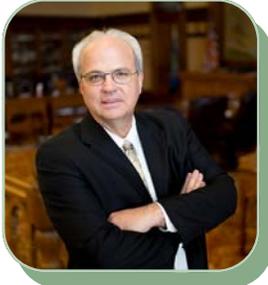




# LENAWEE COUNTY Investing in *You*

December, 2017

## From the Administrator



### *Martin D. Marshall*

The support shown by the voters who participated in the November 7<sup>th</sup> election and approved the tax limitation proposal was tremendous. With a 70% yes vote the proposal was supported in every precinct in the county. The day after the election the Board of Commissioners moved the budget forward and at their December board meeting will approve a general appropriation act that includes funding for important county services. Many County employees contributed to the educational campaign to allow voters to make an informed decision and I want to thank all of you for your efforts.

Also included in the budget for next year and in coming years are projects to improve County facilities. Some of the projects are part

of the Capital Improvement Plan and others will address work that goes beyond maintenance and includes major rebuilds of some buildings. The commission will soon be making decisions on the Sheriff's building and other buildings in the downtown complex to provide offices that meet the needs of our employees as they provide excellent service to county residents.

We have also laid a stable foundation for our employees and for County finances by completing three year agreements with the bargaining units and laying out a three year financial package for non-union employees. Employees will have the stability of knowing what to expect for the next three years and the County will have that same stability in the budgeting process. I appreciate the work that went into this year's negotiations and the respectful and cooperative manner in which negotiations were conducted.

With the election behind us and with a full schedule of work ahead of us I know that there will

be challenges to be addressed and surprises that we cannot anticipate. At the same time, I know that we have the solid support of a caring community, a supportive commission and dedicated co-workers that will turn our plans into action and goals into success.

*Thank you again for the tremendous effort and support over the last few months. A team effort really makes a difference.*



**County Business Offices  
will be CLOSED  
Friday, December 22  
Monday, December 25  
Friday, December 29  
Monday, January 1**

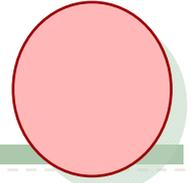
*From All of US  
to All of YOU  
Have a Safe &  
Joyous  
Holiday Season!*



# Official Business

From the Board of Commissioners

[Board Minutes are available online](#)



There was a Public Hearing on the 2018 Budget - the Board moved to substitute Personnel/ Ways & Means Draft #2 General Fund Budget in place of Draft #1 and direct the County Administrator to prepare the 2018 General Appropriation Act to include Draft #2 and set the County operating millage at 5.40 mills; the Department on Aging Special millage at .7320 mills; the Lenawee Medical Care Facility millage at .1896 mills; and the Veterans Relief Fund millage at 0.00 mills.

The 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan was approved

Shelly Delong, the new Equalization Director, provided the **2017 Annual Apportionment Assessment**

Tom MacNaughton was re-appointed to the Department of Health & Human Services Board

## DECEMBER BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A public hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. on December 13, 2017, in the Lenawee County Commissioners Chambers, 301 North Main Street, Adrian, Michigan 49221, on the proposed issuance as part of a plan of finance in one or more series, which may be issued on the same or different dates, of not to exceed \$177,000,000 aggregate principal amount of hospital revenue and refunding bonds (the "Bonds") by the County of Lenawee Hospital Finance Authority (the "Lenawee Authority"), for the benefit of Emma L. Bixby Medical Center ("Bixby"), Herrick Memorial Hospital, Inc. ("Herrick"), and Lenawee Long Term Care, Inc. (d/b/a/ Provincial House of Adrian) ("Provincial House"), each a Michigan non-profit corporation and each an affiliate of ProMedica Health System, Inc., an Ohio nonprofit corporation, for the purposes of...

### Other agenda items:

Michigan Works! Southeast Annual Report -  
Bill Sleight, Director

MSU Annual Report -  
Matt Shane, Dist 12 Coordinator

Accreditation With Commendation presentation -  
Lenawee County Health Department

*We* enjoyed the great turn out at the Legislative Dinner discussing the future of Lenawee County!

