

Allegan County Board of Commissioners



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Gale Dugan, Chair
Scott Beltman, Vice Chair

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING – AGENDA

Thursday, June 26, 2025 – 9 AM

County Services Building – Board Room

Virtual Connectivity Options Attached

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DISTRICT 2

Mark DeYoung
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9 AM

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

OPENING PRAYER: Commissioner Mark DeYoung

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMUNICATIONS: Attached

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 12, 2025

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

PRESENTATIONS:

PROCLAMATIONS:

INFORMATIONAL SESSION:

Judge Jolene Clearwater—Probate Court

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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DISTRICT 4

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CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve of claims paid and to incorporate into proceedings of the Board (6/20/25 & 6/27/25)
-

DISTRICT 5

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DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan—approve Annual Implementation Plan 2026
 2. Board of Commissioners—sell Overflow Parking Lot Property
-

ACTION ITEMS:

1. 2025-29 Board Planning—New Project Additions
-

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. None
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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
 - b. At Large Representative—term expired 12/31/25 [Applications REC 5/6/25 & 6/11/25](#)

APPOINTMENTS:

1. 911 Policy & Procedure Board
 - a. Emergency Services Representative—term expires 7/31/25 [Application REC 6/11/25](#)
2. Local Emergency Planning Committee
 - a. Educational Representative—term expires 12/31/25
3. 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
4. Jury Board (Circuit Judge recommends/Board appoints)
 - a. One Representative—term expired 8/31/23
 - b. One Representative—term expires 3/31/25
5. 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 Brad Lubbers
2. INFORMATIONAL SESSION: Community Mental Health
3. CONSENT: Motion to approve of claims paid and to incorporate into proceedings of the Board (6/20/25 & 6/27/25)

REQUEST FOR MILEAGE:

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS:

ROUND TABLE:

CLOSED SESSION: Collective Bargaining

ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting – Thursday, July 10, 2025, 9 AM @ **BOARD ROOM – COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING, COUNTY SERVICES COMPLEX.**



Allegan County Board of Commissioners

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- Time: Apr 9, 2020 01:00 PM in Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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3. Answer challenge question

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Sync buttons on headset

Advanced

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Economic Development — Greg King, Director
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve of claims paid and to incorporate into proceedings of the Board (3/20/20 & 3/27/20)

Audio Settings ^

Chat Raise Hand Q&A

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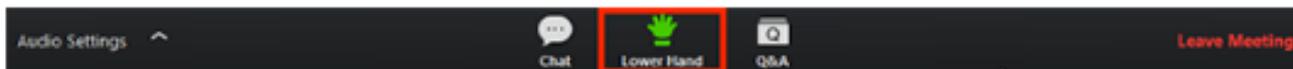
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A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES' PLAN TO IMPLEMENT A COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROCESS FOR PREPAID INPATIENT HEALTH PLANS

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 4, 2025

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan currently operates a publicly managed and community-based system for the delivery of specialty behavioral health services through 10 Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs), which are responsible for managing Medicaid mental health, developmental disability, and substance use disorder services; and

WHEREAS, the current PIHP system has consistently demonstrated value, local accountability, and community engagement, while successfully managing costs and improving health outcomes for vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recently announced plans to initiate a competitive procurement process for the management of PIHP functions, which may open the door to private, non-profit health plans or managed care organizations (MCOs) assuming control over behavioral health services; and

WHEREAS, such privatization could disrupt longstanding relationships between local mental health authorities, providers, and the communities they serve, and jeopardize the person-centered, recovery-oriented approach that has been cultivated under the public system; and

WHEREAS, many stakeholders, including individuals receiving services, advocates, local officials, and providers have expressed significant concerns about the potential impact of a competitive procurement process on care quality, access, local control, and transparency; and

WHEREAS, counties across Michigan have historically played a vital role in the governance, funding, and oversight of the public behavioral health system, and any change to that structure without meaningful county input undermines the principle of local governance; and

WHEREAS, maintaining a publicly accountable and locally governed behavioral health system is essential to ensuring that individuals with mental health and substance use needs receive timely, appropriate, and high-quality care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners formally opposes the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' (MDHHS) plan to implement a competitive procurement process for Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board urges Governor Whitmer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), and the Michigan Legislature to halt any plans for privatization and instead work collaboratively with counties, PIHPs, Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSPs), service users, and other stakeholders to strengthen and improve the public behavioral health system, by only allowing public organizations with experience in managing Michigan's public mental health system to be part of any bid process should one occur; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Washtenaw County delegation of both the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives; Governor Gretchen Whitmer; and as a communication to other Michigan Counties.

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A
Beeman	X			Maciejewski	X			Somerville	X		
Hodge	X			Rabhi	X						
LaBarre	X			Sanders			X				
Lyte	X			Scott	X						

CLERK/REGISTER'S CERTIFICATE - CERTIFIED COPY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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STATE OF MICHIGAN)

I, Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register of said County of Washtenaw and Clerk of Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners at a session held at the County Administration Building in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on June 4, 2025 it appears of record in my office. In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Ann Arbor, this 4th day of June 2025.

COUNTY OF WASHTENAW) ^{SS.}

LAWRENCE KESTENBAUM, Clerk/Register

BY: *Ashlyn Poole*
Deputy Clerk

Res. No. 25-123



Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners

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Robert Nousiainen
Ron Store

RESOLUTION #2025-04

URGING ACTION TO OPPOSE PROPOSED CUTS TO MEDICAID BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners recognizes that Michigan's public mental health system is facing a serious and escalating funding crisis, driven by several compounding factors, including the loss of Medicaid-covered lives, inflationary pressures, increasing demand for services, and expanding regulatory burdens; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan public mental health system funding increases for core behavioral health and intellectual/developmental disability services have not kept pace with medical inflation and have in fact, recognized flat funding for the last five years, while medical inflation has increased by over 10% and Medicaid expenses have increased by nearly 25%; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has lost nearly 700,000 Medicaid beneficiaries since the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE), resulting in reduced capitation payments to CMHSPs despite continued or increasing demand for mental health services; and

WHEREAS, the proposed cuts to Medicaid would force impossible choices including—shrinking access to care, shifting costs onto the state budget and to local providers and threatening the coverage of people with disabilities who require daily support; and

WHEREAS, additional factors exacerbating this crisis include skyrocketing inpatient psychiatric and residential costs, AND Misclassification of Medicaid eligibility groups resulting in lost revenue; and

WHEREAS, failure to adequately fund the public behavioral health system undermines the ability of CMHSPs and the State of Michigan to meet the needs of the most vulnerable residents—including children, adults with serious mental illness, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and those with substance use disorders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners urgently calls on the United States Legislature, and the President to:

1. **Fully allocate Medicaid behavioral health funds to the State of Michigan** in fiscal year 2025 and beyond.

2. Forego propose reductions to Medicaid through; Shifting to block grants, Per Capita Caps, reducing Medicaid expansion, or other suggested means of reducing the federal share for Medicaid spending which would transfer the financial burden to the state of Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to local and state members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the U.S. legislature and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Motion offered at a regular meeting of the Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners, June 17, 2025 by Commissioner *Nausiainen* supported by Commissioner *Bourdeau*

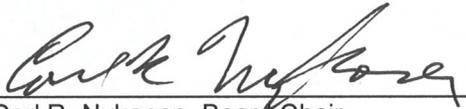
AYES: *Nousiainen, Bourdeau, Stone, Cane & Nykanen*

NAYES: *None*

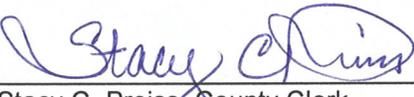
ABSTENTIONS: *None*

ABSENT: *None*

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:



Carl R. Nykanen, Board Chair



Stacy C. Preiss, County Clerk

ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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JUNE 12, 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 June 12, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of May 22, 2025 and rules of this board; Chair Dugan presiding.

The invocation was offered by District #1 Commissioner Van Beek.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

2/ Deputy Clerk Taylor noted to the board that they received the following communications:

1. A Resolution to recognize the month of May 2025 as Jewish Heritage Month in Genesee County.
2. A Resolution to recognize June 19, 2025, as Juneteenth in Genesee County.
3. A Resolution to recognize the month June 2025 as Pride Month in Genesee County.

May 22, 2025 SESSION MINUTES – ADOPTED AS PRESENTED

3/ Moved by Commissioner Beltman, seconded by Commissioner Lubbers to approve the minutes for the May 22, 2025 session as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS

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

1. Michael Villar, Allegan County Prosecuting Attorney
2. Henry Reinart, Monterey Township Supervisor

AGENDA ADDITIONS

5/ Chair Dugan asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. Administrator Sarro asked that a Resolution to Affirm Release of L-4029 to Local Units be added to the agenda under the Consent items.

Moved by Commissioner Beltman, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to adopt the changes to the meeting agenda as requested. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

AGENDA – ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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

PRESENTATION

7/ Employee Recognition of Craig Sewell upon his retirement.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION

8/ Honorable Judge Antkoviak and Jennifer Brink, Court Administrator – 48th Circuit Court presented their Annual Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

9/ Administrator Sarro noted his written report was submitted to Commissioners. There was discussion over future Marine funding.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – CLAIMS & INTERFUND TRANSFERS

10/ **WHEREAS**, Administration has compiled the following claims for 5/30/25, 6/6/25, and 6/13/25; 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 30, 2025

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	136,242.91	136,242.91	
Parks/Recreation Fund – 208	2,414.84	2,414.84	
Friend of the Court Cooperative Reimb. – 215	300.00	300.00	
Health Department Fund – 221	3,088.74	3,088.74	
Solid Waste/Recycling – 226	15,649.60	15,649.60	
Animal Shelter – 254	2,501.21	2,501.21	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	934.32	934.32	
Central Dispatch Fund – 261	1,323.99	1,323.99	
Justice Training Fund – 266	500.00	500.00	
Grants – 279	1,030.71	1,030.71	
Sheriffs Contracts – 287	756.69	756.69	
Transportation Fund – 288	6,936.93	6,936.93	
Child Care Fund – 292	40,944.51	40,944.51	
Senior Services Fund – 298	17,819.42	17,819.42	
American Rescue Plan Act – ARPA – 299	18,642.24	18,642.24	
Capital Improvement Fund – 401	145,553.88	145,553.88	
CIP – Youth Home Building Fund – 492	433.50	433.50	
Property Tax Adjustments – 516	18,949.75	18,949.75	
Tax Reversion – 620	175.00	175.00	
Drain Fund – 801	224,052.37	224,052.37	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$638,250.61	\$638,250.61	

June 6, 2025

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	180,338.98	180,338.98	
Friend of the Court Cooperative Reimb. – 215	1,121.83	1,121.83	
Health Department Fund – 221	7,258.72	7,258.72	
Solid Waste/Recycling – 226	7,210.38	7,210.38	
Animal Shelter – 254	7,770.90	7,770.90	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	3,375.05	3,375.05	
Central Dispatch Fund – 261	1,557.22	1,557.22	
Law Library Fund – 269	2,048.44	2,048.44	
Grants – 279	14.96	14.96	

Sheriffs Contracts – 287	100.00	100.00	
Transportation Fund – 288	6,443.63	6,443.63	
Child Care Fund – 292	11,574.21	11,574.21	
Senior Services Fund – 298	739.90	739.90	
American Rescue Plan Act – ARPA – 299	478.61	478.61	
Capital Improvement Fund – 401	417.62	417.62	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund – 639	350.00	350.00	
Fleet Management/Motor Pool – 661	697.00	697.00	
Self-Insurance Fund – 677	483,686.94	483,686.94	
Drain Fund – 801	1,164,972.68	1,164,972.68	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$1,880,157.07	\$1,880,157.07	

June 13, 2025

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	227,912.18	227,912.18	
Parks/Recreation Fund – 208	3,068.26	3,068.26	
Friend of the Court Cooperative Reimb. – 215	131.29	131.29	
Friend of the Court – Other – 216	859.00	859.00	
Health Department Fund – 221	8,857.91	8,857.91	
Solid Waste/Recycling – 226	67,354.34	67,354.34	
Animal Shelter – 254	5,180.62	5,180.62	
Register of Deeds Automation Fund – 256	105.18	105.18	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	7,149.50	7,149.50	
Central Dispatch Fund – 261	42,124.73	42,124.73	
Concealed Pistol Licensing Fund – 263	26.00	26.00	
Justice Training Fund – 266	200.00	200.00	
Grants – 279	2,248.30	2,248.30	
Sheriffs Contracts – 287	305.66	305.66	
Transportation Fund – 288	199,861.61	199,861.61	
Child Care Fund – 292	21,049.99	21,049.99	
Veterans Relief Fund – 293	2,456.45	2,456.45	
Senior Services Fund – 298	103,499.54	103,499.54	
American Rescue Plan Act – ARPA – 299	15,249.00	15,249.00	
Capital Improvement Fund – 401	285,833.17	285,833.17	
CIP – Youth Home Building Fund – 492	39,822.00	39,822.00	
Property Tax Adjustments – 516	6,781.14	6,781.14	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund – 639	382.05	382.05	
Fleet Management/Motor Pool – 661	7,115.02	7,115.02	
Self-Insurance Fund – 677	18,152.54	18,152.54	
Drain Fund – 801	71,927.47	71,927.47	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$1,137,652.95	\$1,137,652.95	

2025 MILLAGE LEVY – AFFIRM RELEASE OF L-4029 TO LOCAL UNITS

11/ WHEREAS, pursuant to State Law (MCL 141.412 and 141.413), a notice of a public hearing concerning the 2025 County Budget was published in the Allegan County News, a newspaper of general circulation, on October 3, 2024, and a public hearing concerning the budget was held on October 10, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (Board) adopted a Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriation on October 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, having held said hearing, the Board has determined the levy of said proposed millage to be in the best interests of the County.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners adopts the report of claims for 5/30/25, 6/6/25, 6/13/25, interfund transfers and affirms the signing and release of the attached L-4029.

Moved by Commissioner Lubbers, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to adopt the report of claims for 5/30/25, 6/6/25, 6/13/25, interfund transfers and affirms the signing and release of the attached L-4029. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – REAFFIRM SUPPORT FOR THE REPOWERING OF THE PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT BY HOLTEC INTERNATIONAL**

12/ WHEREAS, Holtec International has reported that,

- the Palisades Nuclear Plant has historically provided over 800 megawatts of safe, reliable, and clean energy to the State of Michigan, and has been a key contributor to the energy reliability and economic vitality of Southwest Michigan,
- it maintained an exemplary operational record before its scheduled closure, including consecutive record-breaking generation runs, an online reliability factor exceeding 95 percent,
- during operation the plants supported over 600 full-time, high-skill, high-wage jobs, in addition to creating employment for more than 1,000 specialty workers during outages, and was one of the region's largest taxpayers, supporting local schools, colleges, libraries, and area services, a study by the Economic Growth Institute at the University of Michigan found that the Palisades closure resulted in an annual loss of \$259 million in labor income and value-added for the surrounding tri-county region,
- the Palisades restart effort has regrown the plant's full-time workforce to nearly 600, supported by hundreds of specialty and skilled trades contractors,
- significant investments have been made in the plant's restart and long-term safe and reliable operation, including scheduled inspections, testing, maintenance, repairs, and upgrades, thanks to the support of the U.S. Department of Energy, State of Michigan, and plant owner Holtec International,
- the plant has entered into a long-term power purchase agreement with two rural electric cooperatives to ensure the plant's financial viability and sustained reinvestment in safe and reliable operations for decades to come,
- the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued in May 2025 a final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact with respect to the plant's restart, a testament to nuclear as both the most environmentally friendly and reliable 24/7 source of electrical generation; and
- Palisades ranked in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's highest safety category and has been recognized by the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations as a top-performing plant in the country,
- Palisades operated, and would continue operations, in strict adherence to all federal and state regulations under the independent oversight of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to maintain the health and safety of our community, the plant workforce, and our environment,
- the Palisades restart has been subject to 20 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission public meetings, providing the opportunity for education and public comment,
- Holtec International has demonstrated a commitment to transparency, regulatory compliance, and community engagement, both throughout the repowering of the existing plant and the future deployment of advanced Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) at the Palisades site,

- the restart of Palisades helps meet the regional need for reliable baseload generation, both in satisfying current electricity demands as well as forecasted increases in demand driven by advanced manufacturing, AI, data storage, and electrification,
- nuclear energy is broadly recognized as critical to our nation's energy independence, economic growth, and national security,
- the deployment of two SMR-300 units, generating a combined 600 megawatts of additional safe baseload energy, would further strengthen Michigan's leadership in nuclear innovation, while supporting national goals for energy security and reliability,
- the SMR project is expected to create hundreds more permanent, high-paying jobs and thousands of construction and maintenance jobs, benefiting the workforce of Allegan County and the broader Southwest Michigan region; and

WHEREAS, Allegan County supports efforts that align with economic development, public health, energy reliability, and environmental sustainability.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners (Board) reaffirms its support for the repowering of the Palisades Nuclear Plant by Holtec International; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners, U.S. Senators Gary Peters and Elissa Slotkin, U.S. Representative Bill Huizenga, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, State Senators Aric Nesbitt, Roger Victory, and Thomas Albert, and State Representatives Joey Andrews, Matt Hall, Rachele Smit, Nancy DeBoer, Pauline Wendzel, and Angela Rigas.

Moved by Commissioner Lubbers, seconded by Commissioner Van Beek to reaffirm support for the repowering of the Palisades Nuclear Plant by Holtec International. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – REAFFIRM 2025-29 STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENTS

13/ 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.

Moved by Commissioner DeYoung, seconded by Commissioner Beltman to Reaffirm 2025-29 Strategic Plan Components for immediate action. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

2024-28 BOARD PLANNING – CLOSEOUT

14/ WHEREAS, through its 2023-24 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.

Moved by Commissioner Van Beek, seconded by Commissioner Beltman to approve the 2024-28 Board Planning – Closeout for immediate action. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

2024-28 BOARD PLANNING – CARRY OVER TO 2025-29 PLAN

15/ **WHEREAS**, through its 2023-24 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 2025-29 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,
 - participate in the Regional Childcare Coalition and explore a partnership with Community Action of Allegan County for expanded opportunity,
- PACE Program

Moved by Commissioner Lubbers, seconded by Commissioner Van Beek to approve the Carry Over to 2025-29 Plan for immediate action. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

2025-29 BOARD PLANNING – NEW PROJECT ADDITIONS

16/ Moved by Commissioner Van Beek, seconded by Commissioner Lubbers to move the New Project Additions 2025-29 Plan under action items on the June 26, 2025 meeting agenda. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

BREAK – 10:26 A.M.

17/ Upon reconvening at 10:36 A.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Van Beek, DeYoung, Lubbers, Beltman and Dugan. Absent: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NO COMMENTS

18/ 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 JUNE 26, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M.

19/ Moved by Commissioner Lubbers, seconded by Commissioner Van Beek to adjourn until June 26, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 A.M. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.



Deputy Clerk

Board Chair

Minutes approved during the 6/26/2025 Session

Roll Call #: _____

Resolution Name _____

Motion By: _____

Second By: _____

Roll -

How VOTE

DIST#	COMMISSIONER	VOTE	
		Yes	No
1	Craig Van Beek	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Mark DeYoung	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Brad Lubbers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Scott Beltman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Gale Dugan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Yes

No

Carried	_____
Lost	_____
Tabled	_____

ABSTAIN

ABSENT



**Genesee County
Resolution #2025-1757**

**A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF MAY 2025 AS JEWISH
HERITAGE MONTH IN GENESEE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the United States and individual states across the nation, including Michigan, have recognized Jewish Heritage in May, starting with President Jimmy Carter's recognition of Jewish American Heritage Week in 1980 that was broadened to proclaiming May as Jewish American Heritage Month by President George W. Bush in 2006, which recognized the contributions Jewish people have made to American culture over the last 350 years; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish community in Genesee County has offered social services for people of all races, religions, and nationalities through the Flint Jewish Federation's congregate meal, mobile meal, immigration, and referral service programs, as well as facilitated transportation to medical appointments and grocery shopping; and

WHEREAS, the Flint Jewish Federation has also organized annual opportunities for members of the local community to celebrate Jewish culture and build connections across cultures through the Karen Schneider Flint Jewish Film Festival, Daniel Pearl World Music Days Humanity in Harmony concert, Don Riegler Community Service Awards, and support of Martin Luther King, Jr. tribute activities and has also worked to deepen understanding of Jewish history through annual Holocaust Commemoration and to deepen relationships between groups of Jews and people of color through activities such as joint visits to the Zekelman Holocaust Museum and Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History; and

WHEREAS, local Jewish people are notable volunteers, donors, and supporters of numerous cultural, educational, social justice, and business institutions in Genesee County including but not limited to the Flint Institute of Arts, Flint Institute of Music, Sloan/Longway, Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, Crim Fitness Foundation, Gloria Coles Flint Public Library, and Flint Children's Museum; and

WHEREAS, Jewish people in Genesee County have been actively involved in combatting bigotry and discrimination in all forms, including working to end racial housing discrimination practices, secure voting rights for all, and helping to resettle refugees escaping oppression in other countries, including David Miller who coordinated the resettlement and acculturation of over 450 refugees from the former Soviet Union and 43 Russian Muslim Turkish

families and Robert Segar, an attorney who successfully argued the Virginia Poll Tax case before the US Supreme Court in 1966, which found that poll taxes in state elections were unconstitutional, and Steven C. Low whose steadfast leadership as the Executive Director of the Flint Jewish Federation has animated the rich legacy of Jewish families in Genesee County

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Genesee County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes the month of May 2025 as Jewish Heritage Month in Genesee County and encourages all county departments to engage in celebratory activities and appropriate recognitions, such participation in community events, sharing stories, and learning about Jewish Americans and the contributions they have made to our county and nation.

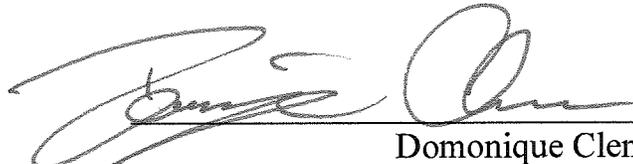
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Genesee County Clerk/Register is directed to provide one copy of this Resolution to each city, village, and township within Genesee County and to each County Clerk in the State of Michigan.

MOVED: Weighill

SECONDED: Dr. Brown

VOTE: 8 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

Resolution adopted this 14th day of May, 2025.



