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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

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On September 15th the community turned out to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Maurice Spear Campus. The campus is a great asset to the county. The staff of the campus, the Probate Judges and the staff of the Probate Court over the last 50 years have served the county and the youth in their care in an exemplary manner. This was evidenced by the turn out and testimony at the event held at the campus.

Construction is underway on the Solid Waste recycling station on River Street in the City of Adrian. The site will have recycling containers and compactors. The expected completion date is in mid-November. The parking lot on the south side of the Physical Resources Building and the yard of the new Drain maintenance facility are being paved in the same project. The Drain Commission crew should

be able to move into their new home this fall.

The recommended budget from the Administrators Office will be presented to the County Commission at their October meeting. The budget is a challenge again this year as the county works to develop a balanced budget with declining revenues and increased service demands.

The September tax foreclosure sale was held and approximately 50 properties remain unsold. The Lenawee County Land Bank will be reviewing the remaining properties to determine which parcels may benefit from transfer to the Land Bank. The laws governing actions by the Land Bank provide that board with more options in the disposition of property than are available to the County Treasurer.

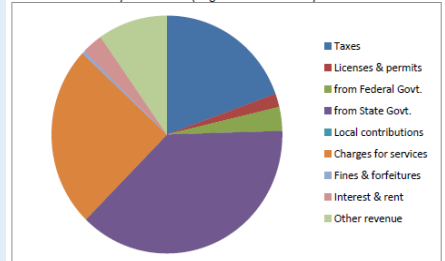
COUNTY FINANCE



County Citizen's Guide

A citizen's guide to Lenawee County's financial health is now available on the website.

1. Where our money comes from (all governmental funds)



This guide is a plain-English, easy-to-understand look at Lenawee's financial situation and the challenges ahead.

www.lenawee.mi.us

Upcoming Events



VOTE: The last day to register to vote for the upcoming November 6, 2012 Election is October 9, 2012. You can register with your local city or township clerk, county clerk or at any Secretary of State's Office. You can visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at www.michigan.gov/voter to verify your voter registration information.

Health Department: Flu shot clinics for adults are scheduled for 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26 from 8:00-12:00. **County employees** may obtain vaccinations on October 11th from 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. in the Commissioners Chambers. Call: 264-5226

Legislative dinner: October 30, 2012 –This is an opportunity to meet with other local officials and hear about issues concerning our area. The place is to be determined, but please watch for an invitation or contact the Admin Office.

Career Opportunity Expo: November 8th from 10-2 pm at Siena Heights University Fieldhouse
www.sienaheights.edu/operationserve

Board Appointments



The Commissioners determine board appointments for many boards; usually at the recommendation of that board.

A list of current board appointments may be found in the **government section** of the **County website**. If you are interested in one the appointments, it is recommended that you send a letter of interest including any qualifications, expertise, or experience you may offer directly to that board. Details on how to contact the board for more information is included in the list.

The Board of Commissioners is currently accepting letters from those that would like to be considered for appointment to the following:

Region 2 Planning Commission (www.region2planning.com): A volunteer committee that works with local units of government on development of master plans; zoning ordinances; recreation plans and grants; transportation planning including long range plans and transportation improvement programs; county hazard mitigation plans; county solid waste management plans; and economic development plans.

Lenawee District Library Board: The Library Board shall have all the powers enumerated in Section 12 of the Act, MCL397.182, the District Library Financing Act, MCL 397.281, et seq, and any other powers granted by law.

Lenawee, Livingston, Washtenaw County Substance Abuse Advisory Council (LLWSAAC): To assist the Coordinating Agency Governing Board by providing an opportunity for individuals within the applicant's service delivery area to comment upon the issuance of a substance abuse services license, assist in the development of a comprehensive substance abuse service delivery plan, review and make recommendations to the Governing Board of the progress and effectiveness of services delivered in accordance with the plan, and assuring that a mechanism exists for community input on substance abuse needs and services throughout the region.

Please submit your letter to: **Board of Commissioners**
301 N. Main Street
Adrian, MI 49221

BOC ACTIVITY



The property improvement project for the DOS, Drain Commission, and parking lots is to be completed by mid-November.

The Community Action Agency presented the status on the housing improvement projects completed with the current CDBG housing grant and update on new grant.

Department Spotlight Maurice Spear Campus

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Maurice Spear Campus (MSC) is celebrating 50 years of service to Lenawee County residents.

MSC is a 66 bed, County-operated youth detention and treatment facility where residents are exposed to cooperation, problem solving, life skills, leadership, responsibility, self-discipline, empathy and listening skills.

It has comprehensive Individual Therapy, Family Counseling, Group Therapy and an After Care program for youth released from the program. Treatment modalities include; Reality Therapy, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Trauma Focused Therapy, in addition to an intensive drug and alcohol and sexual offender treatment programs, which have been added to the program since 2005.

Since its inauguration in 1962, 64 staff members at MSC have been honored with the MJDA Child Care Worker of the Year award, three (3) of which also received recognition as the State of Michigan Child Care Worker of the Year.