To get involved in the Vision Project, visit us online at

[www.lenawee.mi.us](http://www.lenawee.mi.us) - we would love to see more volunteers!

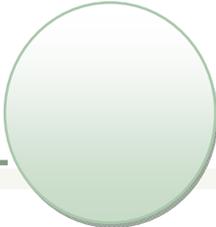


The Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Program identifies and promotes the implementation of public health standards for local public health departments and evaluates and accredits departments based upon their ability to meet these standards.

The program is a collaborative effort between the Michigan Public Health Institute; the Michigan Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Environmental Quality, and Health and Human Services; the Michigan Association for Local Public Health; and Michigan's local public health departments. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services provides oversight and funding for the program.

**Congratulations to the Lenawee County Health Department** for earning Accreditation with Commendation status AGAIN!

# Highlights



Check out these things going on around our county:

**Adult Mental Health FIRST AID TRAINING**

KNOW THE SIGNS    LEARN THE ACTIONS    BE A LIFELINE

**LDA LENAWEE DEPARTMENT ON AGING**

The Lenawee Department on Aging is looking for volunteers to help deliver over 800 meals per day throughout the county. If you can spare an hour or so once a week, once a month, or even once in awhile this winter, please call Cassie Hollenbeck, Nutrition Director. **517-264-5280** Volunteers are rewarded with warm smiles, a hot meal upon returning to the center, and mileage reimbursement.

**Home Décor Stamping Workshop**

**December 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm**

Project takes 30-60 minutes

Ages 9-adult

Cost: \$5 (4-H & Screened volunteers)  
\$8 (non 4-H and adults)

*Frame not included*

**RSVP by 12/12 to the 4-H Office 517-264-5300**

**Holiday Festivities at Hidden Lake Gardens**

6214 W. Monroe Road  
Tipton, MI 49287

**Saturday, December 2 from 4-8 p.m.**

**Holiday Festival**

- Musical entertainment
- Crafts for children
- Visit with Santa Claus
- Over 2,000 candle-lit luminaries
- Gift shop items for nature lovers
- Dazzling holiday decorations
- Refreshments
- \$5 per person/free for HLG Members (\$20 max per vehicle)

**December 3, 9 & 10 from 5 - 8 p.m.**

**Evening of Lights**

- Over 2,000 candle-lit luminaries
- Gift Shop and Conservatory open till 8 p.m.
- \$3 per person/free for HLG Members

For more information please call (517) 431-2060 or visit our website at [www.hiddenlakegardens.msu.edu](http://www.hiddenlakegardens.msu.edu)

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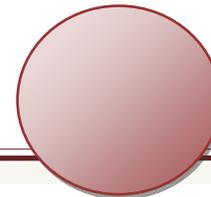


Have something to share: send your non-profit, community event to [County.Administrator@lenawee.mi.us](mailto:County.Administrator@lenawee.mi.us)

We believe Lenawee is the greatest county in Michigan. That's why we continue to invest in a wide range of county programs and services to make this the best place to live in Michigan. Investing in our communities. Investing in our citizens. *Investing in You.*



# Highlights



**LENAAWEE POLICE vs. FIRE COUNTY TOY DRIVE**

**We're challenging you!**

Help us battle for our neighbors in need this holiday season. We would like to challenge our uniformed friends to collect toys for the less fortunate in Lenawee County. Please show your support by bringing new, unwrapped toys to Midas on Saturday December 9th, between 8:00am and Noon. We will announce your donations on WLEN during the live broadcast, and keep you updated on who is in the lead! Encourage your brothers and sisters in uniform to make sure your team 'wins'!

Bring your donations in your marked units for a photo op!

**Drop-off Location:**  
Adrian Midas  
639 S Main Street

Law enforcement in Lenawee County once again grew beards through the month of November to help make a difference in our community.