Domonique Clemons
Genesee County Clerk and Register of Deeds

State of Michigan
County of Genese

I, **DOMONIQUE CLEMONS**, County Clerk and Register of Deeds of the County of Genesee, Michigan, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, and Clerk of the Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of Resolution 2025-1757 with original record thereof now remaining in my office,

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court and County, this 17th day of May A.D. 2025.



DOMONIQUE CLEMONS, Clerk-Register



**Genesee County
Resolution #2025-1808**

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE JUNE 19, 2025, AS JUNETEENTH IN GENESEE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the celebration of Juneteenth recognizes the abolishment of slavery and the anniversary of Union Army General Gordon Granger landing in Galveston, Texas in June 1865 (two and-a-half years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation), where he read aloud General Order #3 stating that all enslaved people were free; and

WHEREAS, June 19 is a day to reflect and rejoice, marking freedom for people who toiled, suffered, and resisted under the yoke of enslavement; that it is also an occasion to embrace with joy the ingenuity, spirit, and vibrancy of African American culture; and that it offers a poignant reminder that none of us are free unless all of us are free and that the work to advance freedom and rights for African Americans has helped solidify rights that every person in the country depends upon; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth was officially adopted as a federal holiday in 2021 while Juneteenth has been celebrated in Genesee County for 53 years, spurred on by Dr. E. Hill De Loney, who was known as the “Founder and Mother of the Flint Juneteenth Celebration,” who established planning committees with local Flint and Genesee County residents to host annual Juneteenth events, parades, and the annual Youth Freedom Fund Dinner; and

WHEREAS, local Juneteenth festivities start this year on May 31 and continue through June 22 with a variety of activities throughout the Genesee County Community:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Genesee County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes Juneteenth 2025 in Genesee County and encourages all county departments to engage in celebratory activities and appropriate recognitions, such participation in community events, sharing stories, and learning about contributions African Americans have made to our county and nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Genesee County Clerk/Register is directed to provide one copy of this Resolution to each city, village, and township within Genesee County and to each County Clerk in the State of Michigan.

MOVED: Weighill

SECONDED: Winfrey

VOTE: 7 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

Resolution adopted this 28th day of May, 2025.



Domonique Clemons, Genesee County Clerk-Register of Deeds

**State of Michigan
County of Genesee**

I, **DOMONIQUE CLEMONS**, County Clerk and Register of Deeds of the County of Genesee, Michigan, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, and Clerk of the Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of Resolution 2025-1808 with original record thereof now remaining in my office,

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court and County, this 2nd day of June A.D. 2025.



DOMONIQUE CLEMONS, Clerk-Register



**Genesee County
Resolution #2025-1789**

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF JUNE 2025 AS PRIDE MONTH IN GENESEE COUNTY

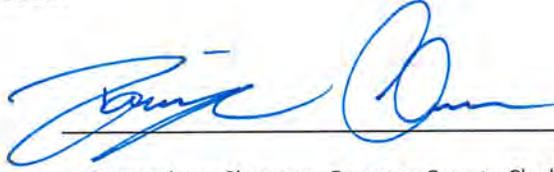
- WHEREAS**, the United States of America, in its Declaration of Independence, asserts the self-evident truth that all human beings are created equal and that all people possess the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and
- WHEREAS**, that same Declaration of Independence asserts that government is established in order to secure and protect these rights; and
- WHEREAS**, the United States Constitution - in its 14th Amendment - guarantees the equal protection of the laws; and
- WHEREAS**, the Genesee County Board of Commissioners, as the government of Genesee County, has previously adopted a non-discrimination policy pledging itself to adhere to these founding beliefs; and
- WHEREAS**, Genesee County government affirmatively values and has worked to establish an inclusive, collaborative culture where everyone is needed and valued; and
- WHEREAS**, the United States of America, in its Declaration of Independence, asserts the self-evident truth that all human beings are created equal and that all people possess the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and
- WHEREAS**, the County's LGBTQ+ residents and visitors are part of the human family with the same fundamental rights to equal treatment and equal protection as others; and
- WHEREAS**, the month of June, all over the world, is recognized as Pride Month, in celebration of the many contributions made by members of the LGBTQ+ community to every endeavor, occupation, and sphere of life; and
- WHEREAS**, LGBTQ+ residents of Genesee County have made - and continue to make - significant contributions to the quality of life in all sections and all sectors of our County.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Genesee County Board of Commissioners acknowledges June 2025 as Pride Month in Genesee County and encourages all those who wish to celebrate to do so proudly.

MOVED: Dr. Brown

SECONDED: Winfrey

VOTE: 6 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

Resolution adopted this 28th day of May, 2025.



Domonique Clemons, Genesee County Clerk-Register of Deeds

State of Michigan
County of Genesee

I, **DOMONIQUE CLEMONS**, County Clerk and Register of Deeds of the County of Genesee, Michigan, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, and Clerk of the Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of Resolution 2025-1789 with original record thereof now remaining in my office,

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court and County, this 2nd day of June A.D. 2025.



DOMONIQUE CLEMONS, Clerk-Register

Roll Call #: _____

Resolution Name _____

Motion By: Beltman

Second By: Lubbers

May 22, 2025 Minutes
adopted as
presented

DIST#	COMMISSIONER	VOTE	
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1	Craig Van Beek	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 30px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">Yes</div> <hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/>	<hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/>
2	Mark DeYoung		<hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/>
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4	M Scott Beltman		<hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/>
5	Gale Dugan		<hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/>

Yes No

5 _____

ABSTAIN 0

ABSENT 0

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Gale Dugan, Chair
Scott Beltman, Vice Chair

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING – AGENDA

Thursday, June 12, 2025 – 9 AM

County Services Building – Board Room

Virtual Connectivity Options Attached

DISTRICT 1
Craig Van Beek
616-299-6668
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allegancounty.org

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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 Craig Van Beek

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMUNICATIONS: Attached

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 22, 2025

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

PRESENTATIONS: Employee Recognition

PROCLAMATIONS:

INFORMATIONAL SESSION:

Jennifer Brink, Court Administrator—48th Circuit Court

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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Brad Lubbers
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blubbers@
allegancounty.org

DISTRICT 4
Scott Beltman
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sbeltman@
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CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve of claims paid and to incorporate into proceedings of the Board (5/30/25 & 6/6/25 & 6/13/25)

DISTRICT 5
Gale Dugan
269-694-5276
gdugan@
allegancounty.org

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Board of Commissioners—reaffirm support for the repowering of the Palisades Nuclear Plant by Holtec International
2. Board of Commissioners—reaffirm 2025-29 Strategic Plan Components
3. 2024-28 Board Planning—Closeout
4. 2024-28 Board Planning—Carry Over to 2025-29 Plan
5. 2025-29 Board Planning—New Project Additions

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”

ACTION ITEMS:

1. None
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PLANNING ITEMS:

1. None
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS:

1. Economic Development Commission (E)
 - a. At Large Representative—term expired 12/31/25 [Applications REC 5/6/25](#)

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. Local Emergency Planning Committee
 - a. Educational Representative—term expires 12/31/25
3. 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
4. Jury Board (Circuit Judge recommends/Board appoints)
 - a. One Representative—term expired 8/31/23
 - b. One Representative—term expires 3/31/25
5. 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 Mark DeYoung
2. INFORMATIONAL SESSION: Probate Court
3. CONSENT: Motion to approve of claims paid and to incorporate into proceedings of the Board (6/20/25 & 6/27/25)
4. DISCUSSION: Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan—approve Annual Implementation Plan 2026

REQUEST FOR MILEAGE:

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS:

ROUND TABLE:

CLOSED SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting – Thursday, June 26, 2025, 9 AM @ **BOARD ROOM – COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING, COUNTY SERVICES COMPLEX.**

Roll Call #: _____

Motion By: _____

Resolution Name _____

Beltman

Second By: _____

DeYoung

agenda additions

* Resolution to Affirm L4029

adopted as amended

DIST#	COMMISSIONER	VOTE	
		Yes	No
1	Craig Van Beek		_____
2	<u>S</u> Mark DeYoung		_____
3	Brad Lubbers		_____
4	<u>M</u> Scott Beltman		_____
5	Gale Dugan		_____

Yes

No

5

ABSTAIN

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ABSENT

Carried	<u>✓</u>
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Roll Call #: _____

Motion By: Van Beek

Resolution Name _____

Second By: ~~Lubbers~~ Lubbers

Agenda adopted as amended

DIST#	COMMISSIONER	VOTE	
		Yes	No
1	<u>M</u> Craig Van Beek		
2	Mark DeYoung		
3	<u>S</u> Brad Lubbers		
4	Scott Beltman		
5	Gale Dugan		

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Yes 5 No _____

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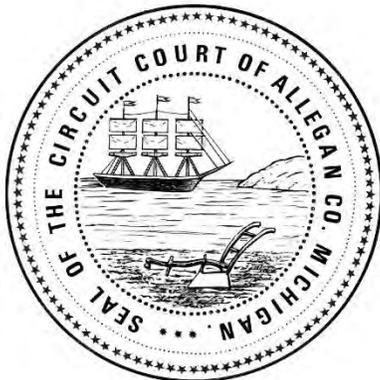
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48th Circuit Court

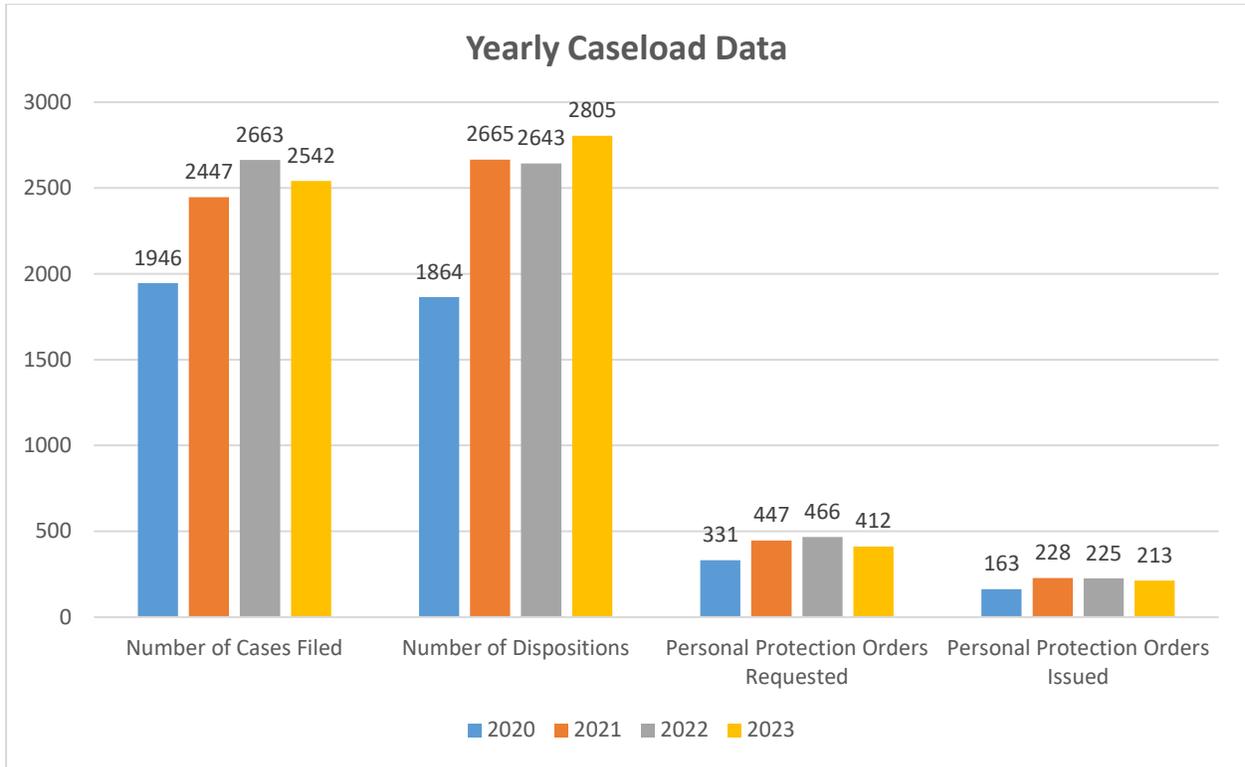
Criminal and Civil,
Friend of the Court,
Family Division

2025 Annual Report

Thursday, June 12, 2025



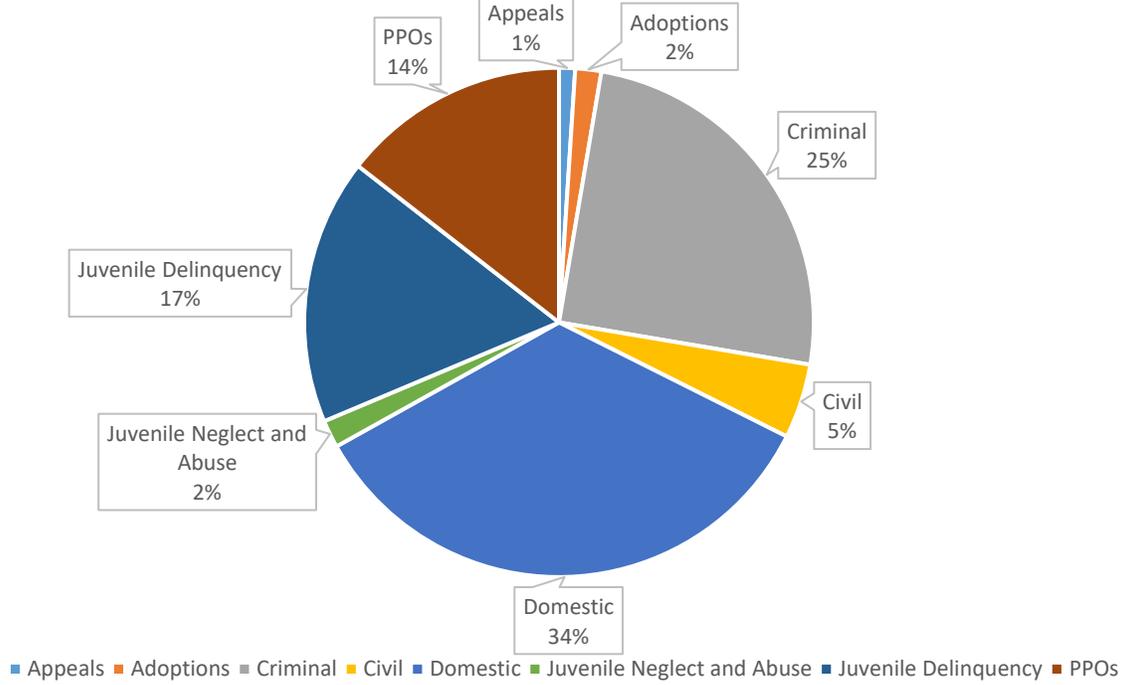
Circuit Court Statistics



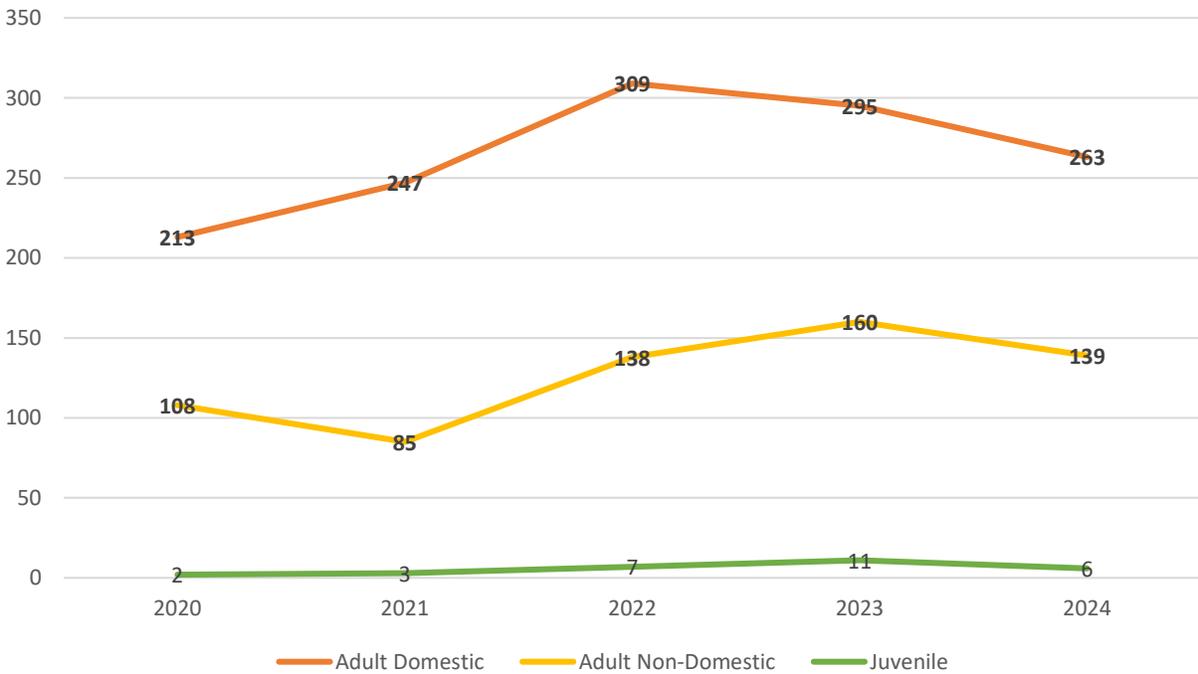
Circuit Court continues to see a high number of case filings and dispositions. In 2024, 2,542 new cases were filed. 712 of these cases were felony files of which 31 were capital level offense. Additionally, we had a record setting year for dispositions with 2,805.

The court continued to work on the jury trial demand, conducting 26 trials in 2024.

Breakdown of 2024 New Filings

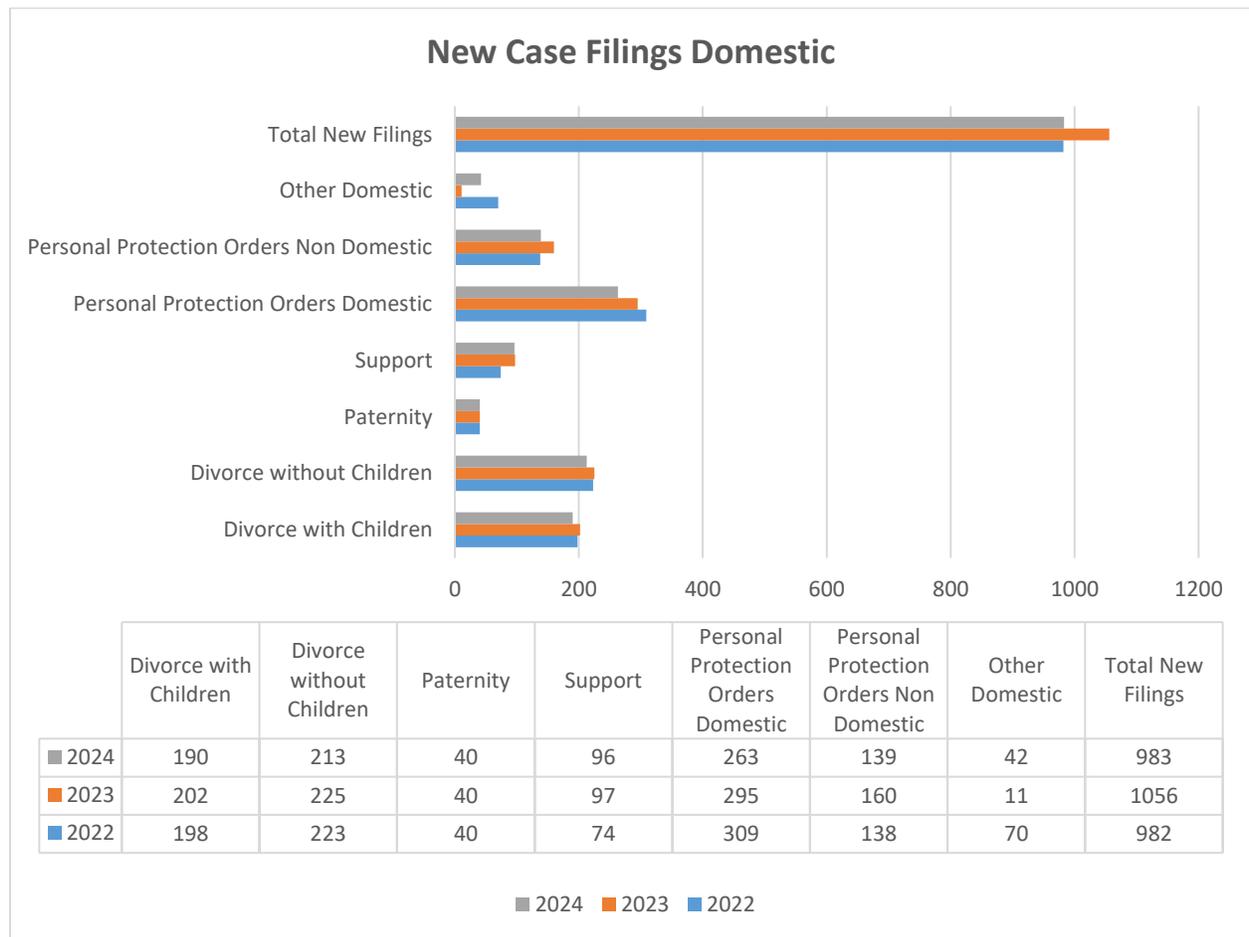


Personal Protection Orders



2024 was another busy year for domestic cases as well, with numbers staying fairly consistent over the past 3 years.

Statistics relating to the domestic docket can be deceiving. Unlike other case types, the court dedicates significant amounts of time to these cases in years following the filing date, in some cases, the court remains involved with the family for over 18 years. For example, the court remains responsible to hear requests for changes to custody, parenting time, and child support. To put this into perspective, the Friend of the Court typically has around 5,000 open cases at any given time.



Circuit Court Prepares for 2025 Growth

2024 was a year of preparation for growth in 2025, with many changes and additions. First, we had the retirement of Judge Buck, Chief Probate and presiding Family Court Judge. Then the court prepared to welcome his replacement Judge Clearwater. Additionally, the Circuit Court welcomed Judge Jipp to the bench as she filled the newly created judgeship. Circuit Court was grateful for the support of the County and Board of Commissioners in providing the additional staff needed to add a third Circuit Court judge, as well as the beautiful new courtroom needed to accommodate the third judge.



