lead tests reported

4,323 School-aged hearing screenings

8,886 School-aged vision screenings



26,510 Wear One condoms distributed

183 Animal bite follow-ups

2 Rabies positive animals

352 Waivers provided



195 STI/HIV clinic visits

350 STI/HIV case follow-ups

54 Vaccine reallocations

962 Immunizations provided

711 Children's oral screenings

Customer Feedback
 "I was a bit emotional in the exam room. The [ACHD Staff Member]...went above and beyond to ease my mind and make me feel comfortable."



595 Recommended for routine care

111 Recommended for dental treatment



COMMUNITY LINKS

372 Total referrals

277 Successful referrals

44 New partnerships established

51 Healthcare service referrals

18 Primary care provider referrals

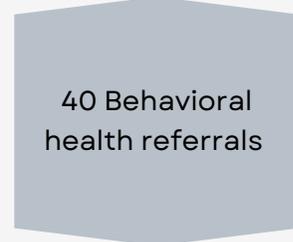
61 Medicaid or health insurance referrals

40 Behavioral health referrals

147 Housing resource referrals

1,117 Total services provided

58 Food assistance referrals



Customer Feedback
 “The Community Links program is amazing! [ACHD Staff Member] went above and beyond to make sure I was okay not just physically but mentally as well.”

Through the Community Links program, our Community Health Worker (CHW) connects residents to services they are struggling to access, such as food assistance, medical care, clothing, transportation, housing, and more.

Submit a referral at allegancounty.org/health/community-links or scan the QR code on the left



Bird Flu Awareness



Bird Flu, also known as HPAI or Avian Influenza, is a type of Influenza A virus that mostly infects birds but can also spread to humans and other animals. Bird flu is a respiratory virus that spreads through the fecal droppings or nasal discharge of infected birds. Although the current risk to human health is low, it is a public health concern because the virus could mutate to spread more easily among humans. In 2024, Bird Flu was found in both domestic and wild birds across Michigan, as well as in cattle. Since March 2024, there have been 70 human cases reported in the U.S. and 989 confirmed cases in dairy herds in 17 states, including Michigan. Efforts to control the spread include increased surveillance of wild and domestic birds and taking precautions when handling animals that could transmit the virus. To help mitigate the spread, ACHD monitored infected herds in Allegheny County, distributed PPE to impacted farms, and provided health education materials and information to Allegheny County residents.

What You Can Do:

If you see six or more dead wild birds, report it to the DNR at Michigan.gov/EyesInTheField

OR

Call the DNR Wildlife Disease Laboratory at 517-336-5030

If you suspect bird flu in domestic birds, like a backyard flock, contact MDARD at 800-292-3939

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

2,562
Communicable
disease
investigations

138 TB skin tests

1 Confirmed latent
TB infection



The annual ACHD communicable disease report uses data from 120 communicable diseases. Of these diseases, 19 (15.8%) showed an increase in case counts from 2023 to 2024. Of these 19 diseases, three of note include CPO, H. Influenzae, and pertussis. CPO, which had one case from 2020-2023, jumped to 5 cases in 2024. H. Influenzae had 4 cases from 2020-2023 and jumped to 3 cases in 2024. Pertussis had zero cases from 2020 to 2023 and jumped to 19 cases in 2024. View the full 2024 report at

<https://www.allegancounty.org/home/showpublisheddocument/1622>

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Allegan County saw the same or decreased cases in foodborne illness, meningitis, rabies, STIs, vector-borne diseases, tuberculosis, and viral hepatitis. Find more ACHD data at [allegancounty.org/health/data-and-reports](https://www.allegancounty.org/health/data-and-reports)

What we responded to this year:

- Avian Influenza (Bird flu)
- Pertussis (Whooping cough) cases
- Harmful Algal Blooms and *E. Coli* in lakes and beaches
- Wayland water main break
- Fennville sewer main break
- Public education through food and product recalls, severe weather preparation, and outreach events

PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS

517,734 Mailchimp emails sent

5 Press releases

104 Total inquiries responded to

134 Health education materials created

7,259 Followers on Facebook

315 Posts on Facebook

81,873 Individuals reached on Facebook

48 Newsletters released

The planning and preparedness division sends out newsletters, press releases, and advisories; responds to inquiries and media requests; attends community outreach events; and implements emergency response plans when necessary.

