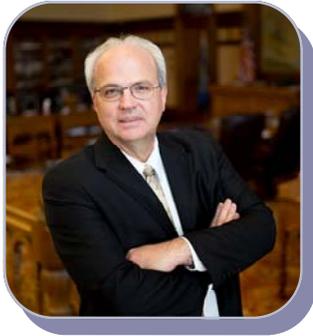




### From the Administrator



*Martin D. Marshall*

At their September 12<sup>th</sup> Personnel/Ways and Means meeting the Board of Commissioners received the draft budget prepared by the County Administrator's office. This year they received two versions of the budget. The Option A budget is predicated on passage of the November 7<sup>th</sup> renewal of the separate tax limitations proposal. That budget continues funding for the current programs and services provided by County government.

The Option B budget was prepared in the event that the ballot proposal does not pass and the Board of Commissioners is required to reduce expenditures by over 1.6 million dollars. The cuts in the budget effect many different programs and services of the County. Please see the County

website for details of the changes between the two budgets. [www.lenawee.mi.us](http://www.lenawee.mi.us)

We have been very encouraged by the support from local communities and service groups for the November 7<sup>th</sup> ballot proposal to renew the separate tax limitations. Comments and questions from county residents at the various presentations have made it clear that these are important programs in the County. There have also been endorsements of the proposal passed by several organizations.

However, there is still a lot of work to do and with just five weeks until November 7<sup>th</sup>, we are working hard to ensure that the decision reached by Lenawee County voters is based on good information. If you are aware of a group or organization that would like to hear the County's presentation, please contact the Administrator's Office. There are several presentations in the month of October to explain to county residents why Lenawee County is at this crossroads. It is time to decide whether Lenawee County government will provide only mandated services or will it continue to provide the non-mandated, quality of life pro-

grams that we have all come to enjoy and expect? How will we invest the property tax dollars that we receive?

The Lenawee County Board of Commissioners took a large step in investing in the safety of all Lenawee County residents. At their meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> the commission approved an upgrade of the radio system that is used to communicate with first responders in emergency situations. This is a continuation of the upgrade that was approved last year. All police, fire and ambulance crews will be moved to the 800 MHz platform and additional infrastructure will be built out so that first responders have clear and secure communications with the 911 dispatch center when they are responding to your emergency call. This is a great collaborative effort between the County 911 center and the local police and fire departments. Both the dispatch team and the local departments should be commended for their cooperation and dedication to the public.

Tune in on Saturday morning, October 28th to ViewPoint on WLEN from 9 to 10 a.m.  
**And engage in the conversation!**

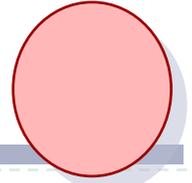




# Official Business

From the Board of Commissioners

Board Minutes are available online



The Board of Commissioners approved a resolution in opposition of Senate Bill 386 “The general property tax act” - allowing new collateral attacks on judicial foreclosure orders after the orders are final and appeal rights exhausted, SB 386 would undermine the quality of the fee simple title vested in the foreclosing governmental unit, cloud otherwise clear titles, create uncertainty, and reduce prices paid for tax-foreclosed properties at tax sales, all of which undermine the current effective tax sale and delinquent tax collection process;

The Board confirmed the appointments of: Deidre Reed and Amy Palmer to the Community Mental Health Authority Board

In September, the Board of Commissioners reviewed two versions of the 2018 Budget; Option A includes the proposed millage; Option B does not.

2016 Actual	2017 Amended Budget	2018 Admin Draft A	2018 Admin Draft B	Draft A & B Difference
\$27,536,532	\$28,063,576	\$29,578,719	\$27,918,707	(\$1,660,012)



In recognition of the important work of domestic violence programs, the Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims the

month of October to be **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**.

Be It Further Resolved that all citizens are challenged to recognize the signs of abuse, to become familiar with support systems available for families victimized by abuse, and to seek solutions for breaking the cycle of abuse. The Zonta Club of Lenawee also promotes the awareness, recognition and eradication of domestic violence through their “Zonta Says NO” campaign this month.

For more information, visit the [Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence](#) or the [National Network to End Domestic Violence](#) website. Check into volunteer opportunities to address domestic violence by calling the

- Catherine Cobb Safe House Administration office: **517-265-5352**; For **immediate HELP** call
- Local Shelter Crisis Hotline: **517-265-6776**
- Ntl Domestic Violence Hotline: **1-800-799-SAFE** or **1-800-787-3224** (TTD)
- Central Dispatch: **9-1-1**

The County Administrator is scheduled for a few more presentations. This is your opportunity to learn more about the November proposal and to ask questions!

Please check out the remaining dates/times or call the Administrator’s Office for more information.

- 2-Oct Village of Onsted 7:00 p.m.
- 9-Oct Riga Township 7:00 p.m.
- 10-Oct Madison Township 7:00 p.m.
- 10-Oct Franklin Township 7:30 PM
- 23-Oct Raisin Charter Township 10:00 a.m.
- 23-Oct Village of Blissfield 7:00 p.m.

