

**Monroe County Board of Commissioners
2016 Year Summary of Accomplishments**

FUNCTIONAL AREA OF ACCOMPLISHMENT	DESCRIPTION OF ACCOMPLISHMENT
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:	
<i>2017-2018 Budget</i>	Adopted the budget October 18--Earliest adoption in over 25 years. Public safety funding of \$23.7 million or 44% of the budget. Used 1.4% of reserves to balance budget.
<i>Budgeting Model</i>	Developed new and updated assumptions for 5 year forecasting model for County budgets. Included 7 year forecast as part of other financial management tools.
<i>2015 Operating Surplus</i>	Achieved 6th consecutive year of a General Fund Operating Surplus. Operating Surplus of \$269,821 in 2015. Unassigned Fund Balance 21.44% vs. comparable county average of 18.70%.
<i>GFOA Award</i>	Government Finance Officers Association awarded County the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for County's 2015 CAFR. Marks 15 consecutive years of the award and 19 out of the last 21 years the County has received this award.
<i>Delinquent 2015 Taxes</i>	Reached sufficient level of reserves in the Delinquent Tax Revolving (DTR) fund so that the DTR fund is self-funding. In 2016, \$7.5 million from the DTR, along with collections from March 1-May 31st, were utilized to fund the 2015 delinquent taxes of approximately \$9 million. No borrowing costs were incurred.
<i>2017 Millage Rates</i>	<u>Approved the following millage rates with no change or increase over the prior year:</u> County General--4.7952 Senior Citizen--0.5000 Fairview--0.1250 Museum--0.1000 Indigent Veterans--0.0020
<i>Employer Pension Funding</i>	Implemented semi-annual pre-funding of the employer pension contribution. Resulted in positive \$108,082 credit from advancing payments vs. former monthly contribution method.
<i>Pension Board</i>	Board Of Commissioners Finance Committee added regular performance review of Investments to its agenda for additional oversight.
<i>Retiree Health Care</i>	Retiree Health Care Fund Investment Policy Restated, February 2, 2016. Trust Agreement Resolution for RHC Fund Restated May 17, 2016. Interim Board of Trustees appointed May 17, 2016. Permanent Board appointed August 21, 2016. Retiree Health Care Plan Restated Effective June 7, 2016. Initial report of RHC Board to Commissioners on December 6, 2016. Funded ratio of RHC improves to 38.9% based on 12/21/2015 actuarial valuation & contribution budgeting. ARC lower by \$211,066 vs. prior year. 2 consecutive years of increase in funded ratio.
<i>Board Governance</i>	Completed annual review of Board of Commissioners By-Laws and approved amendments February 17, 2016.
<i>13th Check</i>	Board granted 13th check to qualified retirees in aggregate amount of \$50,000 or \$609.75 for each of 82 recipients for December 2016 payment.
<i>Local Government Debt Financing</i>	Refunded South County Water System outstanding bonds. Savings of \$282,668 for users of system in communities of Erie, Bedford & LaSalle Townships, and City of Luna Pier.