Hon. Emily W. Jipp
Circuit Court Judge

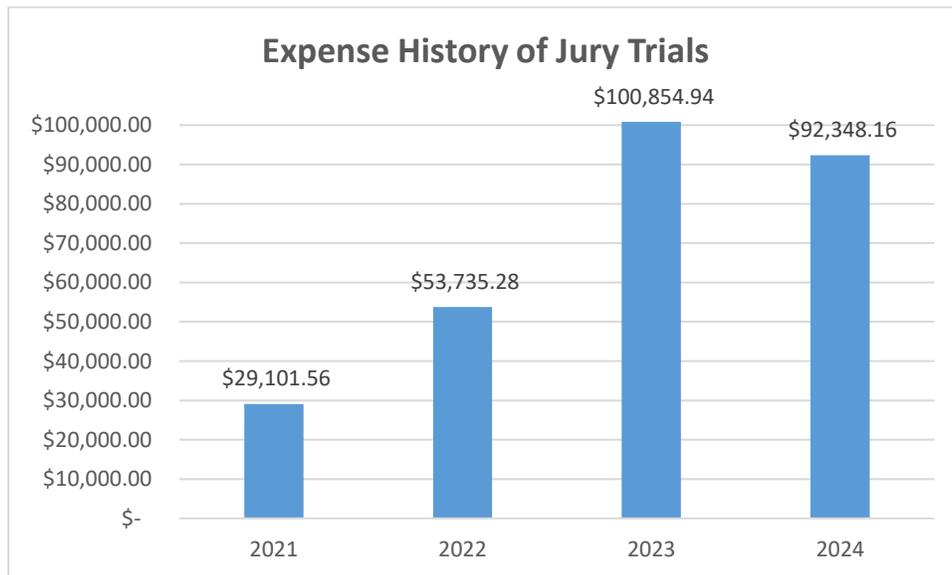


Hon. Jolene A. Clearwater
Chief Probate Judge
Presiding Family Division Judge

Circuit Court Jury Trials

2024 saw a slight decrease in jury trials with 26 trials held. 15 of these cases were handled by Judge Bakker, and 11 by Judge Antkoviak. With the assistance of our jury management system, we summoned 4,880 Allegan County residents with a one step process – summons and questionnaire sent together. Of those 4,880 summoned in 2024, we confirmed 2,441 as available jurors. The remaining 2,439 were either disqualified (1,383), excused (542), undeliverable (113) or unfortunately did not respond (312). 345 citizens were actually seated on a jury panel for the 26 jury trials conducted in 2024.

There is a significant cost to the courts for conducting this many jury trials each year. Jurors are provided a small stipend, mileage reimbursement, and meal allowance per reporting day. These expenses are tracked and charged on the jury line item under the Circuit Court activity in the general fund. In addition to the direct costs summarized below, there is a significant indirect cost for each jury trial as well with “all hands-on deck” for circuit court staff, prosecutors, defense attorneys, witnesses and victims, as trials take place in addition to normal day to day operations for the court.



We received some unexpected news from our partners in Berrien County regarding our jury management software solution. After several years of hosting this Tyler Technology product on their servers for 6 partnering counties in southwest Michigan, Berrien was terminating this solution. This forced the courts to request a capital project to have a direct solution with Tyler. In addition to being directly hosted by the vendor in 2025, the courts will also be upgraded to the Enterprise Jury Management System – the latest in jury management software. This should continue to improve communication with the public regarding jury duty, as well as make it easier to fill out one’s questionnaire and report for service as needed.

Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program (SSSPP)

The Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program is an intensive probation supervision program that targets high risk felony offenders. SSSPP participants are closely monitored by the court program coordinator and the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) probation agent. The participants are subjected to frequent random testing for drug and alcohol use and are required to attend frequent meetings with MDOC probation and the SSSPP coordinator. To improve probationer success, the program promptly imposes graduated sanctions which include small amounts of jail time for probation violations. The 48th Circuit Court SSSPP is completely grand funded through SCAO. Our state FY2025 award amount was \$115,000 for the court and \$10,000 for the local MDOC probation office for their joint support in the program.

2024 Statistics

- 2 Successful Participant Graduations
- 2 Unsuccessful Participant Discharge for non-compliance

Current 2025 Statistics

- 25 current Participants (as of April 14, 2025)
- Received 12 referrals for potential participants
 - 8 referrals not recommended
 - 1 recommended referral sentenced into program
 - 4 recommended referrals pending (scheduled for sentencing)
 - 0 graduations or discharges for non-compliance

The Swift and Sure program continues with success into 2025, even with some personnel changes in December of 2024. The court hired Katie StJohn, a new Swift and Sure coordinator, as Efrain Avila vacated his position. Efrain was instrumental in his role and revamped the program while here. The entire Circuit Court team would like to thank Efrain for his dedication to the program and its participants.

Allegan County

Friend of the Court (FOC)

The FOC Office continued to provide services to parents throughout 2024. In-person meetings and hearings are available for many court users. FOC staff continues to use technology, such as electronic signing of documents, telephone meetings, two-way communication through MiChildSupport accounts, and remote hearings conducted using the Zoom platform, to provide robust services to parents with a FOC case. Many court users appreciate the availability of these alternate means of doing business with the FOC Office.

The most significant challenge to the FOC Office in 2024, was the renovation of the Office space which began in August 2024 and continued through the remainder of the 2024 calendar year. However, after successfully working remotely for several months, the department staff are enjoying their new office area. Additionally, the renovation increased square footage, accommodating our two newly created positions – a domestic relations referee and a custody and parenting time specialist. While additional revenues are covering the salary and fringe costs of these FTEs, the FOC is grateful to the county for the additional office space and referee hearing room. The FOC is excited to provide better services to the residents of Allegan County with these new additions. In addition to new staff, there were two staff turnovers in 2024. One of the vacancies remained unfilled until January 2025.

Progress Towards 2024 Goals

Train FOC staff in Motivational Interviewing – In 2023, two FOC staff members, Jessica Castañeda and Kari Pinnell, were certified to train others in using Motivational Interviewing (MI). This training and certification was covered by a grant. When staff use MI in their interactions with a parent, staff are listening more actively, acknowledging the parent’s challenges and strengths, and working with the parent towards a plan that helps the parent comply with court orders. Jessica and Kari trained all of their co-workers in using MI to improve customers relations and outcomes in 2024. In addition, Jessica provided MI training to Circuit Court staff in November 2024.

Community Outreach Efforts – The FOC continues to conduct community outreach. Staff attended the following events: Books, Balls, & Blocks, outreach to the Hispanic community, Veterans Stand Down, and a community substance abuse recovery event. In addition, staff attended a training session for area employers to help employers understand the role they play in Michigan’s child support program.

Increase referrals to the Gain Employment Maintain Support (GEMS) Program – The FOC submitted an article about GEMS for the Administrator’s Digest. We continue to refer parents to the GEMS program. This is a success story from our GEMS program:

Devon (not the participant's real name) was an Allegan GEMS participant who faced reduced work hours, full responsibility for rent and utilities after a breakup, and increasing financial stress. He began working closely with his career coach, who helped him catch up on rent and avoid homelessness. In addition, he attended financial literacy classes, created a budget, and realized the need for a livable wage. Now, Devon is updating his résumé and exploring better employment opportunities while making consistent, on-time child support payments.

Increase the percentage of child support cases that have a support order to 83% - The FOC currently hovers around 80% of open child support cases having an order established. In order to earn the maximum incentives allowed, the FOC must consistently maintain a support order percentage of 80%. The FOC will be proactive in making sure its data is correct by reviewing open cases to determine if they should remain open or be closed. Closing cases that do not need to be open will improve this percentage. Although this goal was not reached, the FOC's performance in this area is on an upward trend.

Performance Statistics

The FOC distributed a total amount of support of \$13,007,928.22 in 2024. The majority of support was distributed to parents with minor children. This represented an increase of \$187,757 over 2023 distributions.

Through a cooperative agreement between the Court and the Sheriff a Sheriff's Deputy is dedicated to enforcing bench warrants issued for failure to pay child support. This Deputy also serves process for cases where paternity and support is being established. The deputy attempts to resolve FOC bench warrants without arrest whenever possible. The FOC Office collected \$13,034.16 in bench warrant fees which, in addition to reimbursement from the Cooperative Reimbursement Program Contract, help fund this position.

FOC Facilitators resolved 70% of custody issues outside of the courtroom through facilitative gathering information conferences.

FOC Enforcement Officers have an average of 1,072 court cases each. They are responsible for monitoring support payments and initiating enforcement of the Court's custody, parenting time, and support orders. In 2024, the Enforcement Officers issued 200 custody and parenting time notices and 332 bench warrants. These activities were in addition to monitoring and responding to case alerts, meeting with parents to help resolve disputes, sending income withholding notices, making referrals for mediation services, and calculating support and drafting consent orders for parents.

In addition, FOC staff conducted over 1,000 child support reviews and sent out 2,607 National Medical Support Notices.

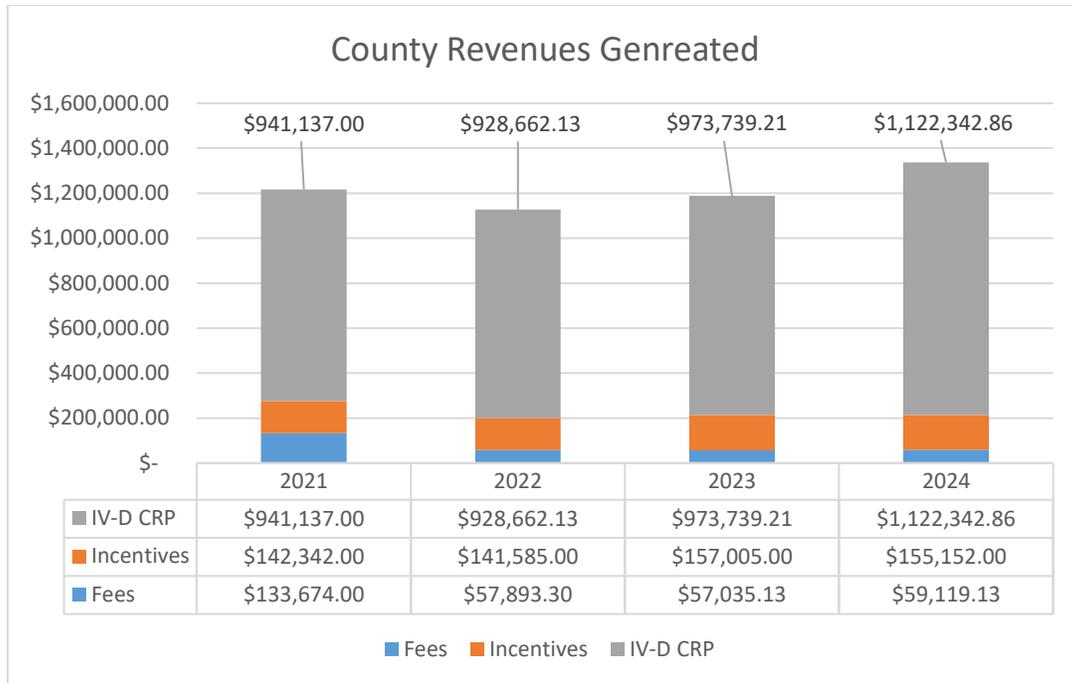
2025 FOC Goals

Reduce waiting times to obtain a hearing date and eliminate the need for some hearings – With a full-time domestic relations referee new to the Office in 2025, we want to reduce the time that parents wait to have their support and parenting time disputes resolved. Historically, parents may have waited anywhere from four to five months to have their parenting time dispute resolved. The FOC Office implemented a new alternative dispute resolution tool in 2025, with our new custody and parenting time case coordinator. We hope to resolve some disputes through this process versus parents litigating their dispute. Because we have a dedicated full-time referee, we also hope to provide hearing dates, if needed, within 4 to 7 weeks from the time a hearing need is identified.

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Increase the percentage of current support collected – The FOC collects 73% of support in the month that it is due. In order to earn the maximum incentives for this federal performance factor, the Office would need to collect 80% of support in the month that it is due. During 2025, the FOC has a goal that the office will consistently collect 75% of support in the month that it is due. Historically, FOC staff that monitored and enforced support orders also had to initiate enforcement of custody and parenting time orders. With a new position in 2025, a Custody and Parenting Time Case Coordinator, taking responsibility for custody and parenting time enforcement, the support enforcement officers should have more time to proactively take steps to ensure that current support is being paid.

Review the Court's parenting time policy – The FOC Office will complete a review of the Court's parenting time policy in 2025. This review is being done to address any inconsistencies in the policy and to reduce the opportunity for conflict between parents.

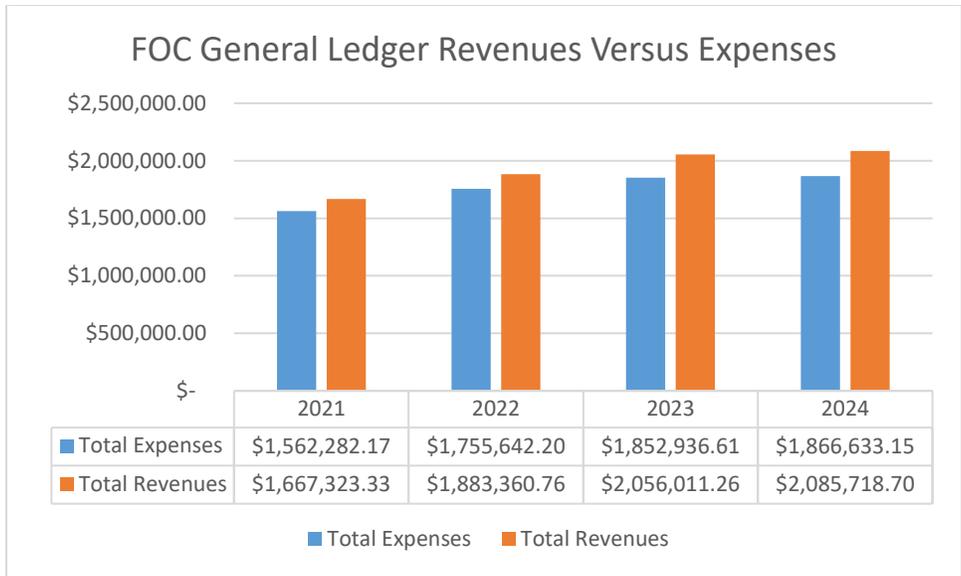


Revenue Classifications

1. IV-D CRP reflects the revenue for IV-D services. It is the total amount of reimbursement received under the Cooperative Reimbursement Program (CRP) contract. The CRP is a federal payment allocated to the county general fund. This amount is directly related to the number of expenditures by the FOC Office. CRP revenues for 2024, were \$1,122,342.86 – an increase of almost \$150,000 from last year.
2. Incentive reflects the performance-based federal payment allocated to the county general fund. It is the total amount of incentives received pursuant to the federal IV-D program. 42 USC 658A 45 CFR 305.35. The FOC earned \$155,152.00 in incentives in 2024.
3. Fee reflects the statutory collections allocated to the county general fund. It is the total amount of semi-annual service fees, which is \$2.25 received by the county treasurer and not the service fees collected and sent to the state treasurer. Fees were collected in the amount of \$59,119.13 – an increase of over \$2,000 from last year.

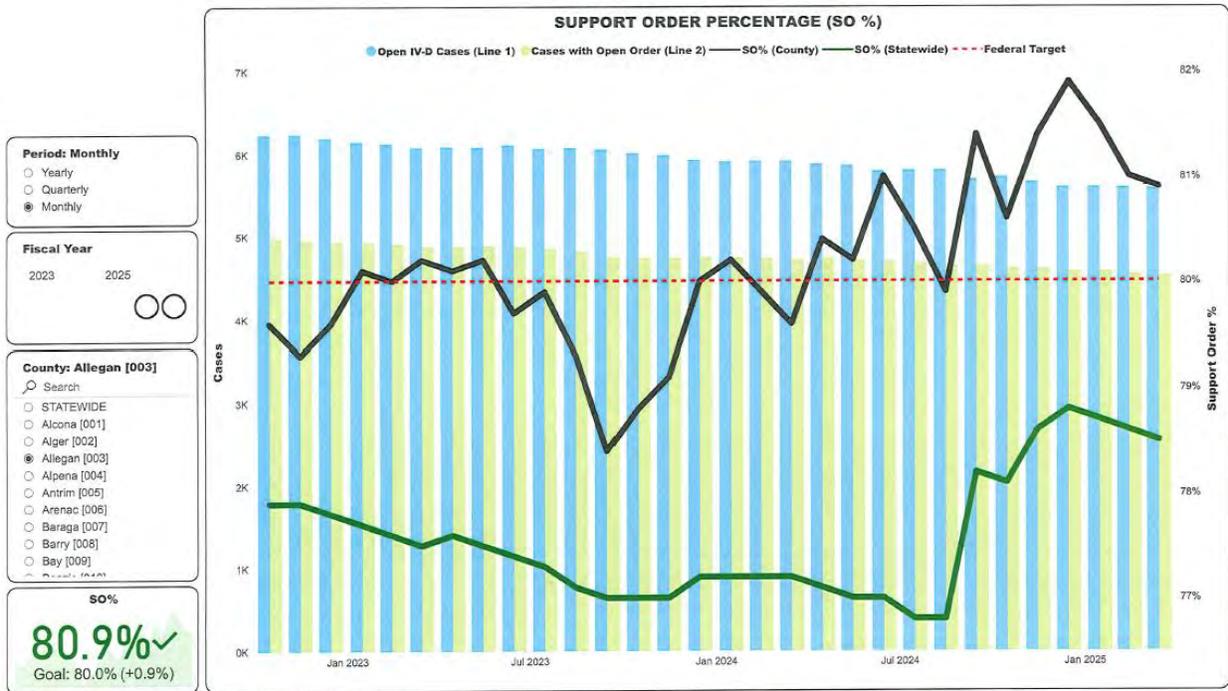
Revenues versus Expenses

The county general ledger holds two activities for the Friend of the Court, one operating activity (215-290) and one fund activity (216-289). The below graph shows the net combination expenses and revenues for the two activities. The FOC remains one of the largest revenue sources for the county outside of tax revenue.



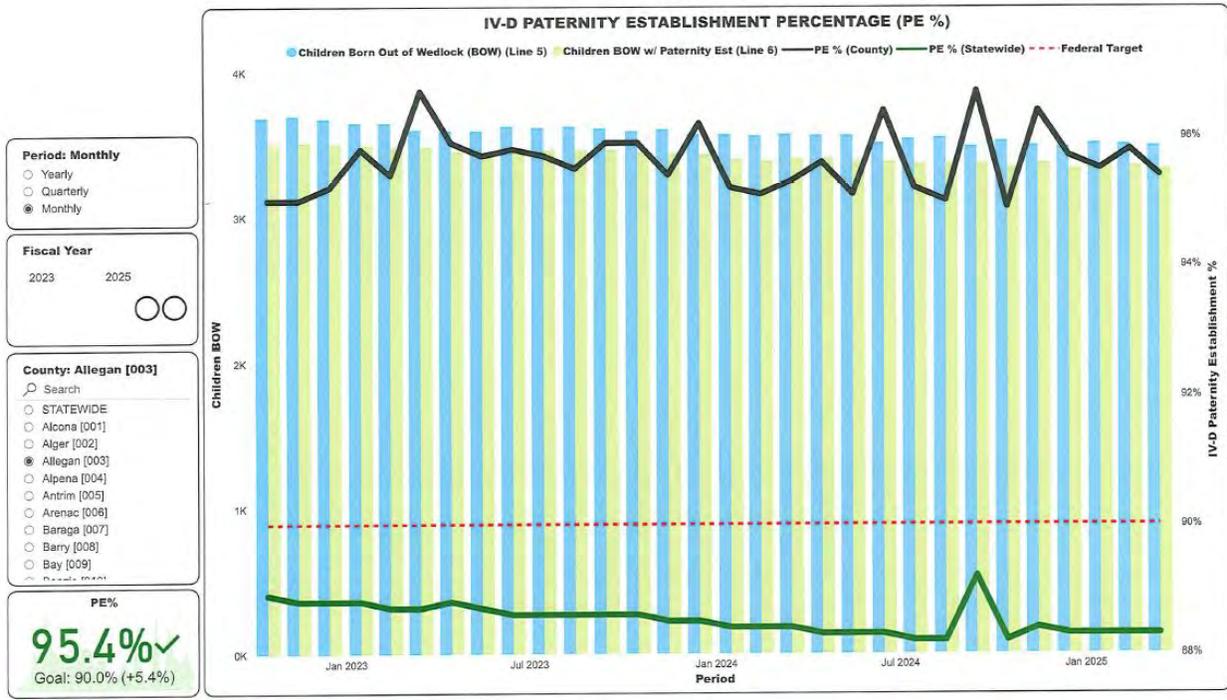
Additional Performance Metrics

The FOC earns incentive monies based on five performance factors. Tables for these five performance factors are attached.

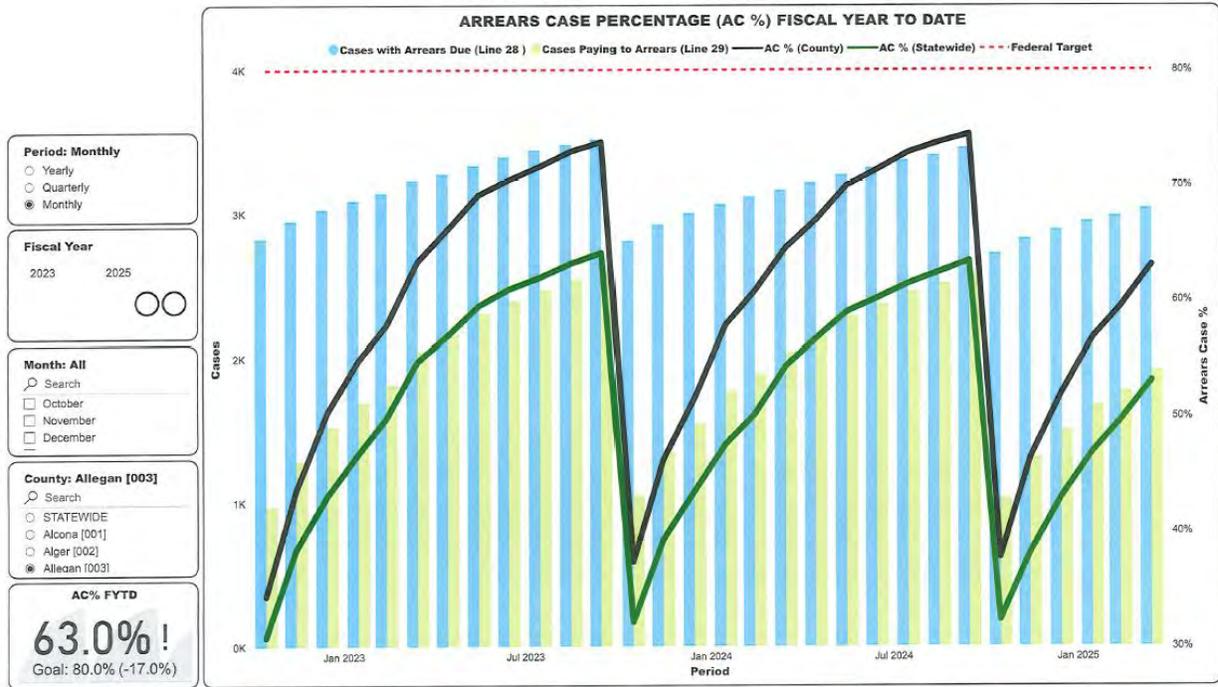


Support Order Percentage – This measurement shows the number of cases that have a support order established, divided by the number of cases that need to have a support order established.