### CLOSE OF REGISTRATION NOTICE FOR THE GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017

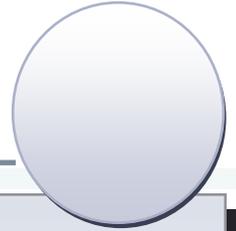
To the Qualified Electors of the Cities and Townships listed below; COUNTY OF LENAWEE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CLERKS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017** – LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THIS ELECTION, from 8 o’clock AM until 4:30 o’clock PM. The 30<sup>th</sup> day preceding said election, as provided by Section 490, Act No. 116, Public Acts of 1904 as amended.

Full notice available on the County website or <https://www.electionlenawee.com/>

# Highlights



**WHEREAS**, the Adrian Breakfast Lions Club is a member of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service club organization with 1.4 million members in 46,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas; and

**Whereas**, Lions Clubs International was founded in 1917 and is celebrating 100 years of humanitarian service; and

**WHEREAS**, local Lions Clubs are comprised of volunteers who dedicate their time to the betterment of our community and aiding those in need.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners, in recognition of the many important contributions by Lions International, the Adrian Breakfast Lions Club, and other Lions Clubs within our County **DO HEREBY** recognize October 1 -7 as "Lions Clubs Week;" and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that local Lions Clubs be recognized as an important part of Lenawee County and that all members be commended for their efforts.

## Medicare.gov

The Official U.S. Government Site for Medicare

Each year, you have a chance to make changes to your Medicare Advantage or Medicare prescription drug coverage for the following year.

There are 2 separate enrollment periods each year.

### What can you do?

- ⇒ **Change** from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage Plan
- ⇒ **Change** from a Medicare Advantage Plan back to Original Medicare
- ⇒ **Switch** from one Medicare Advantage Plan to another Medicare Advantage Plan
- ⇒ **Switch** from a Medicare Advantage Plan that doesn't offer drug coverage to a Medicare Advantage Plan that offers drug coverage
- ⇒ **Switch** from a Medicare Advantage Plan that offers drug coverage to a Medicare Advantage Plan that doesn't offer drug coverage
- ⇒ **Join** a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.
- ⇒ **Switch** from one Medicare drug plan to another Medicare drug plan.
- ⇒ **Drop** your Medicare prescription drug coverage completely.

**When is open enrollment?  
October 15–December 7**

If you need assistance contact the  
**Lenawee Department on Aging 517-264-5280**  
or visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)



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# Highlights



Renewal of the tax limitation will retain services like road patrol, 4-H, economic development, senior services, parks and more to support our communities and enhance our quality of life. These programs attract employers, investors and new families to our county.

## What will the proposed impact be on my taxes?

The Countywide impact expected 2018 additional levy on \$100,000 home:

- ½ mill
- \$25 per year without township levy
- For 50% of population \$25 per year
- Others range from \$25 - \$43 per year

**Question:** What County services are mandated and which are non-mandated?

**Answer:** Listed below are most of the mandated and non-mandated services. There are also county departments that exist in support of both mandated and non-mandated functions such as the Maintenance Department, Information Technology and Administration.

### Mandated Functions

- Courts
- Jail
- Constitutional Offices
- Care of children
- Defense of indigent offenders
- Public health
- Equalization
- Veterans Affairs
- Drain Commission
- Medical Examiner

### Non-Mandated Services

- Public Transportation
- Road and Marine Patrol
- MSU Extension and 4-H
- Economic Development
- Senior services
- Parks
- Specialty Courts
- Recycling
- Conservation Service
- Economic Crimes – Loss Recovery



Impact by Township on \$100,000 home in 2018

Woodstock 0.2471 County/ISD Total	12.355 25 37.355	Cambridge 0.2887 County/ISD Total	14.435 25 39.435	Franklin 0.2609 County/ISD Total	13.045 25 38.045	Clinton Total 32.725	Tecumseh Total 34.475	Macon 0.0015 County/ISD Total	0.075 25 25.075
Rollin 0.3724 County/ISD Total	18.62 25 43.62	Rome 0.1274 County/ISD Total	6.37 25 31.37	Adrian 0 County/ISD Total	0 25 25	Raisin 0 County/ISD Total	0 25 25	Ridgeway 0.1489 County/ISD Total	7.445 25 32.445
Hudson 0.1457 County/ISD Total	7.285 25 32.285	Dover 0.1995 County/ISD Total	9.975 25 34.975	Madison 0 County/ISD Total	0 25 25	Palmyra 0.0741 County/ISD Total	3.705 25 28.705	Deerfield Total 33.165	Blissfield Total 31.175
Medina 0.1339 County/ISD Total	6.695 25 31.695	Seneca 0.136 County/ISD Total	6.8 25 31.8	Fairfield 0.1145 County/ISD Total	5.725 25 30.725	Ogden 0.0731 County/ISD Total	3.655 25 28.655	Riga 0.1725 County/ISD Total	8.625 25 33.625