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EMPLOYEE RELATIONS:	
<i>Collective Bargaining</i>	<p>Reached Agreements with the following employee groups: *POAM Deputy Sheriffs-5 year agreement thru 6/30/2021 covering 61 employees *UAW FOC-3 year agreement 1/1/2016 thru 12/31/2018 covering 18 employees *Sheriff Command Officers-4 year agreement thru 12/31/2019 covering 10 employees *TPOAM Youth Center Supervisors- 4 year agreement thru 12/31/2019 covering 4 employees * Corrections Officers-5 year agreement through 12/31/2020 covering 62 employees *Assistant Prosecutors-4 year agreement thru 12/31/2018 covering 10 employees</p>
<i>Wellness Day Program</i>	Sponsored day-long health and wellness day for employees and retirees on September 29, 2016. Included retirement planning, financial services, health screening and flu shots as part of the day's events. Attendance 200 plus for largest count since Wellness Days began. Health Care costs lowest in over 8 years, reflecting expected outcomes of plans, wellness and employee efforts.
<i>Training</i>	100 employees went through a 3 day class on leadership and customer service to build employee capacities and professional development during 1st quarter.
<i>Expanded Health Care Access Options</i>	Beginning January 1, 2017, employees and dependents will have access to telemedicine and online services providing 24/7 access and lower costs vs. traditional office visits.
RISK MANAGEMENT:	
<i>Litigation</i>	Closed four (4) litigation cases; pending count is at six (6). Of cases with occurrence dates in 2009, 2011, 2012 & 2013, all cases were closed with County prevailing.
INTERGOVERNMENTAL:	
<i>JR Whiting Plant</i>	Community engagement working group continued efforts throughout year. Final report pending on possible repurposing of the now closed generating plant.
<i>Historical Commission Grants</i>	Awarded \$22,504 to four (4) local historical preservation groups from the Museum millage for outreach programs promoting and preserving local history.
<i>Health Department</i>	The State of Michigan awarded accreditation the Public Health Department.
<i>Monroe County Road Commission Land Transfer</i>	Through the County Land Bank Authority, transferred 5.84 acres of land in Ash Township for use to construct a salt barn facility to improve efficiency in north county road operations.
<i>Department of Natural Resources Crystal Waters</i>	Conducted public hearing on the MDNR Wildlife Division's plan to acquire a 680 acre site in London Township for the purpose of establishing a new DNR game area.
<i>Senior Citizens Millage</i>	Approved ballot questions for 2016 primary election; one (1) for a 4 year renewal of the existing 1/2 mill and a second ballot question to levy an additional .25 mill for 4 years. County electors approved both questions.
<i>Board Special Sub-Committees and outcomes</i>	<p>Assessing Sub-Committee held extensive meetings, working sessions with Michigan Tax Commission officials, local officials, legal counsel and staff. Issued recommendations in final report.</p> <p>Retiree Health Care Sub-Committee Developed Recommendations: -- Reorganized Retiree Health Care Trust Board - Restated Retiree Health Care Plan</p>

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<i>Economic Development</i>	Continued enhancement of Economic Development Tools - Including GIS, Parcel Data and Digital Aerial Photography - Regional Partnership and Collaboration - Sponsorship of Educational Forums - Funded \$100,000 towards Public-Private partnership to conduct the I-75 Interstate Corridor study & Strategic Plan - Commissioners and staff active in strategic plan working group
<i>River Raisin Access Lease</i>	Completed the new access area into the River at Raisinville Township site. Finished parking, fencing and signage.
<i>Hall of Fame Task Force</i>	Convened the Monroe County Hall of Fame Task Force and accepted recommendation to add four (4) new inductees to the Hall of Fame; Gertrude Crampton, Dr. Elizabeth Caroline Crosby, Vernon Sneider & Major Mark Sisinyak.
<i>Prosecutor Agreement</i>	Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Monroe and Monroe County Prosecutor for Prosecution of City of Monroe Ordinance Violations. Effective October 1, 2016. Under agreement for City to pay \$45,000 annually for the services provided.
GRANTS:	
<i>Sheriff Grants</i>	<u>\$1.62 Million in Grant Funding Awarded to Monroe County as follows:</u> \$161,169 SRP grant for FY 2017 with a County match of \$128,976 to be absorbed in Sheriff's 2017 budget \$19,000 Fiscal Year 2016 Marine Safety grant \$15,989 for Justice Assistance Grant \$102,018 for Operation Stonegarden \$161,169 for Secondary Road Traffic Safety Division operations \$74,000 from Office of Highway Safety Planning for enforcement programs
<i>Community Corrections Grant</i>	\$227,600 Community Corrections grant
<i>Jail Mental Health Diversion</i>	\$245,600 through Monroe County Community Mental Health for services in County Jail
<i>First District Court</i>	\$80,000 operational grant awarded from the State Court Administrators Office for the Monroe County Mental Health Recovery Court-District Court \$35,000 from the State Court Administrators Office for continued programs for the Veteran's Treatment Court
<i>MMRMA Grant Funding</i>	\$8,220 for facility security enhancements. \$7,451 for Livescan fingerprinting system \$1,500 for Taser devices \$650 for Custody Control Belt
<i>MDEQ</i>	Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant between DEQ and Monroe County in the amount of \$24,200.
<i>Historical Commission</i>	Received \$10,000 grant from La-Z-Boy Foundation to be used for creating displays for the La-Z-Boy donated items.
<i>Prosecutor's Office</i>	\$189,768 for Crime Victim Witness Program.