Outreach Recap

Attended 13 outreach events and provided health education materials and giveaways

Boomer Bash



Provided clinical services at 3 events



Books, Balls, & Blocks



Campit Outdoor Resort



Senior Day at the fair



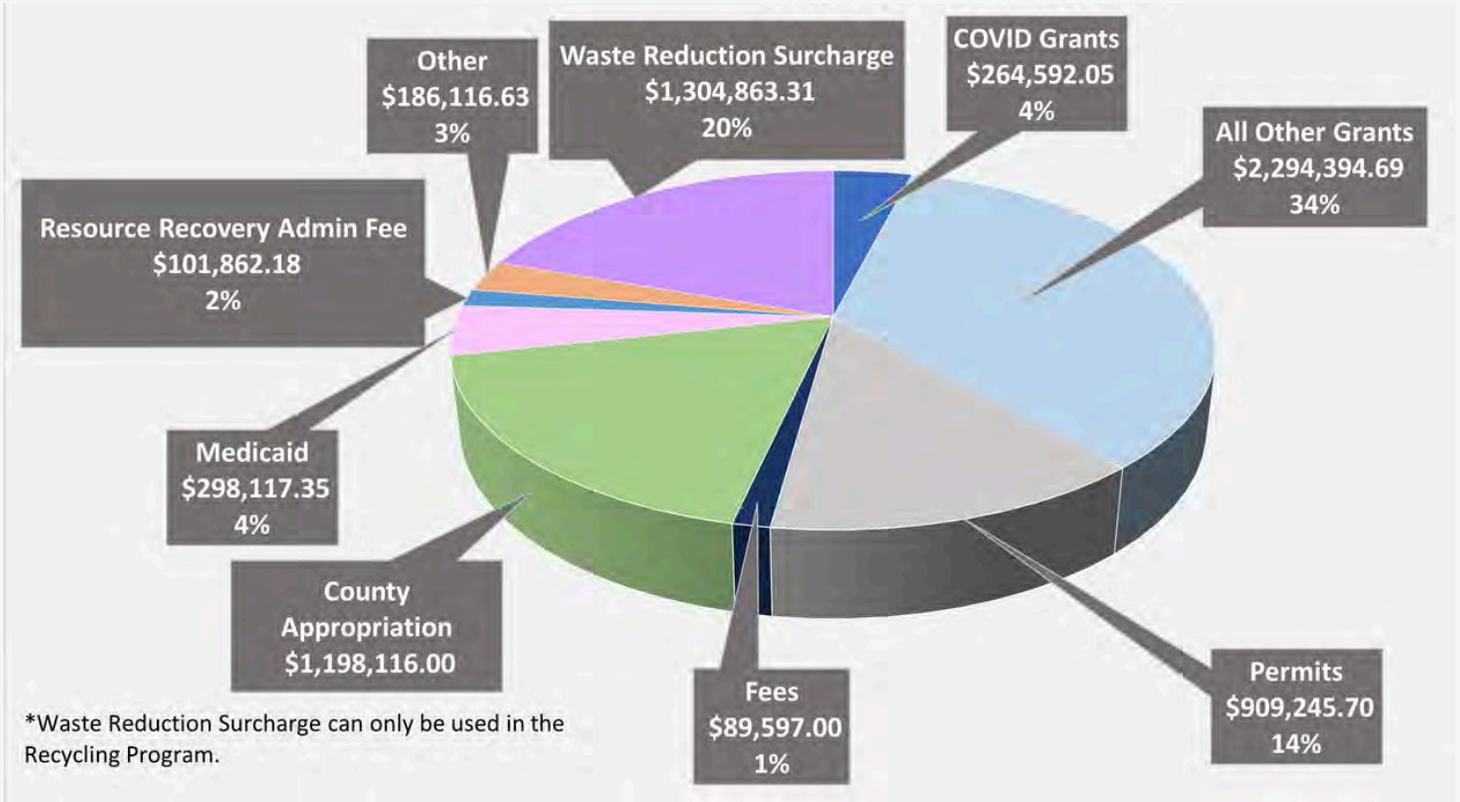
🔔 Allegan Alert Notifications

Allegan County Emergency Management and Allegan County Central Dispatch will use an emergency notification system called Allegan Alert. This provides real-time information to the public and contains potentially life-saving actions that can help keep you and your family safe. Stay informed of weather, traffic, and other emergencies in Allegan County. You can also provide information to 911 so they can better assist you in an emergency. This can include access and functional needs, health information, or the location of gates and doors. Your profile travels with you, so if you call 911, your information will be displayed to the call taker. Your personal information is secure and will only ever be seen by the dispatcher taking the call. Register by downloading the Smart911 app, scanning the QR code below, or visiting the Smart911 website: <https://smart911.com/>

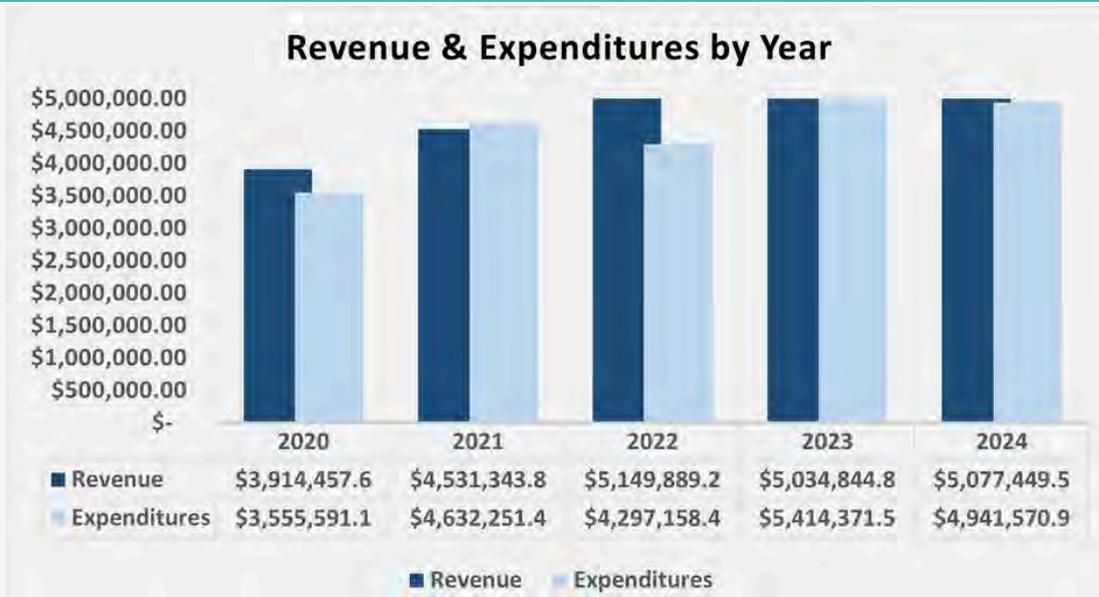


FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

2024 Revenue



Health Department Revenue & Expenditures





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Quarter 1 Board of Commissioners' Update

Allegan County Health Department (ACHD)

ACHD Activities during the most recently concluded quarter (2025 Q1)

Groundwater Education Project: Throughout Q1 ACHD staff worked to finalize a groundwater education brochure to assist in educating the public on groundwater and amplifying the advancements made by the Groundwater Study Work Group. In addition to the brochure, ACHD is developing a webpage to serve as a clearinghouse for all groundwater information and resources. The webpage can be located here <https://www.allegancounty.org/health/environmental-health/surface-and-groundwater/groundwater-education>

Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA): ACHD worked closely with CHNA partners Ascension and the Allegan County Community Foundation to analyze data collected throughout 2024. These findings were presented to the Multi-Agency Community Collaborative Council on March 26th at Ascension Borgess Allegan Hospital. The CHNA document was drafted and will be published in Q2 of 2025.