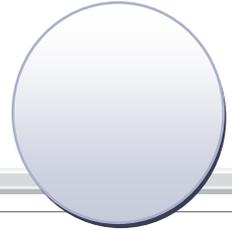
All Cities 25

Villages Same as township within which they reside





# Highlights



## Protecting. Serving. Helping: Lenawee County Sheriff's Office Road Patrol is Invested in Safety

Posted on August 4, 2017 at 2:35 PM by Jennifer Ambrose

It's the middle of the night. Your eyes fly open and you sit up in bed, listening. What was that sound? Maybe you hear glass break or your car alarm startles you awake. Somewhere down your dark country road, a dog starts to bark. Your heart is racing as you lean over to reach for the phone to call for help.

Or maybe you are driving home from work one evening. The sun is shining brightly and you are listening to your favorite new song on the radio. The next thing you know, another car darts out in front of you. Between the sun glare and the short reaction time, you are unable to avoid a collision. A pedestrian on the street witnesses the crash and takes out her phone to

call for help.

Of course, no one plans to have an emergency, but these frightening scenarios can happen to anyone. The most important elements of any emergency are how quickly your call for help is answered and subsequently, the length of time it takes for emergency services to respond. It can mean the difference between life and death.

In Lenawee County, where more than half of the population live in rural areas, the Sheriff's Office Road Patrol Division is responsible for responding to emergency calls whenever they are needed. Not only do they patrol the areas of the County without a dedicated police presence, the Lenawee County Road Patrol also assists the officers in the cities and townships with their own police departments.

The ability of the road patrol to respond to all emergency calls throughout the County, particularly in those areas without their own police departments, reinforces to residents that their calls will be answered and help will be on the way. This can provide a feeling of safety, while potentially deterring crime.

When the Sheriff's Office Road Patrol division responds to assist the police officers of the smaller communities around the County it allows for these municipal police departments to respond more quickly and handle larger, more complicated cases by lending an expertise that smaller agencies may not have.

"If we were unable to respond to the calls of the community, those instances of car crashes, domestic violence, or assaults, could go unreported," said Deputy Casey Opsal. "And unfortunately, unreported violent offenses have the potential to escalate to homicide. Our presence in the county helps to prevent the rise of violent crimes."

It's the response to these calls, regardless of the level of danger involved, that speaks to the dedication of the Sheriff's Office Road Patrol. Whether it's a motor vehicle crash on a County road or assisting a township law enforcement department in handling a serious crime by lending support, the deputies of the Road Patrol Division are committed to protecting and serving the residents of Lenawee County.

"We could have several cases going on at once," said Officer Michael Samoray of the Hudson Police Department. "Without the County [Sheriff Road Patrol], we would have to rely on neighboring communities to respond, and that could take 15 minutes or more. When the Road Patrol responds, it benefits both the local community and the surrounding areas."

## Lenawee County

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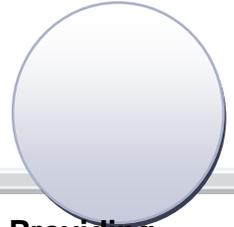
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# Highlights



## Lenawee County is Investing in Veterans by Providing Personalized Assistance

Posted on September 24, 2017 at 9:58 PM by Jennifer Ambrose

Lenawee County takes pride in serving the veterans who have served our country with honor. There are over 7,100 veterans residing in Lenawee County. The Department of Veterans Affairs provides assistance to veterans of all ages in accessing the benefits they have earned as a result of their service.

Kelley Elliott is a Veterans Advocate and Veterans Service Officer at the Department of Veterans Affairs. She meets with the veterans who come in for assistance on a daily basis. "Veterans are very grateful for the services we have here in the county," says Kelley. And all of the services are provided free of charge.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has a small and dedicated staff of three people. They strive to provide personalized service and cut through the red tape to help veterans every day. "We work here for a reason. We're here because we want to be here to serve the veterans who served our country," explains Kelley. "When they come in, it doesn't matter if we do the service or not, we will make sure it gets done for them. We are their people."

The services provided by the Lenawee County Department of Veterans Affairs have helped thousands of veterans improve their quality of life. The Department works tirelessly to ensure that veterans receive the benefits to which they are entitled as a result of their military service.

"I'm just extremely thankful that they're here and that they work so hard to provide the benefits and information I need in order to help my family and help myself," says Trent. "I cannot say enough good stuff about them."

## Lenawee County is Investing in Seniors Through Home and Health Care Services

Posted on July 18, 2017 at 2:25 PM by Jennifer Ambrose

We are investing in our seniors by providing in-home care and assistance, respite care, transportation, and case management because we care about paying them back for their service to the community. Our seven senior centers across the county offer a wide range of activities like exercise classes, games, and social events. We provide access to computers, a full library, and education classes on a variety of topics. We provide over 800 meals a day for home delivery and serve meals at our senior centers daily.



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