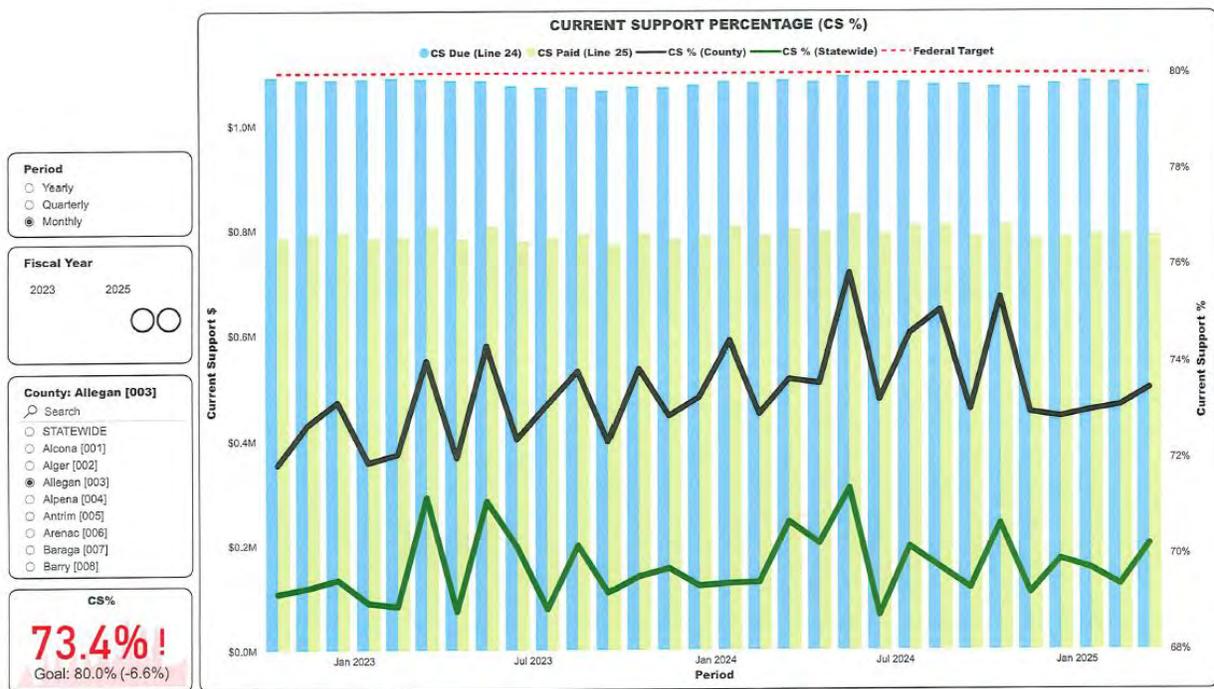
The FOC must have a support order percentage of 80% to earn the maximum number of incentives available. In 2024, the FOC reached an 80% support order percentage. The FOC exceeds the state average of 78.5%.



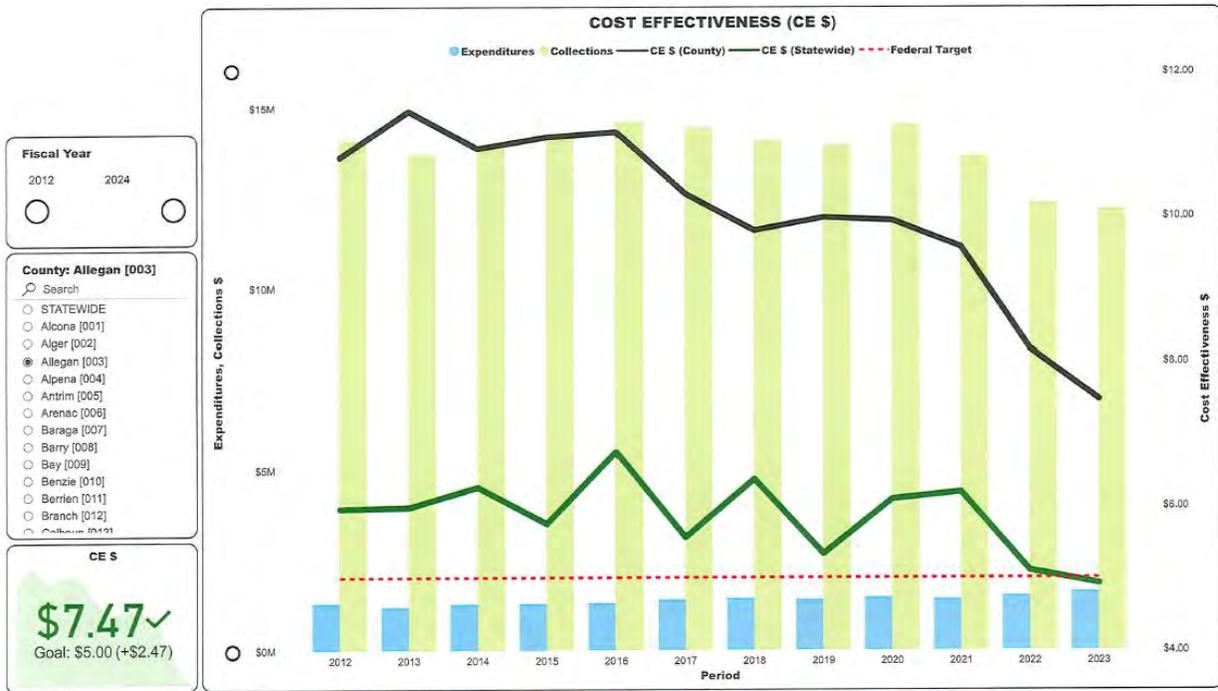
Paternity Establishment Percentage – This factor measures the number of children born out of wedlock (BOW) that have paternity established, divided by the number of children BOW that need to have paternity established. The FOC must have a paternity establishment percentage of 90% to earn the maximum amount of incentives available. The statewide paternity establishment percentage is about 89%. The Allegan FOC had a 95.4% paternity establishment rate in 2023. This is fairly steady and well above the 90% goal.



Arrears Case Percentage – This performance factor measures the number of support cases with past due support owed with a collection of past due support, divided by the number of support cases with a past due support balance owed. This is a cumulative percentage that increases throughout the year. The Allegan FOC exceeds the statewide average for the arrears case percentage.



Current Support Percentage – This factor measures the amount of current support collected in the month it is due, divided by the amount of current support due in a month. Allegan FOC exceeds the statewide average for current support percentage, Allegan FOC is below the goal of 80%, but the office continues to look for ways to improve their performance in this area.



Cost Effectiveness – In order to earn the maximum incentives available, the FOC must have a cost effectiveness ratio of at least \$5.00, that is for every dollar spent, the FOC must collect at least \$5.00 of support. The Allegan FOC collects \$7.47 for every dollar spent. Allegan outperforms the statewide cost effectiveness rate, which fell below \$5.00 in 2024.

GEMS | Gain Employment, Maintain Support

We all want to take the best care of our children. But sometimes, finding decent work and making enough money to support them is tough. Here is a chance to get on a new track for you and your family.

How can GEMS help me?

As a GEMS participant, you will be able to receive the following services:



Career Coach: Receive one-on-one attention and referrals to needed services. You can meet with your career coach in-person, on the phone, and online at least once a week to support your progress.



Job Leads and Career Planning: Get help finding job leads that fit your skills. Hear ideas and strategies that job seekers use to get hired. Learn about ways to earn better wages and advance your career.



Support Services: You may receive help with things like work-related expenses, transportation, licensing fees, job training, and GED or English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, if available. You also may be able to get job retention and career advancement services for up to six months after entering employment.



Incentives: The Friend of the Court may reinstate suspended licenses, review your child support order to see if it can be lowered, lift bench warrants, and reconsider other enforcement actions that are in effect. Michigan Works! may provide financial incentives when you reach specific milestones in the program.



On-the-Job Training: On-the-job training can help job seekers re-enter the workforce. GEMS offers a wage reimbursement to employers to train you on new skills.

Get involved with GEMS

To be eligible for GEMS, you must:

- Live in a county where GEMS is available.
- Be unable to meet or have difficulty meeting your monthly child support payments due to a lack of employment or limited employment.

To receive GEMS services, **you may voluntarily enroll, or a judge may refer you to the program as part of a court order.** We are happy to help you enroll in the GEMS program. To learn more, please speak with your Friend of the Court caseworker or contact us directly at 877-543-2660.

GEMS is made possible through a collaboration between the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and its Michigan Office of Child Support, the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, and Michigan Works!

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Alternative Contempt Tract (ACT) Program

The Circuit Court's Alternative Contempt Track (ACT) Program is an intensive supervision program for parents that are not paying their child support obligation due to underlying issues such as poverty, mental health disorders, substance use disorders, physical disabilities, etc. A Specialized Enforcement Officer works with individuals to identify barriers to regular support payments, and locate appropriate resources/services for the parent to remove barriers to regular support payments. These parents meet on a regular basis with the Enforcement Officer and have monthly court meetings with Judge Bakker. Our long-time ACT Enforcement Officer retired in January 2025.

Our new Enforcement Officer has set the following goals for 2025:

- Continue a strong working relationship with community resources
- Continue to spread the word about ACT to eventually get more counties on board
- Work to grow payee participation in the program
- Strive to obtain more referrals from other county offices, community partners, and other courts, so more payers are getting on the right track to becoming compliant

During 2024, despite facing significant challenges, many participants in the program have achieved meaningful progress. One individual successfully took the appropriate steps to getting their driver's license reinstated, while another obtained essential self-identifying documentation to pursue employment opportunities. Another one has taken critical action toward stability and started working with OnPoint to retrieve mental health and substance abuse treatment. These milestones reflect the transformative impact of targeted support and individualized intervention. The Allegan ACT Enforcement Officer established a regular meeting with other ACT caseworkers from other Michigan courts that now meets monthly to discuss program challenges and best practices.

Allegan Circuit Court established in the first ACT Program in the State of Michigan. The Circuit Court and FOC continue to be a resource for other Courts looking to implement an ACT program in their court. Allegan Courts have been asked to present to other FOC offices on the benefits of an ACT Program. Several participants experienced successes in obtaining driver's licenses, and participating in treatment for mental health and substance use disorders.

IT STARTS HERE

Participation in ACT is entirely voluntary. For parents who are interested, we invite you to meet with our FOC Specialized Officer. During this meeting, we will take the time to understand your unique needs, collaborate with you to develop a personalized case service plan, and provide the opportunity to sign a participation agreement. The case service plan may include things such as:

- Seeking/Gaining Employment
- Attending Counseling
- Attending Treatment Services
- Attending all ACT court hearings as ordered
- Making minimum monthly support payments

Case service plans and participation agreements are reviewed and approved by the court. Participants are ordered to comply with their case service plans and participate in ACT hearings. The ACT Program length is up to 12 months or as ordered by the court.

Failure to comply with the case service plan can result in sanctions as outlined in the sanctions grid attached to the case service plan.



PROGRAM BENEFITS

CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE

ACT participants are provided support and services to assist them in making more frequent and timely child support payments.

FAMILY CENTERED APPROACH

Participants work directly with Specialized Enforcement Officer in FOC department with a focus on meeting the needs of their family.

INCREASED PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Participants are supported in overcoming challenges so they can financially and emotionally support their children.

CONNECTING YOU TO COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Participant and Specialized Enforcement Officer will work together to seek out community resources for assistance.

ALLEGAN COUNTY FRIEND OF THE COURT

ALTERNATIVE CONTEMPT TRACK (ACT) PROGRAM

EMPOWERING FAMILIES,
CREATING STRONGER FUTURES

OUR PURPOSE

The Alternative Contempt Track (ACT) Program is committed to supporting parents in overcoming challenges that hinder their ability to financially and emotionally provide for their children. By connecting them with vital resources, education, and support services, we strive to break cycles of hardship and empower families to build stable, nurturing, and self-sufficient futures.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Once a participant has been ordered into the ACT program, participants must comply with their individualized Case Service Plan and all terms of probation. Participants must:

- Meet with Specialized Enforcement Officer as required in Case Service Plan
- Comply with Case Service Plan and terms of probation
- Attend all ACT Program court hearings as required

ELIGIBILITY FACTORS

Challenge/barriers may include, but are not limited to: chronic unemployment, criminal records — resulting in difficulty gaining employment, mental health issues, homelessness, lack of transportation, substance abuse, or lack of education.



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Allegan County Legal Assistance Center (ACLAC)

Allegan County Legal Assistance Center's mission is to provide free legal assistance and education to all Allegan County residents regarding proper legal process and procedures. ACLAC offers access to proper court forms, motions and orders, resources and information to aid in self-representation in civil court matters such as divorce, child custody or parenting time, guardianship, small claims, landlord tenant matters and personal protection orders.

All assistance is provided for free by ACLAC staff, interns and volunteers, however there is a small charge for copies.

ACLAC provides these services in person at our new location on the first floor of the Allegan County Courthouse and over the phone as time permits. The hours we are open to assist are:

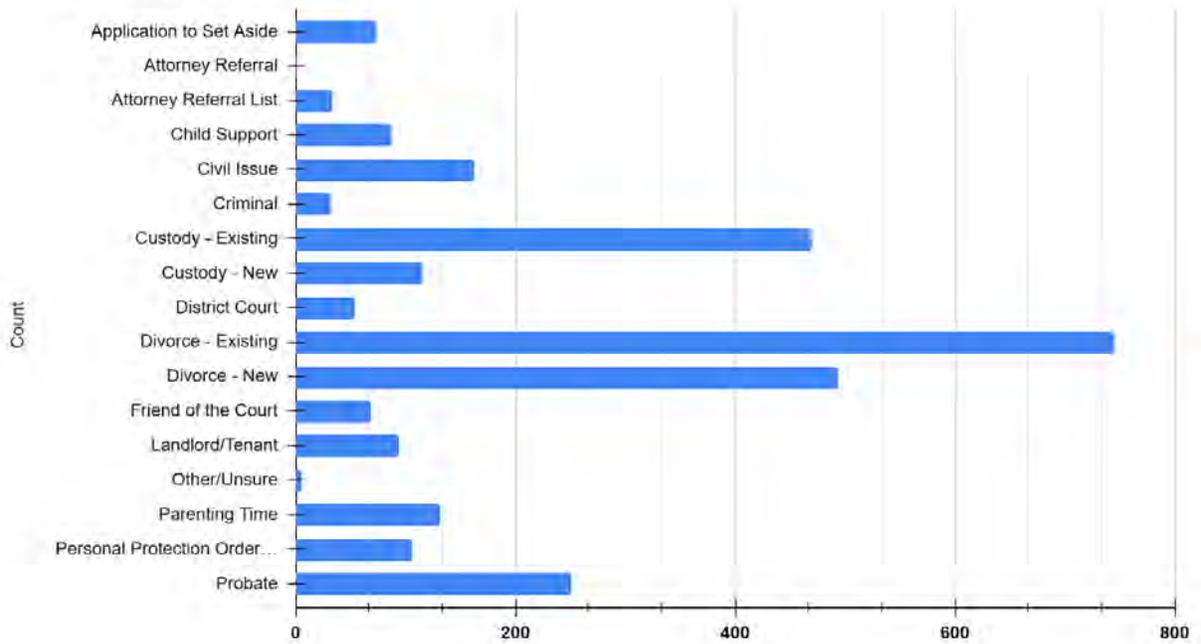
Monday 9am – 3pm, Tuesday – Thursday 9am – 4pm, Friday 8:30am – 2:30pm

Statistics for 2024 are as follows:

- 3,281 Patrons served in 2024
- 32,750 Patrons served since opening, July 2012
- 70% of Patrons have income under \$50k
- 30% of Patrons have income over \$50k
- 60% of Patrons are aged 31 – 50
- 21% of Patrons are over 50
- 19% of Patrons are under 30



Case types assisted in 2024



48th Circuit, Family Division

Although this area of the Family Division did not have any staffing changes, reclassifications, or other major personnel action, there were significant legal changes that were implemented as of October 1, 2024, which lead to procedural changes concerning the legal processing of cases within the Family Division. This portion of the report will highlight some of these case processing changes.

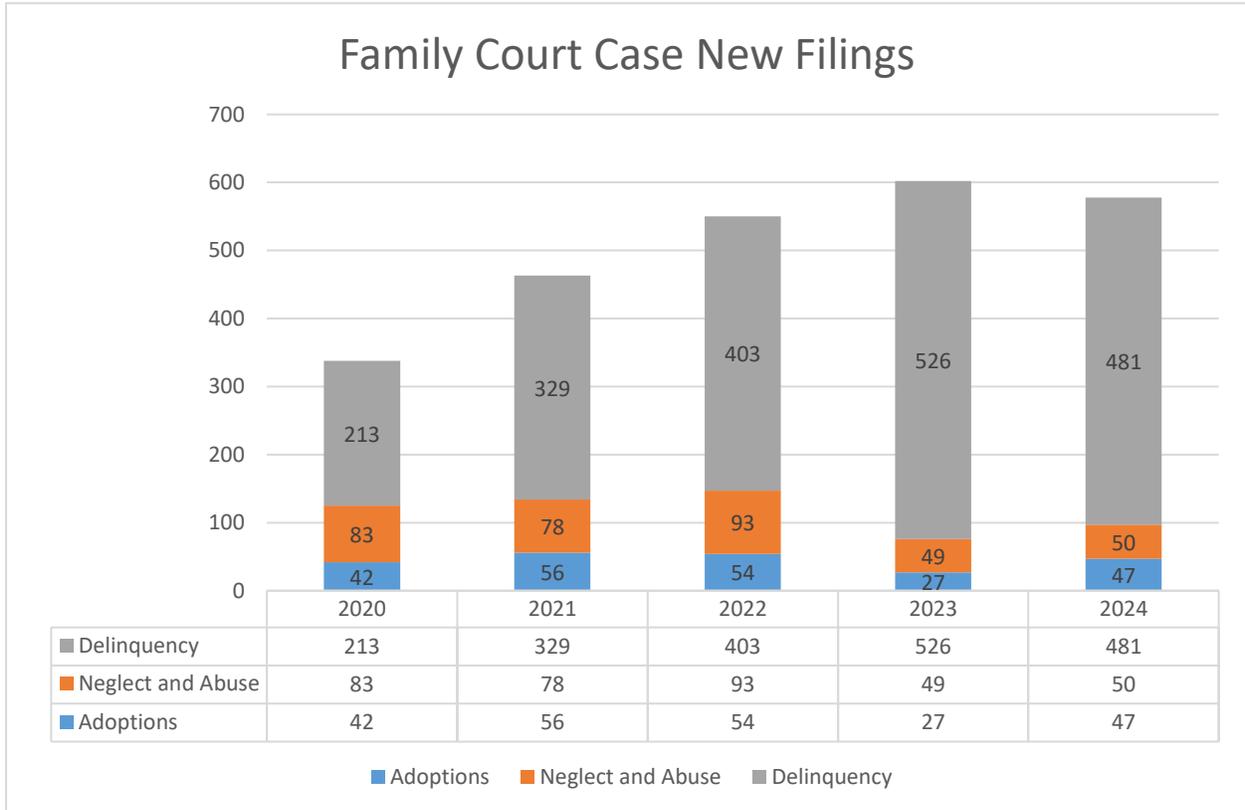
First, in the delinquency area, a number of specialized assessments must be completed at different stages of a delinquency proceeding to assist the court in the decision-making process. Prior to the detention of a juvenile, an Attorney/Referee or probation officer must complete a detention assessment to assist the court in determining whether a juvenile should be detained. Additionally, when the court is making an initial decision on how to proceed with a delinquency matter, a risk and a mental health assessment are completed. The court considers the results of these two assessments to determine the best course of procedural action which best fits the juvenile's need for services. Should the court handle the case utilizing informal proceedings, time limits regarding the length of the informal proceedings were enacted as part of the legislation. Lastly, at the dispositional stage of the proceeding, a risk and needs assessment must be completed. This assessment looks at areas of the juvenile's current status where services could be implemented to avoid further delinquency behavior. The assessment also looks at the need for probation services and the appropriate level and length of probation. If the juvenile remains under the jurisdiction of the court for longer than six months, a new risk and needs assessment must be completed every six months.

The statutory changes modified the court's duty in advising a juvenile of their rights to appeal a dispositional decision of the court or a decision by the court removing the juvenile from the care and custody of their parent. Further, if the juvenile desires to appeal, and the juvenile requests the appointment of an attorney for the appeal, should the court grant the appointed attorney request, the appointment process is now handled by the Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System instead of the local court. The local governmental funding unit may then be responsible for the payment of reasonable attorney fees for locally appointed private counsel.

The changes also eliminated a number of fees and costs the court previously ordered in a delinquency matter. Not only were these fees or costs eliminated moving forward, the court is now prohibited from collecting any previously ordered fees or costs that remained unpaid as of October 1, 2024. In a delinquency proceeding, the court is now limited to only ordering restitution and the crime victims' assessment. In protective proceedings, the court can no longer order reimbursement for out of home placement costs, or continue to enforce reimbursement orders after October 1, 2024. The court has determined it can collect reimbursement amounts that were accrued prior to October 1. These changes were implemented with the expansion of reimbursement rate for child care fund expenses from 50 percent to 75 percent as discussed in other portions of this report.

Case statistics

In addition to managing all of the above changes, Family Court like Circuit Court, had a very busy year.