Emergency Planning & Preparedness Drills: The ACHD participated in the 2025 Michigan Volunteer Registry (MVR) Drill on February 18-20, which was sponsored by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Emergency Preparedness, EM, and Systems of Care (BEPESoC). The drill aimed to test administrators' abilities to query volunteers, navigate the MVR website, and perform a volunteer callout.

ACHD Activities Forecast for Quarter Ahead (2025 Q2)

Emergency Planning & Preparedness Drill: On April 16th, the Michigan Strategic National Stockpile (MISNS) exercise will take place. This exercise will test the surge capacity of the Michigan Strategic National Stockpile (MISNS) SharePoint Site through ongoing requests by local agencies for emergency medical countermeasures (MCM) received by the State of Michigan via the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS). It is intended for Local Health Departments (LHDs) and hospitals to demonstrate proficiency in both medical countermeasure selection and justifying need.

Allegan County Beach Monitoring: ACHD will begin beach monitoring 8 beaches in Allegan County Memorial Day Week. This includes 4 in-land and 4 Great Lakes beaches. ACHD staff take water samples at these beaches weekly to look for elevated levels of *E. Coli*. All sample results will be posted on <https://mienviro.michigan.gov/ncore/external/home>

ACHD Outreach Events: ACHD staff will participate in a variety of partnership events during Q2. Staff are currently signed up to attend The Gun Lake Health Fair, Bridge Fest, and The Allegan County Senior Expo. Staff will pass out information about ACHD services and answer questions from the public.



HEALTH Department

Tire and Household Hazardous Waste Collection – ACHD has two upcoming events taking place in Q2. All events are open to residents in Allegan County. These events have been very popular in 2024, with increased participation up to 36% in some programs.

Event Dates:

- **Tire Collection**
 - Tuesday, April 22nd – 9 am – 12 pm
 - Otsego DPW – 243 N Farmer St, Otsego
- **Household Hazardous Waste**
 - Saturday, May 3rd – 9am-12pm
 - Hardings Wayland – 300 Reno Dr, Wayland

Anticipated Public Health Situations in Year Ahead

Measles Cases in Michigan – There have been 7 confirmed cases of measles in Michigan thus far in 2025. Measles is a highly contagious virus with a 90% attack rate in susceptible people. Measles was declared “eliminated” in the United States in 2000, meaning the US does not normally see outbreaks. Currently, there are multi-state outbreaks of measles in communities where immunity rates have fallen.

ACHD is preparing to respond to measles if it appears in our communities. Preparation includes educating schools and partners, updating internal policies and procedures, and ensuring staff are properly trained to respond to potential cases.

Increased Demand for Environmental Health Services – At the end of the Q1 for 2025, demand for Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control permits is 47.5% ahead of 2024. This is just part of the recent trend where demand for environmental health services, including well and septic permits, has continued to increase. ACHD is currently filling some vacant positions to ensure demand and customer expectations can be met, but the consistent flow of applications speaks to the development taking place in Allegan County.

S T A T E O F M I C H I G A N

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - REAFFIRM 2025-29 STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENTS

WHEREAS, the Allegan County Board of Commissioners has reviewed its 2025-29 Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Strategy Plan contains values, goals and goal statements, strategic priorities, objectives, tasks, measurements (trends), and projects.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board reaffirms the 2025-29 Board Strategic Plan, as presented.