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<i>Health Department</i>	Received Certificate of Accreditation from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for Public Health Programs and services.
<i>Animal Control</i>	\$190,811 private donation received from trust of Hazel and Frances Moyer to benefit Animal Control programs, services and the facility. \$70,000 Two Seven Oh! Grant for improvements at Animal Control for housing of dogs and cats.
<i>Emergency Management</i>	\$402,753 federal grant through Department of Homeland Security's Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) FY 2016.
OPERATIONS:	
<i>Presentations/Annual Reports</i>	Board scheduled and received multiple presentations and reports from County agencies, offices and community partners as part of its overall governance and oversight duties.
<i>Facilities</i>	Completed construction of emergency services ancillary support/storage building--Held Open House for the 10,800 square foot facility. Includes space and uses for Solid Waste/Recycling programs in the County. Completed installation of a new roof on Courthouse Annex replacing original system that was 31 years old. Added additional R11 of insulation as part of the project. Completed the complete retrofit of all interior lights in the Jail and Inmate dormitory to LED. As of November, recorded savings from the project total \$28,700 or 25% of the project cost trending for a 4 year ROI. Replaced and upgraded the main HVAC unit serving one pod of the Inmate Dormitory to a new more energy efficient model. Animal Control constructed new Dog Run and exterior kennel areas with proceeds of donation from trust of Hazel and Frances Moyer. Upgraded the County Imaging Divisions printing systems to better meet today's needs for quality and cost effective materials to best serve our user departments. Exterior preservation/maintenance at Youth Center replacing exterior fascia and new paint scheme. At Kemmerling Bldg. masonry preservation and waterproof coating of back exterior walls.
<i>Enhance Public Safety</i>	Approved and began implementing additional security enhancements within the Courthouse following the outcomes of the security working group and SCAO review. In conjunction with Sheriff's Office, approved a staffing realignment plan that added two (2) full time Sheriff Deputies to the force; added one (1) Perimeter Security Officer; moved a Sgt. From Corrections to Road Patrol & promoted a C.O. Supervisor to Asst Jail Administrator; moved two (2) corrections cooks to full time.
<i>Emergency Management Exercise - EMD</i>	Conducted Fermi 2016 Graded Emergency Response Exercise. Included 280 participants, with 27 individual evaluations covering over 31 FEMA evaluation criteria.
<i>Monroe County Web Site</i>	Newly designed and smart phone compatible website went live the week of June 20.

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<i>Managed Print Program</i>	Implemented an enterprise-wide managed print program with initial goals of eliminating desktop printers from network, improving print quality and reliability, removing basic printer maintenance duties from IT functions and delivering cost savings of \$20,000 plus.
<i>Friend of the Court Computer System</i>	Replaced all F.O.C. desktop hardware under new support arrangement with State. County will include capital cost in Annual Cost Allocation Plan for reimbursement payments.
COMMUNITY OUTREACH:	
<i>Substance Abuse Prevention Efforts</i>	Sponsored four (4) Drug Take Back Events and collected over 506 pounds of prescription medication safely in 2016. Cumulative of all Take Back Events=5,360 pounds. Red Med Boxes continue in use throughout the year.
<i>Monroe Statue and Bicentennial Alliance</i>	Approved conceptual plans to have community group raise funds and construct a statute of President James Monroe on grounds of Monroe County Courthouse.
Monroe County Board of Commissioners	Committees and Sub-Committees:
<i>J. Henry Lievens, Chairman--Representing District 9</i>	Vice-Chairman of Finance Committee, Hall of Fame Task Force, TMACOG Board of Trustees
<i>Al Potratz, Vice-Chairman--Representing District 3</i>	Chairman of Finance Committee, Trustee Retiree Health Care Trust Board, Trustee Retirement Board
<i>David Hoffman--Representing District 1</i>	Finance Committee, Physical Resources Committee, 911 District Board, CCAB, Hall of Fame Task Force, Parks & Recreation
<i>Mark Brant, Representing District 2</i>	Chairman of Physical Resources Committee, Finance Committee, Land Bank Authority, Planning Commission, RHC Sub-Committee
<i>Dan Donahue, Representing District 4</i>	Finance Committee, 911 District Board, County Assessing, Personnel Services/HR Committee
<i>Jason R. Turner, Representing District 5</i>	Finance Committee, Economic Development Corporation, Trustee Retirement Board, Area Agency on Aging 1-B
<i>Jerry A. Oley, Representing District 6</i>	Chairman of Personnel Services/HR Committee, Physical Resources Committee, Finance Committee, Chairman of RHC Sub-Committee
<i>Gary Wilmoth, Representing District 7</i>	Chairman of County Assessing Sub-Committee, Finance Committee, Economic Development Corporation, Planning Commission, Solid Waste Management Planning, Personnel Services/HR Committee, RHC Sub-Committee
<i>R. Mark Ellsworth, Representing District 8</i>	Finance Committee, Personnel Services/Human Resources, Physical Resources, County Assessing Sub-Committee