Community Probation

2024 was a year of growth and transition for the juvenile probation department. First, due to increased child care fund revenues, the department was able to add two new positions and reclassify an existing position. The department now has another Juvenile Probation Officer who will specialize in Truancy involved youth. Additionally, a Clinical Coordinator position was created to assist court involved families in navigating the complexities of the court system as well as matching them with community resources and programming. This person will also help implement the new assessment requirements per the new legislation. The court is very excited for the greater community impact these positions will bring to the residents of Allegan County. Third, an existing Juvenile Probation Officer was reclassified to Lead Juvenile Probation Officer. With the department growing and additional requirements put in place by the state tied to the additional funding, court leadership felt it best that the director of this department have a supervisor to assist in managing the increased requirements. The Lead position still maintains a caseload while assisting with department supervisory needs. Lastly, long time Director and Attorney Referee, Jolene Clearwater, resigned after being elected as the new Probate Court & Presiding Family Court Judge. Judy Kasson, former Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, was selected as Referee Clearwater's replacement.

In addition to staffing changes, several procedural changes needed to be implemented as well. All probation staff met the training deadline of 10/01/2024, for the new state endorsed risk and needs assessment tool, Michigan Juvenile Justice Assessment System (MJJAS). The probation officers will no longer be using the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI). By transitioning from YASI to MJJAS, the department saved over \$4,000 in licensing fees alone. The probation department also uses YouthCenter for electronic case management and also screens for mental health concerns with the Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument (MAYSI - 2). All of these tools and requirements are designed to assist the probation officers in creating well rounded case plans for our court involved youth, as well as connecting them with other community resources.

2024 Cumulative Statistics

<u>Measured Area</u>	<u>Number</u>
Total Cases	92
New Petitions Adjudicated (on current or previous probationers)	5
Probation Violations Adjudicated	34
Community Service Hours Ordered	685
Days Spent at Home	10,861
Days Spent in Detention	564
Days Spent on a Tether	139
Days Spent in Residential Care	1,713
Total Days on Probation	13,144
Number of Children Taking Medication	47 (51.1% of caseload)
Total Number of Contacts Made	5,152
Number of Recidivists	8 (9% of caseload)
Number of Repeat Offenders	5 (5% of caseload)
Probationers Released During FY	69
Number Released Who Met Goals	63 (91.3% success rate)

Average Probationer

<u>Measured Area</u>	<u>Number</u>
Average Age	15.3
Number of New Petitions Per Case	.05
Number of PV's Per Child	.37
Average Days at Home	119
Average Days in Detention	6.13
Average Days in Residential Care	18.62
Average Days on Probation	142.8
Average Grade	10 th
Average Number of Contacts Per Case	56

Did You Know?

- The average juvenile on probation in Allegan County is a 15 year-old 10th grader.
- On average, about 37% of probationers had his /her probation violated this past year.
- The average probationer spends approximately 4.3% of his/her days on probation in detention and approximately 13% of his/her days on probation in residential care.
- Of the children released from probation during the FY, approximately 91% were successful in meeting his/her treatment goals.
- Approximately 9% of the total caseload includes children who were previously on probation and came back to the court for subsequent offenses.
- Approximately 5% of the total caseload includes children who commit new offenses while on probation.
- On average, children on probation are contacted 56 times by his/her probation officer, with 22 of those contacts being face-to-face.
- The average child involved with the court spent approximately 20 weeks (or approximately 5 months) on probation.
- Approximately 51.1% of the children who had contact with the court during the previous year were taking prescribed medication.
- The average number of community service hours ordered per case is approximately 7.4.

Community Justice Program

As part of the philosophy of the Community Justice Program, and the Restorative Justice Model, one of our goals is to have the youth who are involved with the courts repair some of the damage caused by their actions within the community. One of the ways that this is done, is by having the youth complete community-based Community Service.

Staff work with youth on various community service projects within the community and within the Juvenile Center. The time the youth spend working on these projects not only teaches them a variety of life skills, but it is also a time that they can make connections with adults in their lives and it teaches them how to appropriately interact with a variety of people, which will assist them in many ways on their road to becoming responsible adults and community members.

Youth Home Garden

We have some ongoing work that we consistently schedule for our youth to complete. Some of this service includes working the gardens at the Youth Home, where produce is grown which is used in the Youth Home kitchen and the excess produce is distributed to needy families or donated to food pantries within our community. The youth assist with planting, weeding, watering, and distributing the produce. They also help gather up donated seeds and plants and sort those seeds in the off season to prepare for the next growing season.

Allegan County Fair

Working at the fairgrounds is another ongoing project. Our youth, along with supervising staff, assist with whatever is needed. Youth have painted stalls, fences, set up tables and chairs, they have weeded, raked many, many leaves, and picked up sticks to get the grounds ready for upcoming events. They also have helped with general maintenance as requested. During the week of the Allegan County Fair youth have also helped at booths for Camp Kidwell.

Detailing County Cars

Keeping county vehicles at the Youth Home clean is an additional project that is ongoing. Tasks such as dusting, vacuuming, throwing away garbage and washing windows in the cars are all a part of this community service project.

Facility Management

Community Service is also completed at the Youth Home as youth assist staff with various projects such as landscaping, working in the kitchen, cleaning baseboards, grout,

washing walls, cleaning out refrigerators, dusting clerical supply shelves, and, at times, helping update forms, and decorating the lobby for holidays and celebrations.

Park and Ride Cleanup

The youth home is also responsible for keeping a park and ride area in Saugatuck maintained.

Community Connections

In addition to the ongoing projects, we have also made connections with community organizations, such as local libraries. We organize crafting projects, help clean toys, and do general projects the library may need. We have had youth help schools by doing maintenance, helping at sporting events, or helping with youth sports programs. Our youth have also helped at various camps with cleaning, fundraising, and helping with the horses doing feeding and grooming. One youth in particular was helping with the horse program at Camp Beechpoint, and when she moved back home from the Cheever Treatment Center, she began helping at the ranch to continue her love of horses and to maintain positive community connections. We have also done beach cleanups, and one young lady helped with her band program at the Tulip Time Parade in Holland. Also, a local apartment complex has contacted us on a few occasions to assist elderly tenants, who did not have family help or other means, in moving from one apartment to another. Both the elderly person and apartment management were grateful for this assistance and our youth did a great job and completed the move within the required time frames.

Community Service Statistics

- Number of Youth participating in 2024:
 - 28
- Number of Community Service hours completed in 2024:
 - 668.5

Perspective from one of our Community Service partners:

The Allegan County Fair is very happy to have the Youth from the Allegan County Court System helping out at the fairgrounds annually. The Youth do an amazing job of helping with our off season events and general care of the fairgrounds. We are always pleased with their work and Kendall Domeier is great with the kids and a pleasure to work with.

They have put in several hours here at the fairgrounds. Some of the events they have helped with are the Perrigo Picnic and RV Rallies - setting up and covering banquet tables, Michigan Fiber Festival - cleaning and setting up gates, Horse Shows - cleaning stalls and overall keeping the grounds clean by raking, sweeping, painting, etc. When the Youth help with the smaller jobs it gives the Allegan County Fair Grounds Crew a chance to work on building and handling larger projects.

Working here is also educational for the Youth. Some of the kids that come here don't know how to use a shovel, rake, paint brush, or other tools. They learn leadership and working together. This helps them to be able to find other work as they venture into life. Kendall works side by side with them and sets a great example.

They are actually helping us to bring tourism to Allegan. Keeping the fairgrounds clean and sharp looking is definitely one of the reasons events continue to come back. My crew loves to work with the Youth and they find it very interesting to hear their stories. The Youth find the Allegan County Fair very interesting also and they love to hear about the Fair. It is a good match for all of us.

Thank you so much for keeping us a part of this program!

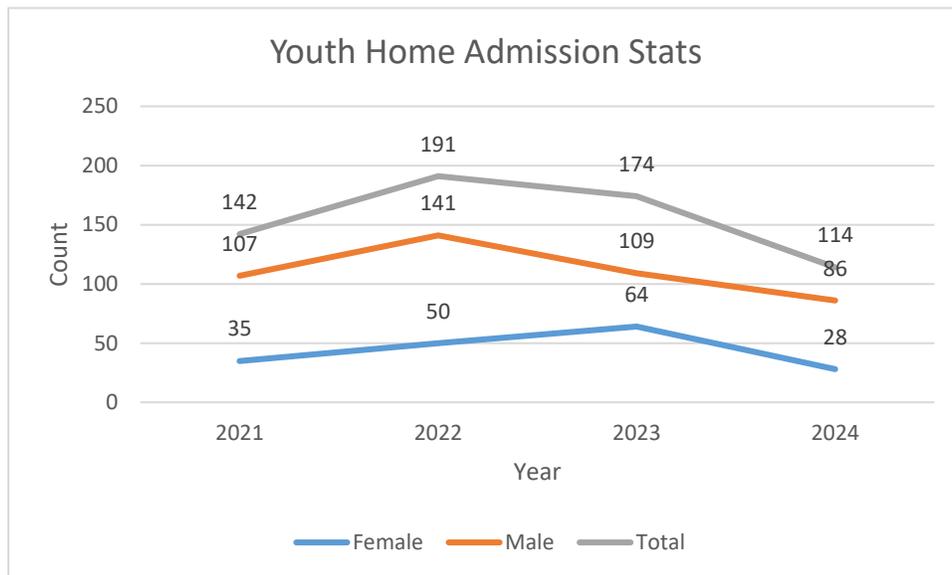
Sincerely,



Saree Miller
Executive Director
Allegan County Fair
(269)673-6501
smiller@allegancountyfair.com

Juvenile Detention

The Detention Program is designed to provide short-term, physically restrictive, and safe environment for youth, both male and female, ages 10-17 who are detained pending further court action. Youth under the age of 18 who are charged with committing a delinquent or criminal act are processed through the juvenile justice system. While similar to that of the criminal justice system in many ways—process includes arrest, detainment, petitions, hearings, adjudications, dispositions, placement, and probation. The juvenile justice process operates according to the premise that youth are fundamentally different from adults, both in terms of level of responsibility and potential for rehabilitation. In 2024 the juvenile detention admitted 114 youth and the average length of stay was 23 days. Release from detention occurs only through order of the court or through posting of bond (if applicable).



Detention offers daily programming and activities within the framework of a token economy system to help youth learn how to use more appropriate and positive behaviors. Programming activities continue after the school day and on weekends. Residents are involved in book clubs, Why Try groups, life skills, cooking classes, recreational activities and hands-on projects.

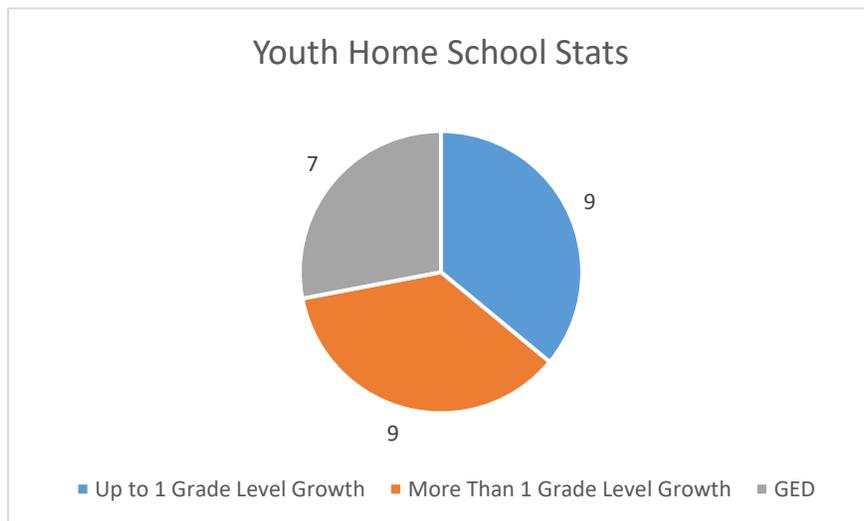
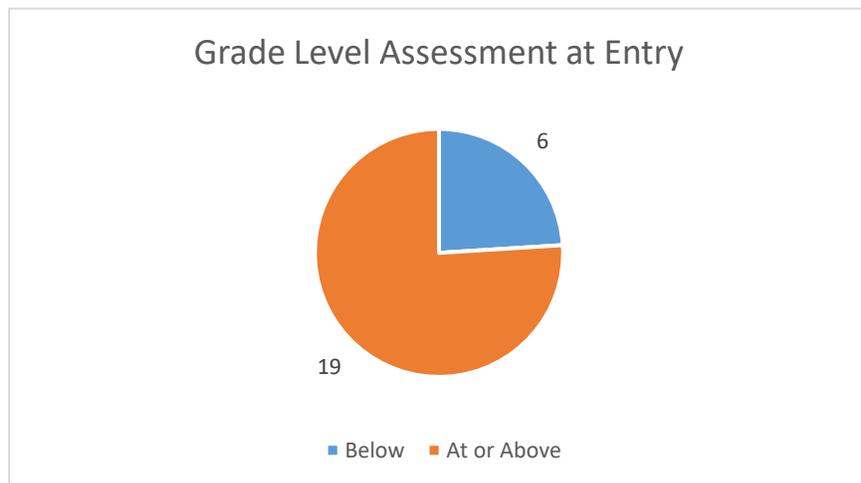
Education

The educational program at the Detention Center is provided by the Outlook Academy. Residents are expected to fully participate in the education program provided daily during the school year. In most cases, residents will be enrolled in school a few days after admission. Their

prior school is contacted by the Outlook staff for request of records. Students are encouraged to stay on track with their academics and often use a credit recovery program called Edmentum. Residents are screened in the area of reading shortly after admission and will receive individual reading intervention if testing determines they are below their grade level. GED completion is also available for students 16 and older who are significantly behind in credits.

Reading Intervention Program

It is the goal of the Reading Intervention Program to move students from where they are to where they should be academically. We do this by creating a literate rich environment. Personal reading is required, student and staff participate in book clubs and all students receive intervention services as necessary. Some students enter the program with severe deficits, however, students who struggle with reading typically make significant gains while they are at the Detention Center. Low readings average one school year of growth after 30 days in the program. The following pie chart reflects students who were in detention for at least 90 days.



Juvenile Detention Programming

Why Try

“Why Try” is an evidence-based national program used in schools and correctional facilities, to help kids overcome daily challenges and live lives of opportunity, freedom, and self-respect. The curriculum teaches social and emotional skills using a practical, multi-sensory approach. Hands-on learning activities engage the youth while they learn skills needed to improve behavior and academics. The curriculum utilizes a series of ten visual analogies that teach essential life skills: improved decision making, dealing with peer pressure, impulse control, obeying laws and rules, plugging into support systems, and having a vision for the future.



Gardening

The gardening program kicks off in April by planting seeds to transplant into the garden. The program helps youth learn about growing vegetables, helps them understand where healthy food comes from, and get active outdoors in the garden. Life skills training is tied into the gardening program to encourage the youth to grow and prepare their own food.

Life Skills

Residents are coached one on one and in group settings to demonstrate competency in several areas. Areas of focus are basic skills of doing laundry, room care and bed making, meal manners, meal preparation, use of basic kitchen appliances, maintaining personal appearance, self-awareness strengths/limitations, managing your time, and being a lifelong learner.

Prime For Life

Prime for Life is a program impacting alcohol and drug abuse for people of all ages. It is designed to gently but powerfully, challenge common beliefs and attitudes that directly contribute to high-risk alcohol and drug use. The program goals are to reduce the risks for health problems and impairment. Prime for Life is provided by On Point staff and by a trained detention staff.

MI Works

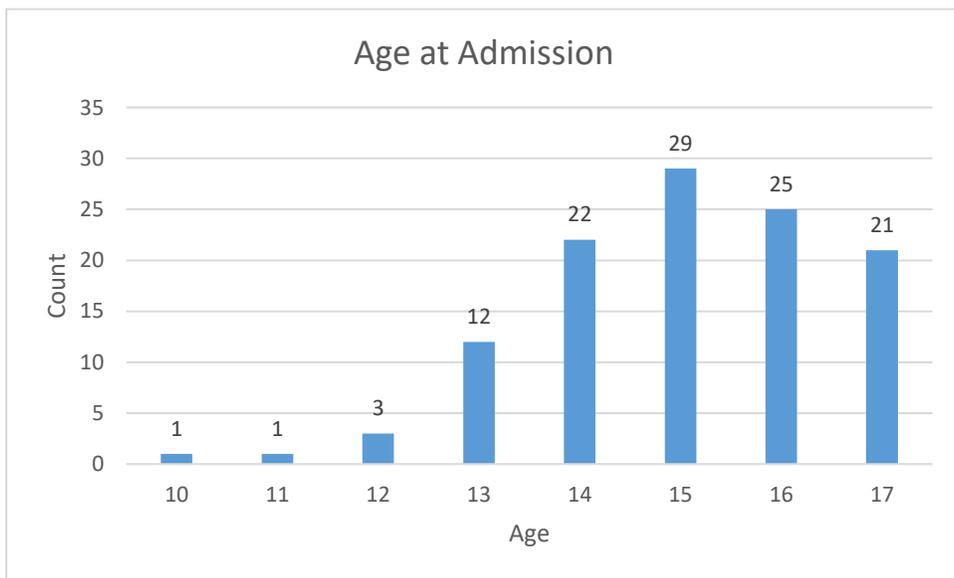
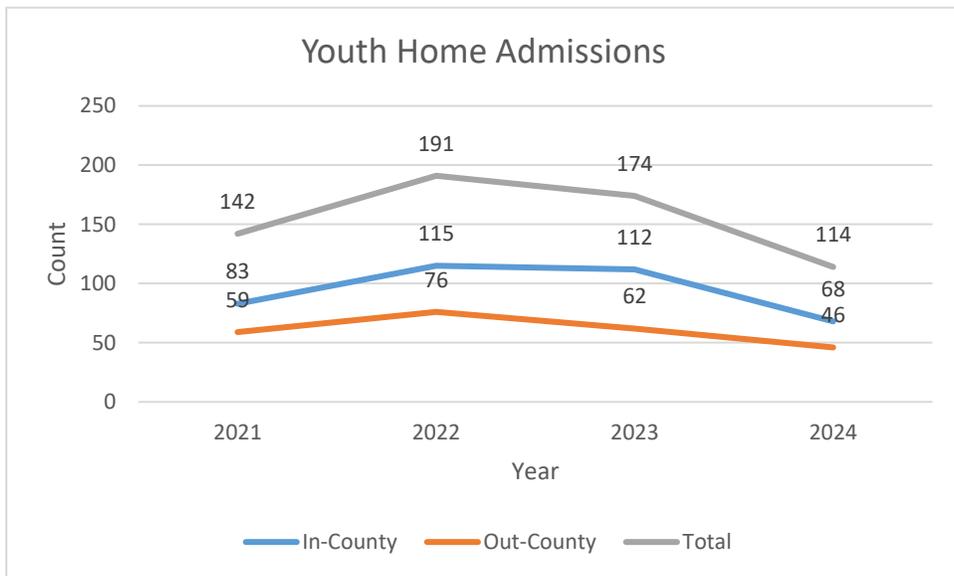
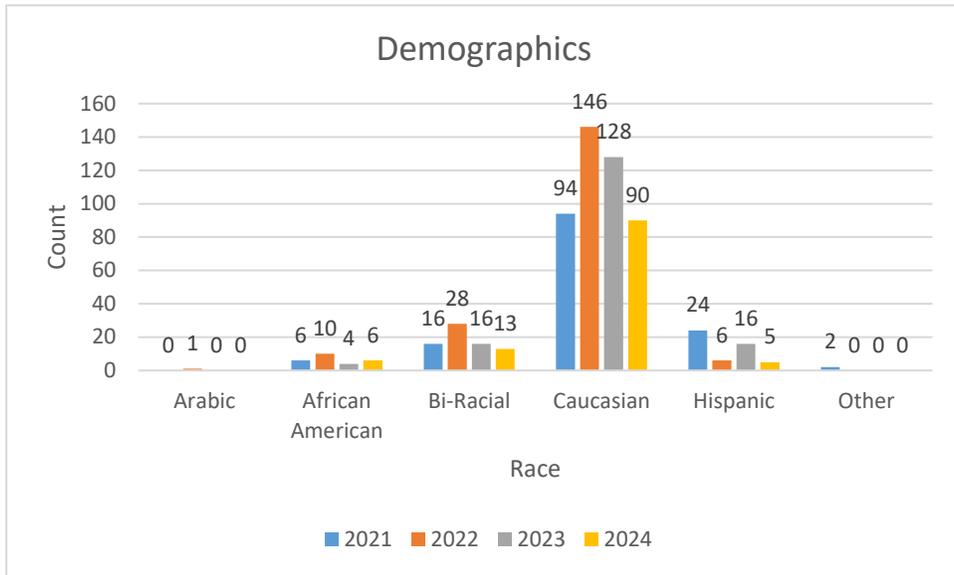
Michigan Works provides tools necessary for life preparation through resume building, interviewing, and employment related strategies. It provides selected 16–17-year-old residents, mostly enrolled in the GED program, information and training as it relates to employment.

Music Therapy

Music therapy is offered to enhance youths' efforts in programs that address social and vocational skill building, conflict resolution, attention control, and problem-solving skills. Music therapy helps residents explore thoughts, feelings and develop healthy coping skills.

Barnabas Ministries

Barnabas Ministries provides our facility with weekly youth groups and mentoring, as well as scheduling local pastors to come in for Sunday afternoon services. Barnabas Ministries supports the residents during holidays with individual care packages and offers an optional pen pal program.



Cheever Treatment Center

What is Cheever Treatment Center?

Cheever Treatment Center is a combination of a residential and a home-based program that services Allegan County, court-ordered youth, between the ages of 11-18. The program is co-ed, serving delinquents struggling with relationships, emotions, behavior, and academic difficulties. Cheever Treatment Center is a non-secure facility and is appropriate for youth with security needs in the low to medium range. The program allows youth to move from a very supportive/structured environment to one of increased freedom and responsibilities as they learn and demonstrate more effective skills. The length of stay in the program varies based on many factors, including the general functioning of the youth, family dynamics, resident/family motivation, and aftercare options.

How do youth get placed in Cheever?

All youth placed in Cheever are on probation with the Allegan County Family Court. When the probation officer is having continued difficulties with working with the youth in the home, the youth is not following probation terms, or the youth is no longer considered safe in the community, the probation officer, in court, requests a referral for Cheever. If the referral is ordered, the Cheever Director, and our therapist, meet with the youth and parents to assess the appropriateness of the program. Family support and participation are essential to the resident's success at Cheever. After the assessment, Cheever staff attend the youth's dispositional review hearing to give recommendations for placement, or in place of residential placement, other community resources that may be beneficial before considering removal from the home and placement in Cheever.