With this fundraiser law enforcement raised money and awareness for a local soup kitchen, the Daily Bread of Lenawee County.

It's the officer's personal donations that grants them exemption from the grooming policy for the month and they were encouraged to talk to people about our local needs and how they might be able to help.

Female officers were allowed to use colored nail polish on their fingernails. For more information on the Daily Bread of Lenawee County [click here](#).



Crime victim rights advocates in the Lenawee County Prosecutor's Office coordinated donations of clothing, personal hygiene products and other items from local businesses, organizations and individuals to put together the kits. Those kits were presented Friday to the sexual assault nurse examiners, or SANE nurses, at ProMedica's Bixby and Herrick hospitals in Adrian and Tecumseh.

The kits donated are "winter" kits with sweatpants and long-sleeve T-shirts. The Prosecutor's Office will be collecting items for "summer" kits and anyone who would like to contribute may call the prosecutor's office at 517-264-4640 and ask for Ms. Roller or Ms. Petty.

To learn more about the SANE program, contact Rachelle VanAken at the Bixby emergency department by calling 517-265-0930.

**CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS**

A Division of the  
Prosecuting Attorney's Office  
425 N. Main Street Suite #205  
Adrian, MI 49221  
517-264-4637



Most every police agency in the county assists in this program; including the Correction Officers from MDOC.

This year they hope to have 60 kids participating in the program on December 16th!

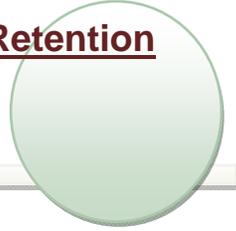
Nearly \$7,500 will be raised through community donations.

If you'd like to make a donation, please contact Captain Ewald - Sheriff's Office (517) 263-0524



## Lenawee County is Investing in Jobs Through Business Retention

Originally Posted on August 28, 2017 at 2:14 PM by  
Jennifer Ambrose



The retention and expansion of businesses in Lenawee County aids our economy to grow and helps our businesses become more committed to our community. Developing the existing employment opportunities in Lenawee is vitally important. But, what might be unclear for some people is that, often, a community's job growth comes from within; from the retention of businesses. Lenawee County invests in [Lenawee Now](#) to do just that.

Formerly known as the Lenawee Economic Development Corporation, [Lenawee Now](#) is a non-profit economic development organization dedicated to economic and business expansion throughout Lenawee County. By helping to grow established businesses in Lenawee County, Lenawee Now creates an economically viable and vibrant region.

Lenawee Now provides critical services to support business growth including access to funding sources and talent enhancement.

"What more jobs means for our community is, basically, everything," said Tim Robinson, Director of Operations at Lenawee Now. "Our purpose is jobs. The creation, expansion, and retention of jobs in Lenawee County."

Lenawee County's contribution to Lenawee Now to promote economic development is a major investment in job attraction and retention. Lenawee County is by far the largest public sector contributor to Lenawee Now and has continued that commitment even in the face of significant budget cuts.

"We make sure that we are calling on the companies in Lenawee County. We do retention visits to make sure that their needs are being met so that we can keep those good companies in Lenawee," said Van Doren. "People need to understand that we need to bring jobs to Lenawee County. No one is going to bring them here, it's up to us," added Robinson.

### Bringing More Jobs Through Retention and Expansion

Thanks to the hard work of Lenawee Now, Inteva Products, one of the top employers in Adrian and Lenawee County, added a quarter more employees to its workforce and expanded operations at its site in the southeast corner of Michigan.

Prior to its expansion, Inteva employed 474 people at the Adrian site. The new jobs in Adrian added approximately 27 percent more workers, with an initial 77 jobs created. "This project reflected the high level of collaboration and teamwork with our partners and the county," said Jim Van Doren.

The incentive, and overall expansion of this project shows the investment that Lenawee has in working together to make the county a great place to work. These businesses contribute to the overall success of our economy, and prove the importance of business attraction, retention, and expansion; the importance of jobs in Lenawee County.



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