S T A T E O F M I C H I G A N

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

2024-28 BOARD PLANNING - CLOSEOUT

WHEREAS, through its 2023-2024 planning sessions, the Board of Commissioners identified these projects.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board recognizes that these projects have been satisfactorily completed and may be closed:

- By December 31, 2026, ratify 12 Collective Bargaining Agreements,
- Maintain an accessible team site with full organizational access,
- Continue proactive meetings (quarterly or more as needed) to gather input from employee groups and share information,
- Conduct Engagement Survey Phase 1,
- Courthouse/County Services Building and former OnPoint Clinic's Facilities Master Plan,
- Courthouse Southeast Corner Construction Phase 1,
- County Services Building Renovation Phase 2,
- 2025 Annual Budget,
- 2023 Audit,
- Water Quality and Availability Plan,
- National Survey,
- Community Update.

S T A T E O F M I C H I G A N

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

2024-28 BOARD PLANNING - CARRY OVER TO 2025-2029 PLAN

WHEREAS, through its 2023-2024 planning sessions, the Board of Commissioners identified these projects.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board recognizes that these projects may be multi-year in nature; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that these projects will carry over with priority of completion into the 2025-2029 Board Strategic Plan:

- Proactively maintain employee labor relations
 - 2022/23 County Recruitment and Retention Plan
 - Comprehensively analyze and evaluate the significance of turnover rates among new employees within the organization, distinguishing between those with 0 to 12 months of tenure and those with 1 year and above
 - Comparable county turnover
- Maintain employee engagement level similar to benchmark
 - Engagement Survey Phase 2 thru 4
- Eden Replacement Plan,
- Update County Energy Management Policy,
- Facilities Master Plan (Phase 3 thru 8),
- Courthouse Renovation Phase 3,
- 2026-30 Annual Budgets,
- 2024-29 Annual Audits,
- Debt Elimination,
- Parks & Recreation Plan,
- Modernization of Parks,
- Broadband Wired Infrastructure Expansion Project implementation,
- DNR State Game Area,
 - Address concerns to Natural Resources Commission and Legislature,
 - Community Meetings,
- Monitoring Wells,
- Material Management Plan,
- Corridor Development
 - Independent study to outline the Growth/Needs relative to these areas (county perspective may impact transportation plans, support for federal/state funding, safety plans, economic development),
 - Organize presentations to the Board through district commissioner for planning sessions or special meetings or consider special board of commissioners meetings held in these particular districts to gain input,
 - Increase the involvement of the Regional Planning Commission and, to the extent applicable, Lakeshore Advantage of the expansion of the 131 Corridor,
- Calkins Dam Project,
- Housing (Partnerships with community efforts, such as Hom Flats at River Street and the Housing Stock Workgroup, to encourage housing expansion),
- Childcare
 - schedule BOC presentation to inform on all existing efforts and plans on this topic and have Board identify any gaps,

- o participate in the Regional Childcare Coalition and explore a partnership with Community Action of Allegan County for expanded opportunity,
- PACE Program

NEW PROJECT SUGGESTIONS

- Proactively maintain employee labor relations
 - By December 31, 2027, have 12 Collective Bargaining Agreements ratified.
- Maintain a compensation system representing at least the comparable market's midpoint.
 - Market Study Phase 1 to 3,
- Perform a worker space analysis, Phase 1 to 8,
- FY2029-2033 Budget,
- FY2030-2034 Budget,
- FY2029 Audit,
- Tax Limitation,
 - Gauge ISD and Township Support (Commissioner Dugan)
- Parks and Recreation Millage,
- Board appointed committee changes,
 - Economic Development Commission (Remove Sector positions)
 - Parks Advisory Board and Tourism (combine)
- National Community Survey (Priorities),
 - The Economy in Allegan County
 - Health and Wellness in Allegan County
 - Parks and Recreation in Allegan County
 - Safety in Allegan County
- Sale/development of the county-owned overflow parking lot,
- Using Brownfield Redevelopment for Housing,
- Palisades - Resolution of Support (Commissioner Lubbers),
- Water Study - transfer funds (Commissioner Lubbers),
- Maintain Quality and Availability of Water
 - Well & Sewer Assistance Program
 - Community Education Programs