What happens once a youth is placed in Cheever?

Every youth walking through our doors has unique struggles and needs. The needs of a 14-year-old generally are very different from those of a 17-year-old. Through the use of the MJJAS (Michigan Juvenile Justice Assessment System), Cheever determines risk areas and individual goals for each resident. Every resident has a specific set of goals that become their main focus as they move through the program. Goals may include learning and practicing new behaviors, learning and using coping skills, attending groups and/or therapy, what behaviors/skills they will demonstrate on home passes or in the community, and participating in specific other services that address their needs. The team (court staff and family) then meets every month to review these goals, the resident reports a self-evaluation of how they feel they are doing with their goals and gets feedback from the team. This discussion leads to more/less time off the unit, at home, or in the community.

Services we offer at Cheever include:

- Individual and Family counseling
- Group teachings
 - DBT skills
 - Prime for Life
 - Balanced and Restorative Justice
 - Focus group
- Music Therapy
- Treatment Planning and Goals
- Team and Family Meetings
- Surveillance
- Community Integrative Services
- Life Skills Training
- Additional Services provided by outside resources include
 - Psychiatry (as needed)
 - Education
 - Voluntary Spiritual Life Activities
 - Mentorships
 - Michigan Works Programs
 - Michigan Rehabilitation Services Programs
 - Equestrian Experiences/Therapy
 - Occupational therapy

2024 Stats:

- 16 youths served (8 females, 8 males)
- 280 hours of Community Service completed.
- 260 hours of learning groups held
- 180 family therapy sessions held
- 650 individual therapy sessions held

What's New:

Last year, through Capital funding, Cheever installed new carpeting throughout the unit and purchased new furniture for the dayroom. We also started a new skills group and began using a new therapy model.



Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) skills group: This group, new in 2024, teaches residents life skills. The group allows the residents to have an open space to talk about what areas of life they are struggling in and learn ways to change those behaviors. Within the group, we have examples of the skills via media, opportunities to roleplay and practice the skills, or a craft activity to allow the residents to create a reminder of what they have learned. Some concepts learned in the group are communication, anger management, anxiety control, how to move through distress, welcoming and understanding feelings, and self-confidence.

Our therapist, Jessica Duguid, was trained in **Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)** in 2024, through Title I-D funding. EMDR is an evidence-based therapy originally designed for the treatment of trauma and trauma disorders such as PTSD, Complex PTSD, Acute Stress Disorder, and Dissociative Identity Disorder. EMDR is a trauma therapy that can help individuals heal from traumatic experiences and process emotional distress. It differs from conventional forms of talk therapy such as CBT or DBT. It targets deep regions of the brain to reorganize how memories are stored and decrease the negative impact they have on one's life. EMDR makes it easier for individuals to understand their past experiences. It allows clients to be exposed to their trauma, without overwhelming them. EMDR is based on the idea that negative thoughts, emotions, and behaviors are the result of unprocessed memories.

Although it is most widely used for trauma syndrome, EMDR can also support teens struggling with depression, anxiety, personality disorders, and substance abuse problems. It can help process emotional stress that influences underlying mental health symptoms and cravings for drugs and alcohol as well.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

FINANCE COMMITTEE – CLAIMS & INTERFUND TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, Administration has compiled the following claims for 5/30/25, 6/6/25, and 6/13/25; 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 30, 2025

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	136,242.91	136,242.91	
Parks/Recreation Fund – 208	2,414.84	2,414.84	
Friend of the Court Cooperative Reimb. – 215	300.00	300.00	
Health Department Fund – 221	3,088.74	3,088.74	
Solid Waste/Recycling – 226	15,649.60	15,649.60	
Animal Shelter – 254	2,501.21	2,501.21	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	934.32	934.32	
Central Dispatch Fund – 261	1,323.99	1,323.99	
Justice Training Fund – 266	500.00	500.00	
Grants – 279	1,030.71	1,030.71	
Sheriffs Contracts – 287	756.69	756.69	
Transportation Fund – 288	6,936.93	6,936.93	
Child Care Fund – 292	40,944.51	40,944.51	
Senior Services Fund – 298	17,819.42	17,819.42	
American Rescue Plan Act – ARPA – 299	18,642.24	18,642.24	
Capital Improvement Fund – 401	145,553.88	145,553.88	
CIP – Youth Home Building Fund – 492	433.50	433.50	
Property Tax Adjustments – 516	18,949.75	18,949.75	
Tax Reversion – 620	175.00	175.00	
Drain Fund – 801	224,052.37	224,052.37	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$638,250.61	\$638,250.61	

June 6, 2025

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	180,338.98	180,338.98	
Friend of the Court Cooperative Reimb. – 215	1,121.83	1,121.83	
Health Department Fund – 221	7,258.72	7,258.72	
Solid Waste/Recycling – 226	7,210.38	7,210.38	
Animal Shelter – 254	7,770.90	7,770.90	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	3,375.05	3,375.05	
Central Dispatch Fund – 261	1,557.22	1,557.22	
Law Library Fund – 269	2,048.44	2,048.44	
Grants – 279	14.96	14.96	

Sheriffs Contracts – 287	100.00	100.00	
Transportation Fund – 288	6,443.63	6,443.63	
Child Care Fund – 292	11,574.21	11,574.21	
Senior Services Fund – 298	739.90	739.90	
American Rescue Plan Act – ARPA – 299	478.61	478.61	
Capital Improvement Fund – 401	417.62	417.62	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund – 639	350.00	350.00	
Fleet Management/Motor Pool – 661	697.00	697.00	
Self-Insurance Fund – 677	483,686.94	483,686.94	
Drain Fund – 801	1,164,972.68	1,164,972.68	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$1,880,157.07	\$1,880,157.07	

June 13, 2025

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	227,912.18	227,912.18	
Parks/Recreation Fund – 208	3,068.26	3,068.26	
Friend of the Court Cooperative Reimb. – 215	131.29	131.29	
Friend of the Court – Other – 216	859.00	859.00	
Health Department Fund – 221	8,857.91	8,857.91	
Solid Waste/Recycling – 226	67,354.34	67,354.34	
Animal Shelter – 254	5,180.62	5,180.62	
Register of Deeds Automation Fund – 256	105.18	105.18	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	7,149.50	7,149.50	
Central Dispatch Fund – 261	42,124.73	42,124.73	
Concealed Pistol Licensing Fund – 263	26.00	26.00	
Justice Training Fund – 266	200.00	200.00	
Grants – 279	2,248.30	2,248.30	
Sheriffs Contracts – 287	305.66	305.66	
Transportation Fund – 288	199,861.61	199,861.61	
Child Care Fund – 292	21,049.99	21,049.99	
Veterans Relief Fund – 293	2,456.45	2,456.45	
Senior Services Fund – 298	103,499.54	103,499.54	
American Rescue Plan Act – ARPA – 299	15,249.00	15,249.00	
Capital Improvement Fund – 401	285,833.17	285,833.17	
CIP – Youth Home Building Fund – 492	39,822.00	39,822.00	
Property Tax Adjustments – 516	6,781.14	6,781.14	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund – 639	382.05	382.05	
Fleet Management/Motor Pool – 661	7,115.02	7,115.02	
Self-Insurance Fund – 677	18,152.54	18,152.54	
Drain Fund – 801	71,927.47	71,927.47	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$1,137,652.95	\$1,137,652.95	

Moved by Commissioner Lubbers, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to adopt the report of claims for 5/30/25, 6/6/25, 6/13/25, and interfund transfers. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

ATTEST, A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. DeYoung", written over a horizontal line.

_____, Clerk-Register

APPROVED: JUNE 12, 2025

cc: Admin. – Finance - Human Resources

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

2025 MILLAGE LEVY – AFFIRM RELEASE OF L-4029 TO LOCAL UNITS

WHEREAS, pursuant to State Law (MCL 141.412 and 141.413), a notice of a public hearing concerning the 2025 County Budget was published in the Allegan County News, a newspaper of general circulation, on October 3, 2024, and a public hearing concerning the budget was held on October 10, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (Board) adopted a Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriation on October 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, having held said hearing, the Board has determined the levy of said proposed millage to be in the best interests of the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners adopts the report of claims for 5/30/25, 6/6/25, 6/13/25, interfund transfers and affirms the signing and release of the attached L-4029.

Moved by Commissioner Lubbers, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to affirm the signing and release of the attached L-4029. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

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APPROVED: JUNE 12, 2025

cc: Admin. – Finance - Human Resources

2025 TAX RATE REQUEST (This form must be completed and submitted on or before September 30.)
MILLAGE REQUEST REPORT TO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

County	ALLEGAN	2025 Taxable Value less rezonem, less vets ex	7,382,570,227
Local Government Unit	ALLEGAN COUNTY		

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE SIDE CAREFULLY.

You must complete this form for each unit of government for which a property tax is levied. Penalty for non-filing is provided under MCL Sec. 211.119. The following tax rates have been authorized for levy on the 2025 tax roll.

(1) Source	(2) Purpose of Millage	(3) Date of Election	(4) Original Millage Authorized by Election, Charter, etc.	(5) 2024 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34c "Headlee"	(6) 2025 Current Year "Headlee" Millage Reduction Fraction	(7) 2025 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34c "Headlee"	(8) Sec. 211.34 Truth in Assessing or Equalization Millage Rollback Fraction	(9) Maximum allowable Millage Rate*	(10) Millage Requested to be Levied July 1	(11) Millage Requested to be Levied Dec. 1	(12) Expiration Date of Millage Authorized	
ALLOCATED	OPERATING	11/3/2020	5.7000	5.5350	0.9870	5.4630	1.0000	5.4630	5.1419		UNLIMITED	
	Op Vet			0.0000	0.9870	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000	0.0200		UNLIMITED	
EXTRA VOTED	ROADS	8/6/2024	1.0000	1.0000	0.9870	0.9870	1.0000	0.9870		0.9870	12/31/2029	
EXTRA VOTED	SENIOR SERVICES	8/2/2022	0.4930	0.4887	0.9870	0.4823	1.0000	0.4823		0.4823	12/31/2025	
EXTRA VOTED	MEDICAL CARE FACILITY	8/4/2020	0.2500	0.2426	0.9870	0.2394	1.0000	0.2394		0.2394	12/31/2029	
EXTRA VOTED	CONSERVATION	8/4/2020	0.1000	0.0970	0.9870	0.0957	1.0000	0.0957		0.0957	12/31/2026	
Total Authorized (exclude debt)									7.2674	5.1619	1.8044	

Prepared by Matthew Woolford NW	Co-Sign - Verified by Jennifer Ludwick	Title Equalization Director	Co-Sign Title Executive Director - Finance	Date-SED 6/10/2025	Co-Sign Date 06.10.2025
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As the representatives for the local government unit named above, we certify that the requested tax levy rates have been reduced, if necessary, to comply with the state constitution (Article 9, Section 31), and that the requested levy rates have also been reduced, if necessary, to comply with MCL Sections 211.24a, 211.34, and for LOCAL school districts which levy a Supplemental (Field Harmless) Millage, MCL 380.1211 (3).

Local School district Use Only. Complete if requesting millage to be levied. See STC Bulletin 2 of 2008 for instructions on completing this section.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk	Signature	Type Name	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary		Bob Genetski, Clerk - Register	6/7/25
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairperson	Signature	Type Name	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> President		Gale Dugan, Chairperson	6/11/2025

Total School District Operation Rates to be Levied (HH/Supp and NH Oper Only)

For Principal Residence, Qualified Ag. Qualified forest and Industrial Personal

For Commercial Personal

For all Other

*Under Truth in Taxation, MCL Section 211.24a, the governing body may decide to levy a rate which will not exceed the maximum authorized rate allowed in column 9. The requirements of MCL 211.24a must be met prior to levying an operation levy which is larger than the base tax rate but not larger than the rate in column 9.

** IMPORTANT: See enclosed instructions for the correct method of calculating the millage rate in column (5).

Roll Call #: _____

Resolution Name _____

Motion By: Lubbers

Second By: DeYoung

Consent items
* claims

* L-4029 affirm

DIST#

COMMISSIONER

VOTE

Yes

No

1

Craig Van Beek

2

S Mark DeYoung

3

M Brad Lubbers

4

Scott Beltman

5

Gale Dugan

Yes

No

5

Carried

Lost _____

Tabled _____

ABSTAIN 0

ABSENT _____

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – REAFFIRM SUPPORT FOR THE REPOWERING OF THE PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT BY HOLTEC INTERNATIONAL

WHEREAS, Holtec International has reported that,

- the Palisades Nuclear Plant has historically provided over 800 megawatts of safe, reliable, and clean energy to the State of Michigan, and has been a key contributor to the energy reliability and economic vitality of Southwest Michigan,
- it maintained an exemplary operational record before its scheduled closure, including consecutive record-breaking generation runs, an online reliability factor exceeding 95 percent,
- during operation the plants supported over 600 full-time, high-skill, high-wage jobs, in addition to creating employment for more than 1,000 specialty workers during outages, and was one of the region's largest taxpayers, supporting local schools, colleges, libraries, and area services, a study by the Economic Growth Institute at the University of Michigan found that the Palisades closure resulted in an annual loss of \$259 million in labor income and value-added for the surrounding tri-county region,
- the Palisades restart effort has regrown the plant's full-time workforce to nearly 600, supported by hundreds of specialty and skilled trades contractors,
- significant investments have been made in the plant's restart and long-term safe and reliable operation, including scheduled inspections, testing, maintenance, repairs, and upgrades, thanks to the support of the U.S. Department of Energy, State of Michigan, and plant owner Holtec International,
- the plant has entered into a long-term power purchase agreement with two rural electric cooperatives to ensure the plant's financial viability and sustained reinvestment in safe and reliable operations for decades to come,
- the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued in May 2025 a final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact with respect to the plant's restart, a testament to nuclear as both the most environmentally friendly and reliable 24/7 source of electrical generation; and
- Palisades ranked in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's highest safety category and has been recognized by the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations as a top-performing plant in the country,
- Palisades operated, and would continue operations, in strict adherence to all federal and state regulations under the independent oversight of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to maintain the health and safety of our community, the plant workforce, and our environment,
- the Palisades restart has been subject to 20 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission public meetings, providing the opportunity for education and public comment,
- Holtec International has demonstrated a commitment to transparency, regulatory compliance, and community engagement, both throughout the repowering of the existing plant and the future deployment of advanced Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) at the Palisades site,
- the restart of Palisades helps meet the regional need for reliable baseload generation, both in satisfying current electricity demands as well as forecasted increases in demand driven by advanced manufacturing, AI, data storage, and electrification,
- nuclear energy is broadly recognized as critical to our nation's energy independence, economic growth, and national security,
- the deployment of two SMR-300 units, generating a combined 600 megawatts of additional safe baseload energy, would further strengthen Michigan's leadership in nuclear innovation, while supporting national goals for energy security and reliability,
- the SMR project is expected to create hundreds more permanent, high-paying jobs and thousands of construction and maintenance jobs, benefiting the workforce of Allegan County and the broader Southwest Michigan region; and

WHEREAS, Allegan County supports efforts that align with economic development, public health, energy reliability, and environmental sustainability.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners (Board) reaffirms its support for the repowering of the Palisades Nuclear Plant by Holtec International; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners, U.S. Senators Gary Peters and Elissa Slotkin, U.S. Representative Bill Huizenga, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, State Senators Aric Nesbitt, Roger Victory, and Thomas Albert, and State Representatives Joey Andrews, Matt Hall, Rachelle Smit, Nancy DeBoer, Pauline Wendzel, and Angela Rigas.

Moved by Commissioner Lubbers, seconded by Commissioner Van Beek to reaffirm support for the repowering of the Palisades Nuclear Plant by Holtec International. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

ATTEST, A TRUE COPY



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APPROVED: June 12, 2025

cc: Admin. – Finance - Human Resources – Van Buren Board of Commissioners – U.S. Senators Gary Peters & Elissa Slotkin – U.S. Representative Bill Huizenga – Governor Gretchen Whitmer – State Senators Aric Nesbitt, Roger Victory, & Thomas Albert – State Representatives Joey Andrews, Matt Hall, Rachelle Smit, Nancy DeBoer, Pauline Wendzel & Angela Rigas

Roll Call #: _____

Resolution Name _____

Motion By: Lubbers

Second By: VanBeek

① Discussion -

*Hbltech - Nuclear Plant
Reaffirm

DIST#	COMMISSIONER	VOTE	
		Yes	No
1	S Craig Van Beek		_____
2	Mark DeYoung		_____
3	M Brad Lubbers		_____
4	Scott Beltman		_____
5	Gale Dugan		_____

Yes

No

5

ABSTAIN

ABSENT

0

Carried	<u>✓</u>
Lost	_____
Tabled	_____



Allegan County Board of Commissioners

2025-29 Strategic Plan

Approved:

County of Allegan Strategic Plan

Components of strategic plans are defined in many different ways and are framed within many different models. There is no definitive “right” or “wrong” approach. The success of a strategic plan should be considered as what works for a specific organization and keeps it moving forward towards its vision and mission. The following definitions are not meant to define components from an industry standard perspective but rather how each is applied within the County’s plan.

The County of Allegan Strategic Plan consists of the following components, beginning with the broadest and most long-term elements to the most specific, short-range, and tactical activities:

Mission Statement: An overarching, timeless expression of the County’s purpose and aspiration, addressing both what the County seeks to accomplish and the manner in which the County seeks to accomplish it.

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

Vision Statement: An aspiring description of what the County would like to achieve or accomplish in the mid-term or long-term future. It is intended to serve as a clear guide for choosing current and future courses of action.

Allegan County 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.

Values: Shared attributes and behaviors that inform and guide our actions in delivering services.

Respect, Integrity, Commitment, and Honesty will serve as the foundation for all of our words, deeds, and actions in providing services to the citizens of Allegan County.

Respect

- We are committed to maintaining the dignity of everyone at all times. We value the differences in every individual and embrace these differences to build a stronger organization and community.

Integrity

- We are committed to being trustworthy and ethically self-governing. We will perform utilizing our individual and collective knowledge, skills and competencies in a manner which elicits trust from the individuals whom we serve.
- We are committed to being responsible and making responsible decisions. We will make impartial recommendations based on facts, knowledge and collective input.

Commitment

- We are committed to professionalism. We will advocate, pursue and support professional development. We will perform at the highest level of professional standards and at the highest degree of our capabilities collectively and individually.
- We are committed to our governmental mission and will implement governmental

services, ordinances and policies essential to the general welfare of Allegan County residents.

- We are committed to serving the greater good as an effective, efficient and unified county government. We are dedicated to improving the status and conditions of the County by serving those it represents.

Honesty

- We are committed to conducting all business in a truthful, transparent manner. We will learn from the truth and grow individually and collectively as an organization.

Goals (and Goal Statement): Goals identify the primary service or programmatic areas where the County will focus its strategic efforts. Goal Statements are broad, long-range “visions” for a significant area of the County's operations. It defines what the County must accomplish to achieve its mission. Implementation requires collaboration within and across programmatic clusters for achievement.

Strategic Priorities: Strategic priorities outline at a high level how the Goal will be accomplished. Strategic priorities should represent the significant direction that the County will undertake to achieve the Goal. Strategic priorities are seen as having, at least, a five-year horizon.

*The preceding components **require approval by the Board of Commissioners**, including any updates or revisions. As the components below are more business/implementation/action plans and may need to be revised on a more frequent, tactical basis based on experience or changed circumstances, they are provided for information purposes. Specific enabling actions may require Board action and will be brought forward at the appropriate time of implementation*

Objectives: Objectives transition the plan into action by providing general direction that will be taken and is able to be measured.

Tasks: Tasks outline the specific steps that will be taken to complete an objective. They are the most tactical component of the plan and provide the most significant level of detail (specific measurements, deadlines, responsible parties, etc.)

Measurements (trends): Measurements describe the specific results/outcomes expected by each action taken to carry out the plan. They enable evaluation to take place and are often the most overlooked and feared component of strategic plans. However, the County views every outcome as valuable, whether the expected result is achieved or not, in that it provides an opportunity to evaluate for continuous improvement. Therefore, measurements are critical to the County's success.

Allegan County Board of Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners (Board) provides leadership, policy direction, and funding for all County activities. The Board is currently comprised of 5 members, pictured below. The Board meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month in the Board Room at 3283 122nd Avenue in Allegan.

Citizens can view the meeting schedule and details online at: www.allegancounty.org/connect/calendar/board-calendar. Instructions are also posted for citizens who wish to watch meetings live or participate virtually. Questions regarding the meetings can be answered at (269) 673-0239.

In lieu of speaking at a meeting, the public may contact a County Commissioner at any time via phone, email, or letter. Letters may be addressed to Allegan County Administration, 3283 122nd Avenue, Allegan, MI 49010.

District: Area of Representation: Commissioner:

District 1

- Fillmore Township
- Laketown Township
- Overisel Township
- Salem Township
- City of Holland

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District 2

- Dorr Township
- Leighton Township
- Wayland Township
- City of Wayland

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County Commissioner since 2000

*Board Chair 2011-2016
Board Vice-Chair 2009*



District 3

- Casco Township
- Cheshire Township
- Clyde Township
- Ganges Township
- Lee Township
- Manlius Township
- Saugatuck Township
- City of Douglas
- City of Saugatuck
- City of South Haven
- City of Fennville

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District 4

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- Hopkins Township
- Trowbridge Township
- Valley Township
- Village of Hopkins
- City of Allegan

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*Board Vice-Chair 2025
County Commissioner since 2023*



District 5

- Gun Plain Township
- Martin Township
- Otsego Township
- Watson Township
- City of Otsego
- City of Plainwell
- Village of Martin

Gale Dugan

Chair

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Board Vice-Chair 2019-2021
County Commissioner since 10/27/2016*



County
Administrator

- Administration
- Central Dispatch
- Equalization
- Facilities Management
- Finance
- Health Department
- Human Resources
- Information Services
- Parks and Recreation
- Public Defender's Office
- Senior and Veterans Services
- Transportation

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Administrator since 2006





Allegan County Strategy Map

To achieve our vision and ensure Allegan County continues to progress and prosper, we MUST...

Provide valuable and necessary quality services to our

CUSTOMERS

- Deliver affordable and accessible services
- Engage and educate our citizenry
- Collaborate locally and regionally

Vision:
Provide our citizens superior and innovative services, be judicious and efficient in the expenditure of resources and promote a safe, clean and healthy environment in which to live, work and play.

Maintain our **FINANCIAL STABILITY**

- Develop and maintain a balanced operational budget
- Maintain reserve funds
- Execute long-term financial planning



Support a united and **ENGAGED WORKFORCE**

- Foster a positive, team-based work environment
- Employ and retain high-performing, quality employees
- Promote safety and wellness

Continuously improve our

PROCESSES

- Be efficient and cost effective
- Measure and learn from outcomes
- Seek and implement innovative solutions

Mission:
Allegan County shall plan, develop and evaluate the necessary policies and resources to ensure our county continues to progress and prosper.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

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.

Moved by Commissioner DeYoung, seconded by Commissioner Beltman to Reaffirm 2025-29 Strategic Plan Components. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

ATTEST, A TRUE COPY



_____, Clerk-Register

APPROVED: June 12, 2025

cc: Admin. – Finance - Human Resources

Roll Call #: _____

Resolution Name _____

Motion By: DeYoung

Second By: Beltman

Discussion

* Reaffirm 25-29 Strategic
Plan Components
for immediate action

DIST#	COMMISSIONER	VOTE	
		Yes	No
1	Craig Van Beek	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	M Mark DeYoung	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	- Brad Lubbers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	S Scott Beltman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Gale Dugan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Yes

No

5

ABSTAIN

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ABSENT

Carried	<u>✓</u>
Lost	_____
Tabled	_____

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

2024-28 BOARD PLANNING – CLOSEOUT

WHEREAS, through its 2023-24 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.

Moved by Commissioner Van Beek, seconded by Commissioner Beltman to approve the 2024-28 Board Planning – Closeout for immediate action. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

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_____, Clerk-Register

APPROVED: June 12, 2025

cc: Admin. – Finance - Human Resources

Roll Call #: _____

Resolution Name _____

Motion By: Van Beek

Second By: Beltman

Discussion

* 24-28 Closout approval for immediate effect

DIST#	COMMISSIONER	VOTE	
		Yes	No
1	M Craig Van Beek		_____
2	Mark DeYoung		_____
3	Brad Lubbers		_____
4	S Scott Beltman		_____
5	Gale Dugan		_____

Carried	<u>✓</u>
Lost	_____
Tabled	_____

Yes	No
<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN	<u>0</u>
ABSENT	_____

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

2024-28 BOARD PLANNING – CARRY OVER TO 2025-29 PLAN

WHEREAS, through its 2023-24 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 2025-29 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,
 - participate in the Regional Childcare Coalition and explore a partnership with Community Action of Allegan County for expanded opportunity,
- PACE Program

Moved by Commissioner Lubbers, seconded by Commissioner Van Beek to approve the Carry Over to 2025-29 Plan for immediate action. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

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_____, Clerk-Register

APPROVED: June 12, 2025

cc: Admin. – Finance - Human Resources

Roll Call #: _____

Resolution Name _____

Motion By: Lubbers

Second By: Van Beek

Discussion

* 24-28 Carryover
approve for
immediate
action

DIST#	COMMISSIONER	VOTE	
		Yes	No
1	<u>S</u> Craig Van Beek		
2	Mark DeYoung		
3	<u>M</u> Brad Lubbers		
4	Scott Beltman		
5	Gale Dugan		

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Tabled	<input type="checkbox"/>

Yes	No
<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN	<u>0</u>
ABSENT	

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

2025-29 BOARD PLANNING – NEW PROJECT ADDITIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners identified new projects through its 2025 planning year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board recognizes that these projects shall be included in the 2025-29 Board Strategic Plan:

- Proactively maintain employee labor relations
 - By December 31, 2027, have 12 Collective Bargaining Agreements ratified.
 - Update Employee Handbook
- 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,
- FY2029-33 Budget,
- FY2030-34 Budget,
- FY2029 Audit,
- Research Potential Tax Limitation Renewal (2025),
 - Gauge ISD and Township Support (Commissioner Dugan/Beltman)
- Parks and Recreation Funding (Outline various funding options for the Board, review parks plan and categorize the service level options)
- Board appointed committee changes,
 - Economic Development Commission (Remove Sector positions)
- National Community Survey (Priorities),
 - The Economy in Allegan County (deeper research into the concerns of the citizens and evaluate possible tactics to aim towards improvement or education)
 - Health and Wellness in Allegan County (continue the Community Health Needs Assessment for more specific data, and participate in the development of the Community Health Improvement Plan)
 - Safety in Allegan County (Update on current service and safety related gaps if they exist)
- Sale of the county-owned overflow parking lot,(broker led process, if the City desires to have an interest or control of the property, the City would be eligible to submit an offer through the broker)
- Using Brownfield Redevelopment for Housing,
- Maintain Quality and Availability of Water
 - Well & Sewer Assistance Program
 - Community Education Programs
- Evaluate options for increasing accessibility to service (in-person and digitally, balancing win/win strategies for customers and employees e.g. 4/10 scheduling)

Roll Call #: _____

Resolution Name _____

Motion By: VanBeek

Second By: Lubbers

Discussion

* Q5-29 New Project additions

Move to action of next agenda

DIST#	COMMISSIONER	VOTE	
		Yes	No
1	<u>M</u> Craig Van Beek		
2	Mark DeYoung		
3	<u>S</u> Brad Lubbers		
4	Scott Beltman		
5	Gale Dugan		

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Tabled	_____

Yes	No
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ABSTAIN	<u>✗</u>
ABSENT	_____

Roll Call #: _____

Resolution Name _____

Motion By: _____

Second By: _____

Break @ 10:26 AM

reconvene @ 10:36

DIST#	COMMISSIONER	Roll VOTE	
		Yes	No
1	Craig Van Beek	✓	_____
2	Mark DeYoung	✓	_____
3	Brad Lubbers	✓	_____
4	Scott Beltman	✓	_____
5	Gale Dugan	✓	_____

Yes

No

Carried	_____
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ABSTAIN

ABSENT

Roll Call #: _____

Resolution Name _____

Motion By: Lubbers

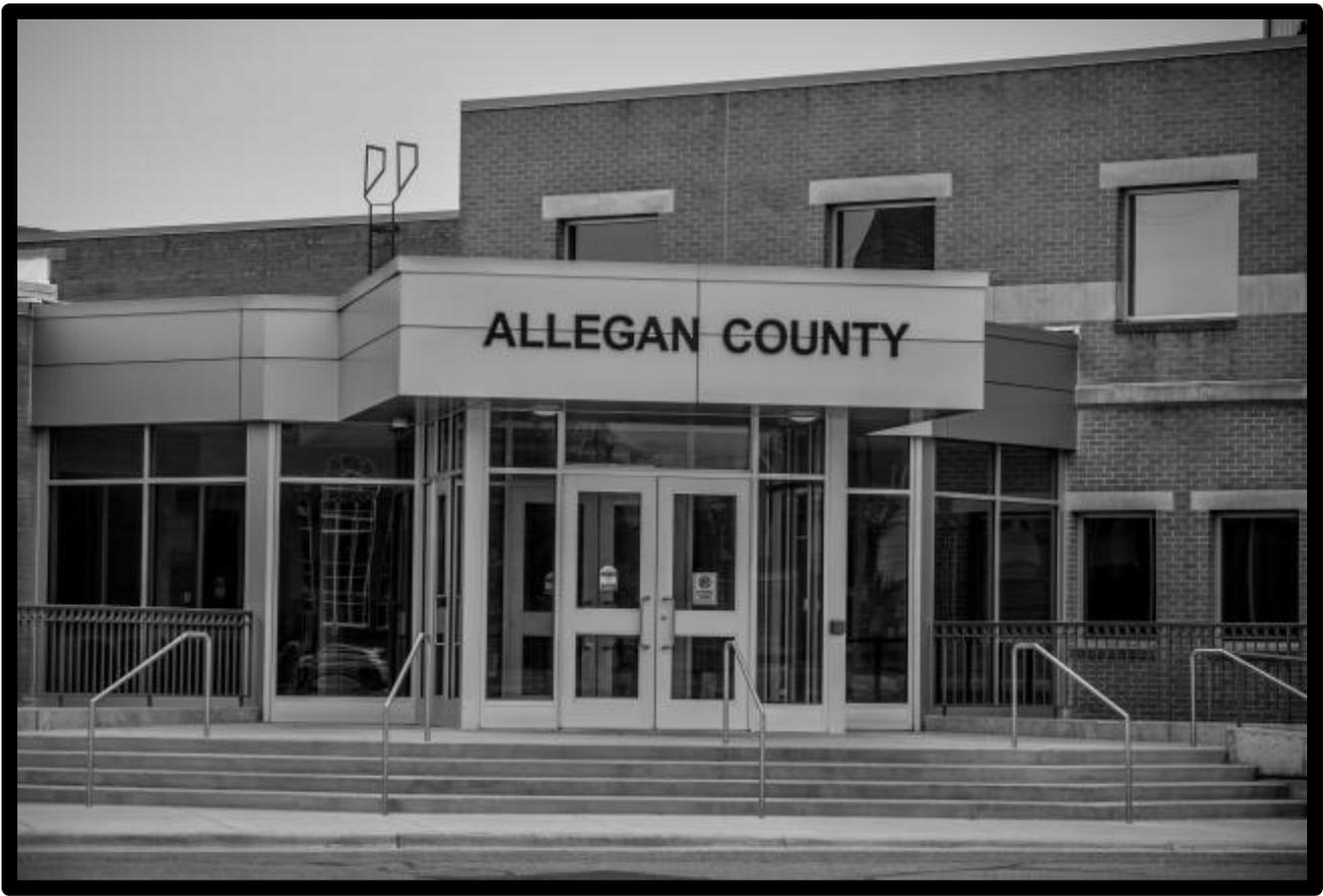
Second By: VanBeek

adjourn @ 10:54 AM

DIST#	COMMISSIONER	VOTE	
		Yes	No
1	S Craig Van Beek		
2	Mark DeYoung		
3	M Brad Lubbers		
4	Scott Beltman		
5	Gale Dugan		

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Tabled	_____

Yes	No
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ABSENT	_____



PROBATE COURT 2024 REPORT



HON. Jolene A. Clearwater
Register Alice L. Bernal
Judicial Secretary Alicia Blik
Deputy Reg. Jennifer Callaway
Deputy Reg. Jennifer White
Court Specialist Thomas Moore

Mission Statement

The mission of the Allegan County Probate Court is to administer justice with fairness, equality, and integrity, to resolve matters before the court in a timely manner, and to provide courteous and prompt service in a manner that inspires trust and confidence, while being good stewards of county resources.

Goals

The goal of the judiciary staff is to support the Judge and complete the mission by:

- providing excellent customer service to all those with business before the court.
- processing all matters within the time guidelines set by the State Court Administrative Office
- ensuring the compliance of court-appointed fiduciaries with statutes and court rules, in order to safeguard protected individuals and their property

Operational Goals of the Court

- Increase access to Court with a State provided e-filing system.
- Continue to update the website to make it easier for the public to obtain and file the documents that they need for Probate Court.
- Increase access to Court with a public kiosk for record searches and form completion.
- Increase the number of available competent court-appointed attorneys and public guardians available by providing competitive wages, support and oversight.
- Increase collections on court ordered fees and costs.
- Utilize best practices and forward thinking to maintain efficient operating costs.
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Probate Court Authority

Article VI Section 15 of the Michigan Constitution provides that “the jurisdiction, powers and duties of the probate court and of the judges thereof shall be provided by law.” Through the promulgation of the Estates and Protected Individuals Code (EPIC), the Mental Health Code, and other acts, the legislature has conferred jurisdiction to the Probate Court over the following matters:

- **Safekeeping of Wills**
- **Decedent Estate Proceedings**
 - Supervised Estates
 - Formal Estates
 - Information Estates
 - Small Estates
- **Civil Actions**
- **Trust Proceedings**
- **Guardianship Proceedings**
 - Minor Conservatorships
 - Adults Guardianships
- **Guardianships of Incapacitated Individuals (adult guardianships)**
- **Protective Orders**
 - Protective Orders for Minors
 - Protective Orders for Adults
- **Conservatorships**
 - Adult Conservatorships
 - Minor Conservatorships
- **Guardianships of Individuals with Developmental Disabilities**
- **Involuntary Commitments of Mentally Ill Persons**
 - Transport Orders
 - Adjudications of Mental Illness
 - Jury Trials
 - Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital Coverage
- **Drain Appeals**
- **Secret Marriages**
- **Registration of Foreign Birth**
- **Safekeeping of Election Records**
- **Committee Appointments**
 - Boundary Commission
 - Veterans Counsel
- **Adoptions**
 - Adoption record requests
 - Appointment of uninterested facilitators.

Probate Judge Honorable Jolene A. Clearwater



Judge Jolene Clearwater is the Probate and Presiding Family Court Judge in Allegan County. She began her judicial career in 2013 as a juvenile and domestic attorney referee and the Director of Family Court Probation with the 48th Circuit Court Family Division in Allegan, Michigan. Judge Clearwater is a graduate of Valparaiso University (Bachelor of Science), the Thomas M. Cooley Law School (Juris Doctorate, litigation concentration), and Franciscan University of Steubenville (Master of Arts). Through her previous work with the 48th Circuit Court, Judge Clearwater managed community probation and diversion in-home care programs that served both formally adjudicated and informally disposed delinquent youth in Allegan County. As an Attorney Referee and Deputy Probate Register, she has over a decade of experience conducting hearings on proceedings

involving juvenile delinquency, child abuse and neglect, minor guardianships, and parenting time and custody issues.

She currently sits on the Tribal Court Relations Committee and the Child Welfare Judicial Workgroup, through the State Court Administrative Office. She previously served on the Michigan Continuing Judicial Education Board and the Board of Directors for Mediation Services. Judge Clearwater regularly trains referees, judges, court staff, attorneys, and caseworkers on various topics involving child protection and juvenile delinquency.

Probate Staff



Alice L. Bernal, J.D., Probate Administrator (2025)

- Probate Register
- Family Court Attorney Referee
- Domestic Relations Referee



Jennifer Callaway, CER -Deputy Register (2012)

- Minor Guardianships and Conservatorships
- Minor Protective Orders
- Developmentally Disabled Guardianships
- Mentally Ill Persons
- Delay Marriages/Foreign Birth



Jennifer White, CEO - Deputy Register (2018)

- Adult Guardianships
- Adult Conservatorships
- Adult Protective Orders



Alicia Blik, Judicial Secretary (2020)

- Probate and Family Court recording
- Maintaining docket
- Invoicing



Thomas Moore, Court Specialist (2022)

- Estates and Trusts
- Coverage for Recording
- File Management

Guardians Ad Litem

Guardian ad litem is an individual appointed by the court to represent the best interests of an alleged legally incapacitated individual in legal proceedings. For a guardianship or conservatorship, the GAL conducts an investigation to determine the individual's needs and to ensure that their best interests are upheld in court. They report to the court what the results of their investigation. They are "the eyes and ears" of the court to assist the Judge in making an informed decision. They are NOT the same as legal guardians.

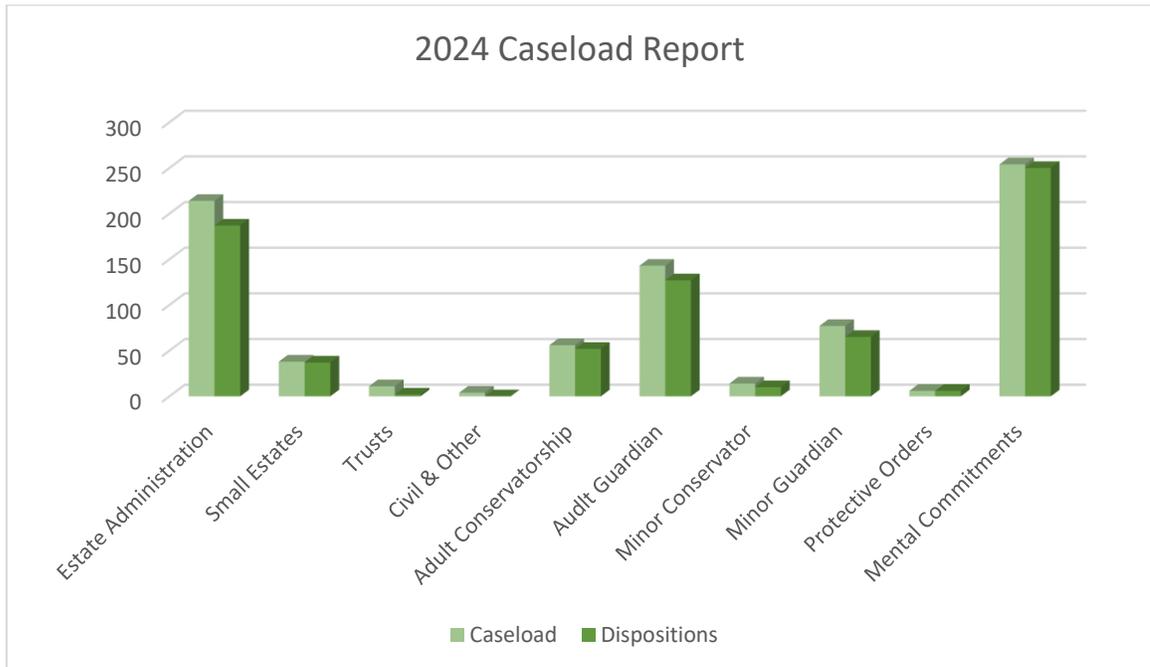
Because the court is legally responsible to appoint GALs, and ensure payment for their services it is a necessary and growing expense of the court. If the petitioner has resources to pay the GAL for their service, it is ordered that they do so. If they are indigent, the county must bear the burden. We have recently seen an increase in need for GALs and a dwindling number available. We are currently attempting to recruit more GALs by raising the hourly rates to be more competitive with neighboring counties, networking and advertising, and maintaining and fostering relationships by providing support and training.

Attorney Guardians Ad Litem

The court also appoints Attorney Guardians Ad Litem for petitions for all developmentally delayed individuals, and sometimes for guardianships or conservatorships. Our attorney roster is critically small. Attorneys who serve in this position, do so at a substantial lesser hourly rate than their private practice rate. It is a much-appreciated service to the court. We are in desperate need of increasing the number of attorneys to be appointed. We are also attempting to recruit attorney GALs to fill this increasing need.

We are so thankful to the GALs and AGALs that we currently have meeting the high demand that we have for them. They are professional, competent, reliable, and necessary.

Probate Court Caseload

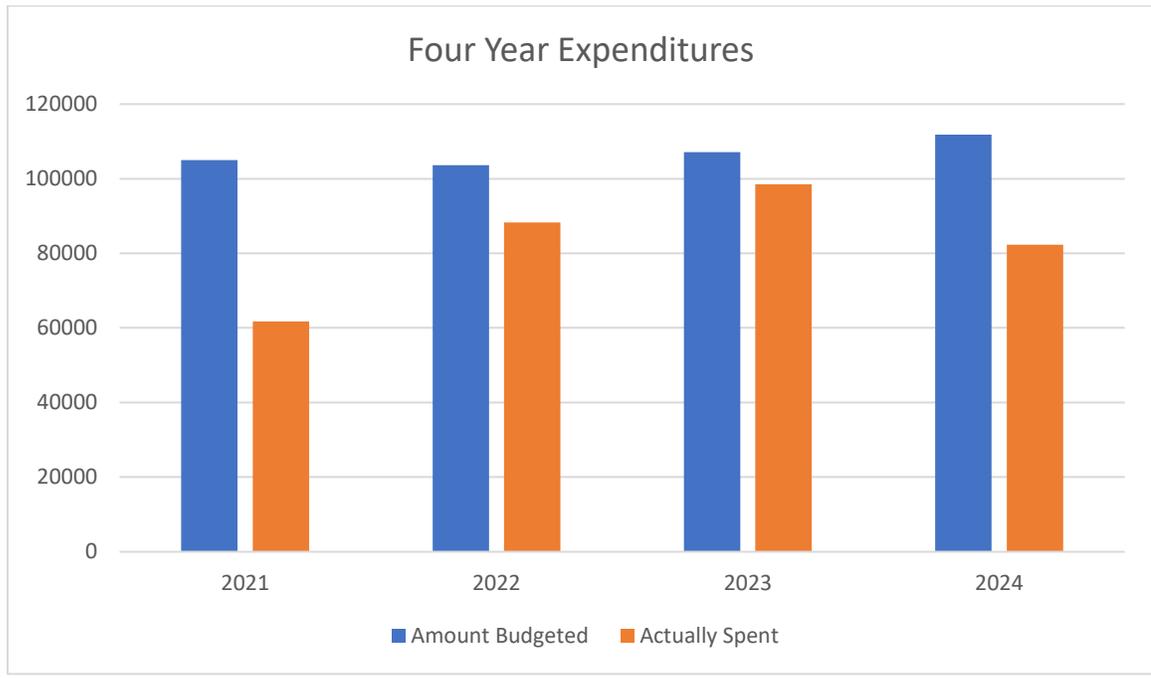


In 2024 the Probate Court handled a total of 776 new filings. The majority of these were comprised of mental health proceedings (254); Decedent Estates (214) and adult guardianships (143).

The dark green represents the total dispositions, or resolutions for cases. The Probate Court disposition rate exceeds the SCAO recommended standards and is above average for the State. Some cases will always be pending at reporting time, and some cases will always take longer than expected, but the Probate Court consistently clears in the 90's, while 2024 saw a 94% disposition rate.

Keep in mind that this graph *only* represents new filings. We are a court that can have a case that is open for a person's lifetime. For example, a petition for a developmentally disabled guardianship is usually filed when the child turns 18 and remains open throughout the ward's lifetime. Guardianship and Conservator cases require annual reporting such as the condition of the ward or an accounting of finances. Also, many petitions are filed to modify an existing guardianship, or seeking permission to sell real estate in a conservatorship for example.

Expenditures

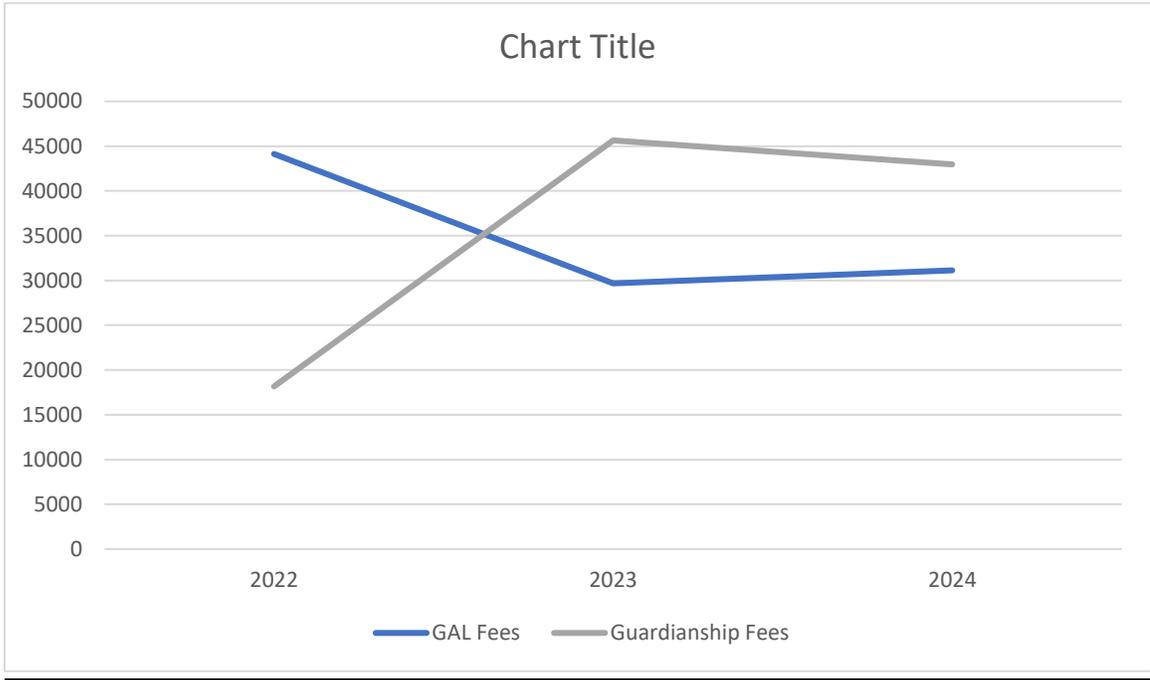


Each year the court consistently is able to remain within the total amount budgeted for Probate Court. We are committed to continuing to do everything possible to lower expenditures where we can and be good stewards of the resources of Allegan County.

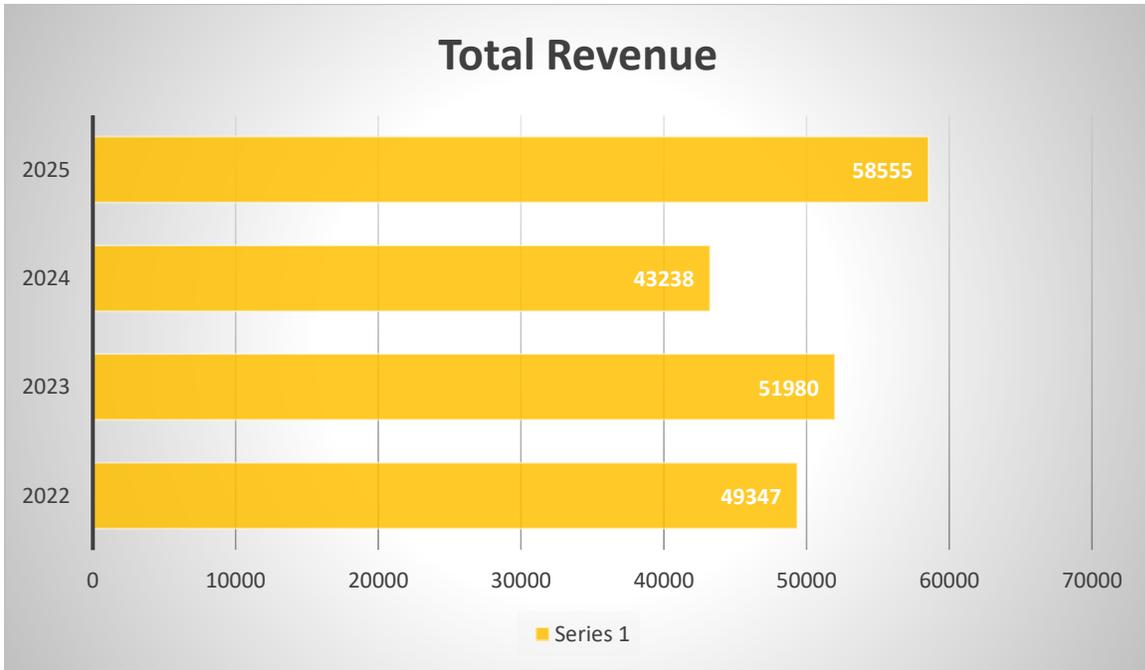
Attorney and GAL Fees

The biggest expenditures of the court are the GAL and Attorney fees. Many courts use attorneys only in GALs, however, we use non-attorneys for cases that we are not required by state law. This saves the county a considerable amount of money because of the lesser hourly rate given to non-attorneys. There is a great deal of concern about the need for increased wages for GALs, AGALs and Guardians. Our county pays less than all neighboring counties. Our court has decided to increase rates gradually until we reach a competitive rate, in order to retain and recruit.

In the immediate future, we also expect to see an increase in cases filed for decedent estates and for legally incapacitated guardianships and conservatorships due the aging boomer generation population. This will require more appointments of GALs and increase expenditures. We need to be prepared to be able to meet our legal responsibilities.



Revenues



Most of the Probate Court's revenues are dependent on filing fees and requests for copies. Each year the probate Court has exceeded the average amount it has budgeted for revenue collection over the past 10 years. In 2025, one of the focuses of the Court staff has been to close estates that remain open for nonpayment of the inventory fee. So far, these collection efforts have been successful and we hope to see an increase in revenue as a result of these efforts. The following graph shows revenues for the past four years and the expected revenue for 2025 based on amount received to date. We have also looked forward to improved processes to ensure collection of all revenues due to the court.

Court's Professional Guardian Reimbursement Program

Thanks to funding from the County, the Court has greatly benefited from the professional guardian reimbursement program. This allows professional guardians to be reimbursed at the rate set by the Social Security Administration for services provided to each ward. This rate has recently increased from \$60 to \$83 per month. Without this service, professional guardians, and thus any guardian, would be unavailable for a number of our most vulnerable population.

Thank You

We feel privileged to work in a county that cares about the people that it serves and employs. As the court that protects a vulnerable population of our county residents, we at the Probate Court aim to work together with all departments across the county to continue to provide the best service that we can to our residents.

Current Information and Key Contacts

Allegan County Probate Court

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Allegan, MI 49010

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<https://www.allegancounty.org/courts-law-enforcement/probate-court>

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Chief Probate Judge

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Alice L. Bernal

Court Administrator/Probate Register

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(269) 686-4633

Alicia Blik

Judicial Secretary/Court Recorder

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(269) 673-0532

Jennifer Callaway

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

FINANCE – CLAIMS & INTERFUND TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, Administration has compiled the following claims for 6/20/25 and 6/27/25;
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.

June 20, 2025

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	74,441.08	74,441.08	
Parks/Recreation Fund – 208	2,116.33	2,116.33	
MCOLES CPE Fund – 217	822.54	822.54	
Health Department Fund – 221	3,217.77	3,217.77	
Solid Waste/Recycling – 226	12,476.36	12,476.36	
Animal Shelter – 254	6,862.18	6,862.18	
Register of Deeds Automation Fund – 256	318.37	318.37	
Palisades Fund – 257	80.23	80.23	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	256.25	256.25	
Central Dispatch Fund – 261	52.83	52.83	
Local Corrections Officers Training Fund – 264	500.00	500.00	
Grants – 279	13,495.21	13,495.21	
Sheriffs Contracts – 287	9,335.37	9,335.37	
Transportation Fund – 288	19,561.41	19,561.41	
Child Care Fund – 292	6,886.11	6,886.11	
Capital Improvement Fund – 401	85,310.18	85,310.18	
CIP – Youth Home Building Fund – 492	11,133.50	11,133.50	
Property Tax Adjustments – 516	5,680.30	5,680.30	
Tax Reversion 2018 – 629	204.00	204.00	
Fleet Management/Motor Pool – 661	10.98	10.98	
Self-Insurance Fund – 677	5,442.74	5,442.74	
Drain Fund – 801	147,895.04	147,895.04	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$406,098.78	\$406,098.78	

June 27, 2025

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	119,640.07	119,640.07	
Parks/Recreation Fund – 208	149.61	149.61	
Friend of the Court – 215	520.77	520.77	
Health Department Fund – 221	7,828.16	7,828.16	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	37,975.34	37,975.34	
Grants – 279	9,309.00	9,309.00	
Crime Victims Rights Grant – 280	193.12	193.12	
Transportation Fund – 288	6,807.92	6,807.92	
Child Care Fund – 292	5,397.02	5,397.02	
Veterans Relief Fund – 293	195.48	195.48	
Senior Services Fund – 298	119,692.87	119,692.87	
Capital Improvement Fund – 401	16,158.65	16,158.65	
Property Tax Adjustments – 516	2,362.26	2,362.26	
Self-Insurance Fund – 677	8,969.46	8,969.46	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$335,199.73	\$335,199.73	

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners adopts the report of claims for 6/20/25, 6/27/25, and interfund transfers.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF WESTERN MICHIGAN (AAAWM)—APPROVE ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (AIP) FY26

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2025, the County's Commission on Aging (COA) reviewed the AIP plan and recommends the Board of Commissioners (Board) approval.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with all statutes and policies governing the AAWM, the Board supports the AIP for FY2026, as presented.

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Chairperson: Rich Butler
Vice Chairperson: Sally Heavener

COMMISSION ON AGING - MINUTES

Chair Rich Bulter called the meeting to order at 9:02 am on June 18, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance, Roll call

The Commission of Aging met in the Zimmerman Room of the Human Services Building.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Commissioner Mark DeYoung, Chairperson Rich Butler, Vice Chairperson Sally Heavener, Mary Campbell, Larry Ladenburger, Pat Petersen, Lue Phelps, Jim Storey, Jo VerBeek

EXCUSED ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Director Jen Garcia and Teresa Galloway, Senior Services; Sallie Prins with Holland PHO; Judy Habetler, public attendee from Allegan.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA- ADOPTED AS PRESENTED

Approval of the agenda moved by Jim Storey, supported by Sally Heavener. All in favor, motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS: Susan Evans, Program Manager, Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter; Presented virtually

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Sallie Prins with Holland PHO an entity of Holland Hospital. Judy Habetler, public member on the COA Senior Workgroup, from Allegan.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion made by Larry Ladenburger, supported by Pat Petersen. All in favor, motion carried.

- Motion to recommend Board of Commissioners approval of AAAWM FY26 Annual Implementation Plan (Attachment A) as received.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

-2026 Draft Budget Review (ACSS): Director Jen Garcia reviewed proposed 2026 budget for millage contracted services (Adult Day Services, In Home Support, Home Delivered Meals, Personal Emergency Response Devices, and Senior Transportation.

-Home Delivered Meal (HDM) Service: Vice Chairperson Sally Heavener, Chair of the COA Policy & Procedure Committee, led a member discussion around current HDM service with contractors Milestone's Senior Services for meal preparation, and Community Action of Allegan County for meal delivery. Heavener documented satisfaction and/or feedback received and member feedback on meal type (frozen vs. ready to eat). Policy & Procedure Committee will continue work towards HDM year-end contracting and report back to COA.

Mission Statement

"Dedicated to serving Allegan County seniors by developing and coordinating services that support their independence, maintain their dignity, and preserve their quality of life"

-Senior Workgroup Goals: Chairperson Rich Butler led a discussion with a handout provided to members that included intended Senior Workgroup Goals and objectives. The handout included a listing of Allegan County libraries and local Township contact information.

-Allegan County Senior Expo, June 26: Director Jen Garcia provided an update on Senior Expo to date, with over 250 pre-registered participants and over 45 senior-focused vendors for the vendor fair. John Dudley will be the Emcee and entertainment, providing a magic show at 12:30PM during the lunch service. All workshop sessions are completely full. COA volunteer roles will be emailed out prior to June 26; members are asked to arrive by 7:00AM wearing COA shirt/smock, or Allegan County apparel. Commissioner Mark DeYoung noted that June 26 is a Board of Commissioners meeting day. Commissioner DeYoung has asked fellow members to adjourn for lunch attendance at Senior Expo.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

ROUND TABLE (COA MEMBER TIME):

Director Jen Garcia provided an update and response from a question presented at the May 21 COA meeting directly related to COA Bylaws, Article III, Member section. Boards and Commissions were discussed at the June 12 Board of Commissioners meeting. One of the Board Strategic Plan items is to review all the Boards and Commissions Bylaws and update for consistency across the organization.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL: July 16, 2025

Motion to adjourn by Vice Chairperson Heavener, supported by Jim Storey. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:51am. Next Meeting July 16, 2025 from 9:00 am-11:00 am in the Zimmerman Room at the Human Services Building.



The Source for Seniors

May 29, 2025

Gale Dugan County Board Chair
Allegan County Board of Commissioners
3283 122nd Avenue
Allegan, MI 49010

Dear Commissioner Dugan,

Enclosed is the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan's (AAAWM) proposed Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for fiscal year 2025.

Upon approval by the State of Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging in August 2025, this plan will secure funding for programs and services that benefit older adults and caregivers, in Allegan County from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026.

We kindly request your County Commission's written approval of this plan. Please ensure your response is received by AAWM on or before July 19, 2025. If we do not hear from you by this date, we will assume the County Commission's implied approval of the plan.

Please send your response to:

Sheri Harris, Director of Advocacy and Planning
3215 Eaglecrest Drive NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Alternatively, you can email a response to: Sherih@aaawm.org

If the Commission does not support the AIP, please let me know. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached via email at sherih@aaawm.org, fax at 616-456-5692, or by phone at 616-222-7015.

Sincerely,

Sheri Harris, Director of Advocacy and Planning

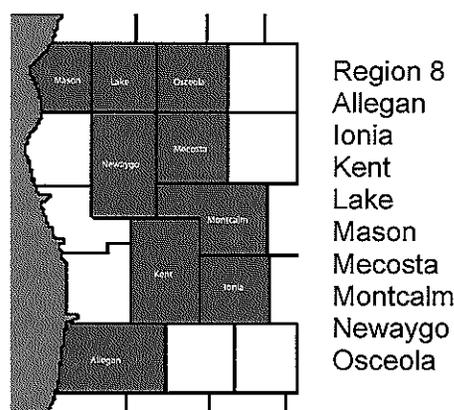
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Allegan County Administration

Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan: The Plan Summary FY26

Since its founding in April 1974, the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan (AAAWM) has been at the forefront of ensuring older adults, adults with disabilities, and their caregivers across Region 8—spanning Allegan, Ionia, Kent, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo, and Osceola counties—have equitable access to the support they need to age with dignity and independence. With a blend of internal expertise, collaborative partnerships, and strategic advocacy, AAAWM continues to lead with innovation and compassion.



Strategic Progress: Building for the Future

We continue progress in meeting our 2024-2026 Overarching Strategic Plan goals by engaging in new initiatives with agencies to develop partnerships to help diversify funding and expand to meet unfulfilled needs. We have implemented a strategic marketing calendar to build brand awareness to increase referrals to services and are in the process of implementing a new database to track those referrals and strengthen outreach and support region wide. We continue to focus on advocacy to have a greater impact on policy changes and improve our legislative influence by representing those we serve and communicating their needs.

Strengthening Internal Capacity

To ensure AAAWM remains an inclusive workplace, we have refined our recruitment, hiring, onboarding, and retention practices. These enhancements are paired with ongoing educational opportunities to support professional development and cultivate a collaborative, mission-driven workforce.

Addressing Senior Housing

We're in active discussions with senior housing agencies to confront the rising cost of rent and the growing number of older adults being priced out of their homes. These partnerships are vital to our strategy in addressing housing instability and home maintenance challenges.

Advocacy in Action

Through steadfast advocacy, we helped secure an additional \$3 million in funding for the Long-Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO) program, adding two full-time LTCO positions to our region and contributing to the statewide goal of 33 new positions. Our FY25 advocacy priorities remain focused on the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA) and the sustainability of the MI Choice Waiver program, lifelines that provide essential services such as meals, caregiver support, and transportation.

In FY25, our advocacy efforts were grounded in building intentional, long-term relationships with legislators throughout our region. These relationships have allowed us to elevate the visibility of the issues facing older adults and individuals with disabilities, while ensuring our elected officials are informed partners in advancing policies that support these populations. Through consistent engagement, education, and collaboration, we have positioned ourselves as a trusted resource on aging and long-term care issues.

Looking ahead to FY26, our advocacy work will continue to build on these priorities, while also adapting to the evolving policy landscape. We will closely monitor and respond to proposed changes at both the federal and state levels, particularly around Medicaid and OAA funding. As these conversations unfold, we will work to ensure that the voices of older adults and those who serve them remain central to decision-making processes.

Financial Stewardship Amid Changing Funding Streams

We have monitored the Older Americans Act (OAA) funding with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), dollars ending in FY24. By maintaining ongoing conversations with our partner agencies and reviewing spending monthly, we are on track with our OAA spending to avoid any funding cliffs, due to phasing out ARPA dollars. We continue to monitor spending with the anticipated carryover cap resuming at the end of FY26.

AAAWM recently received a MDOT grant in collaboration with our transportation service partners that will help expand service and assist with rising transportation costs.

Caregiver Support: Expanding and Innovating

Caregivers are at the heart of aging in place, and we've taken bold steps to support them. AAWM opened a new Caregiver Resource Center, expanded caregiver programming through the Caregiver Resource Grant, and launched innovative initiatives like the Caregiver Supplemental Service and Kinship Grandparent Back-to-School Gift Card Program. These initiatives provide both urgent assistance and long-term support, and feedback from families has been overwhelmingly positive.

Through the **Caregiver Resource Center Grant**, we have been able to expand support to caregivers in our region. We renovated part of our building to create a Caregiver Resource

Center where we host caregiver events and programs and have partnered with Impart Alliance for them to conduct DCW Trainings to those interested in joining the much-needed DCW workforce. Programs we have provided under this grant include the Dementia Caregiving Series, Self Care and Mindfulness, Hands-On Skills Training for Informal Caregivers, and expanded the Caregiver Supplemental Service to assist with one-time caregiver needs. We were also able to translate our caregiver service brochures and resources to various languages to increase access to the important services and information. We have been able to take many of these programs out across our region to meet caregivers where they are at and have received positive feedback from these programs.

We've also translated key caregiver resources into multiple languages, improving access and inclusivity across our region.

Nutrition: Beyond the Meal

While home-delivered and congregate meals remain foundational, we recognize that nutrition is about more than food. That's why, looking ahead to FY27, we're exploring partnerships to launch nutrition education and counseling services that address holistic dietary needs for older adults and their caregivers.

Options Counseling & Person-Centered Services

AAAWM is deepening its commitment to person-centered care through the expansion of our Options Counseling services. In collaboration with Regions 4 and 14, we are preparing to roll out Person-Centered Options Counseling (PCOC) alongside SHIP/MIPPA services in FY25. Until full implementation, we continue delivering both Options Counseling and MMAP services without interruption—ensuring clients have access to resources and support that match their individual needs.

Data-Driven Equity: Prioritizing Those Most in Need

Serving those facing the greatest economic and social barriers is not just a goal, it is our mandate. We consistently analyze year-end service data, communicate expectations to our partners, and refine strategies using Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) data. These efforts help us reach underserved populations and promote health equity across our diverse communities.

Community Engagement and Visibility

Our visibility strategy has focused on reaching underserved communities through local expos and marketing events. These touchpoints allow us to connect directly with community members, build relationships, and ensure that resources are known, trusted, and accessible.

Veterans Services: Honoring Those Who Served

AAAWM proudly leads in serving veterans through the Veteran-Directed Home and Community-Based Services (VD-HCBS) program, becoming the first AAA in the country to do so. We've partnered with the Battle Creek VA Medical Center to support mental health summits, connected caregivers with services, and conducted staff training to deepen our understanding of veteran needs. These efforts ensure veterans receive the high-quality, personalized care they deserve.

A Year of Impact

In FY24, AAAWM and its partners served over 15,700 clients—an incredible milestone that reflects the dedication of our network. Our Grandparents Raising Grandchildren initiative provided essential back-to-school assistance to 52 families, while our advocacy helped strengthen key aging programs statewide.

Caregiver support was expanded through hands-on training, mindfulness programs, and caregiver events hosted at our newly renovated Caregiver Resource Center. Interpreter services and improved communication strategies are in development to further reduce access barriers for diverse populations.

Looking Ahead

As we move into FY25 and beyond, AAAWM remains committed to innovation, inclusion, and advocacy. We're navigating challenges within the MI Choice Waiver program, adapting to the evolving policy landscape, and embracing strategies that keep person-centered care at the core of everything we do. Through bold leadership, collaborative partnerships, and a clear mission for the future, we will continue to uplift and empower the aging population of Western Michigan.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS—SELL OVERFLOW PARKING LOT PROPERTY

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator to contract, list, and sell the parcel located at Cutler & Water Street, Allegan, MI 49010: Parcel 51-105-186-00 (0.879 Acres); and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized to sign all necessary documents on behalf of the County.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

2025-29 BOARD PLANNING – NEW PROJECT ADDITIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners identified new projects through its 2025 planning year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board recognizes that these projects shall be included in the 2025-29 Board Strategic Plan:

- Proactively maintain employee labor relations
 - By December 31, 2027, have 12 Collective Bargaining Agreements ratified.
 - Update Employee Handbook
- 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,
- FY2029-33 Budget,
- FY2030-34 Budget,
- FY2029 Audit,
- Research Potential Tax Limitation Renewal (2025),
 - Gauge ISD and Township Support (Commissioner Dugan/Beltman)
- Parks and Recreation Funding (Outline various funding options for the Board, review parks plan and categorize the service level options)
- Board appointed committee bylaw review and changes (with focus on standardization)
- National Community Survey (Priorities),
 - The Economy in Allegan County (deeper research into the concerns of the citizens and evaluate possible tactics to aim towards improvement or education)
 - Health and Wellness in Allegan County (continue the Community Health Needs Assessment for more specific data, and participate in the development of the Community Health Improvement Plan)
 - Safety in Allegan County (Update on current service and safety related gaps if they exist)
- Sale of the county-owned overflow parking lot,(broker led process, if the City desires to have an interest or control of the property, the City would be eligible to submit an offer through the broker)
- Using Brownfield Redevelopment for Housing,
- Maintain Quality and Availability of Water
 - Well & Sewer Assistance Program
 - Community Education Programs
- Evaluate options for increasing accessibility to service (in-person and digitally, balancing win/win strategies for customers and employees e.g. 4/10 scheduling).