

**Monroe County Board of Commissioners  
2017 Year Summary of Accomplishments**

FUNCTIONAL AREA OF ACCOMPLISHMENT	DESCRIPTION OF ACCOMPLISHMENT
<b>FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:</b>	
<i>2018-2019 Budget</i>	Adopted the budget November 7. Public safety funding of \$20.83 million or 46 % of the General Fund budget. All funds total \$24.2 million for public safety. Used 1% of reserves to balance budget.
<i>2016 Operating Surplus</i>	Achieved 7th consecutive year of a General Fund Operating Surplus. Operating Surplus of \$894,080 or 1.96% of the final amended 2016 budget. Unassigned Fund Balance 22.22% vs. 21.04% from the prior year results. Unassigned fund balance was \$9,764,596 at year-end 2016 vs. \$9,120,778 the prior year-end.
<i>GFOA Award</i>	Government Finance Officers Association awarded County the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for County's 2016 CAFR. Marks 17th consecutive year and 21 out of the last 23 years the County has received this award.
<i>Delinquent 2016 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>2018 Millage Rates</i>	<u>Approved the following millage rates:</u> County General--4.7952 Rate has remain unchanged for last 13 years. Senior Citizen--0.5000                      Extra Senior Citizen--0.0625 Fairview--0.1250 Museum--0.1000 Indigent Veterans--0.0020
<i>Employer Pension Funding Funded Ratio</i>	Implemented semi-annual pre-funding of the employer pension contribution in 2016 & 2017. 2018 will be single January payment. These actions resulted in Employer's 2018 pension payment reduced by \$456,366 through lower % of payroll contribution. Funded ratio of the benefit trust ended 15 year decline and improved from 73.1 % to 73.8% as of 12/31/2016
<i>Retiree Health Care</i>	Funded ratio of RHC improved to 39.3% based on 12/31/2016 actuarial valuation with 5.5% discount rate used. Funded ratio up 15.6% points over prior 10 year period. Market value of trust projected to be \$56 million by year-end 2017 including investment earnings and cash transfers; over \$9 million increase for the year. After detailed RFP process with Mental Health and Road Commission Funds and joint interviews with pension board, selected new Investment Consultant. RHC fees lower by \$105,674 vs. prior.
<i>Board Governance</i>	Completed annual review of Board of Commissioners By-Laws and approved amendments February 21, 2017. Board consolidated Personnel & Law Enforcement/Public Safety and Judiciary Committees into Operations Committee. Moved former Finance Committee items into the Regular Meeting.
<i>13th Check</i>	Board granted 13th check to qualified retirees in aggregate amount of \$50,000 or \$625 for each of 80 recipients for December 2017 payment.
<i>Bond Rating</i>	Moody's Investors Service upgraded County credit rating from Aa3 to Aa2 in April 2017

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<p align="center"><i>Child Care Fund and Fund 264 (Federally Forfeited Property) 2016 fund deficits</i></p>	<p>Deficit elimination plans developed, approved and along with Resolutions submitted as required to State of Michigan Treasury.</p>
<p><b>EMPLOYEE RELATIONS:</b></p>	
<p align="center"><i>Collective Bargaining</i></p>	<p>Reached Agreements with the following employee groups:            *COAM Communications Supervisors - 4 year agreement through 12/31/2020 covering 6 employees            *POAM Communication Specialist-4 year agreement through 12/31/20 covering 16 employees            *POAM Youth Center Workers- 4 year agreement thru 12/31/2020 covering 19 employees            *POAM -District Court (Unit I)-4 year agreement through 12/31/2021 covering 13 employees            *POAM District Court Association (Unit II Supervisors)-4 year agreement through 12/31/2021 covering 6 employees            *TPOAM Juvenile Probation Officers-4 year agreement through 12/31/19 covering 7 employees            *TPOAM Public Health Nurses-4 year agreement through 12/31/20 covering 6FT/9PT employees</p>
<p align="center"><i>Wellness Day Program</i></p>	<p>Sponsored day-long health and wellness day for employees and retirees on September 28, 2017. Included retirement planning, financial services, healthy activities 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 outcomes of plans, wellness programs and services and employee/dependent efforts. Illustrated rates lower 3 years in a row for cumulative reduction of 4.47% or \$297,400 lower.</p>
<p align="center"><i>Training</i></p>	<p>Cyber training--With the volume of hacking and other malware and computer viruses, continued to provide increasing amounts of training for employees to understand the importance of protecting data and our networks. Continuing these efforts in 2018 as a part of our overall loss control program that includes cyber coverage for data breach and remediation efforts should a loss or claim occur.</p>
<p align="center"><i>Expanded Health Care Access Options</i></p>	<p>Added 24/7 online doctor services. Vision provider changed to VSP (still through BCBSM) providing access to larger network and increased frames and contact lens allowance given increased use of digital documents and technology applications for today's workforce.</p>
<p><b>RISK MANAGEMENT:</b></p>	
<p align="center"><i>Litigation</i></p>	<p>Active count is at four (4); of those 4 cases, two (2) are on appeal by plaintiff. Continues trend of lowest number of active litigation cases in past 30 years for County.            November, County Board authorized litigation against big pharma in continued efforts protecting community from opioid abuse.            Worksites workers' compensation claims, expenses and trends at 3 year low and historically below County average.            2017 property &amp; liability program costs lower by 3.2% over prior year due to good loss control measures and claims experience.            Compared to 2011, lower by \$140,143 annually.</p>
<p><b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL:</b></p>	
<p align="center"><i>DTE</i></p>	<p>Prepared for DTE Energy efforts to reduce Monroe Power Plan valuation and property tax revenues paid to multiple public organizations throughout County.</p>

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<i>Historical Commission Grants</i>	Awarded \$20,076.91 to three (3) local historical preservation groups from the Museum millage for outreach programs promoting and preserving local history throughout the County.
<i>Health Department</i>	The State of Michigan awarded accreditation to the Public Health Department. Received funding in the amount of \$98,500 from the State of Michigan for Hepatitis A vaccine. DEQ approved the Solid Waste Management Plan.
<i>Monroe County, Historical Society and City of Monroe Land Transfer</i>	Board approved agreement in which Historical Society transferred land to the County of Monroe which will enhance educational opportunities at the Navarre Anderson Trading Post and the County of Monroe would transfer land it owns in the City of Monroe to the City of Monroe for its River Raisin Heritage Corridor East Plan.
<i>Historical Commission</i>	Ordinance revised to include Past Chairman and Emeritus members. Board honored Hobby Nels and Dick Sieb.
<i>Michigan Indigent Defense Commission</i>	Developed compliance plan for standards #1-4 and submitted to MDIC by the compliance deadline of November 20.
<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 - Commissioners and staff active in strategic plan working groups including the plan's 6 pillars for implementation.
<i>Hall of Fame Task Force</i>	Added four (4) new inductees to the Hall of Fame; Gertrude Crampton, Dr. Elizabeth Caroline Crosby, Vernon Sneider & Major Mark Sisinyak on June 20, 2017 with a program and reception following.
<i>Central Dispatch</i>	Adopted PFN Fiber Optic Network as critical enhancement to systems reliability. State 911 Committee conducted compliance review including operations and financial reporting including on-site team interviews. County met all compliance standards.
<b>GRANTS:</b>	
<i>Sheriff Grants</i>	\$143,839 SRP grant for FY 2018 with a County match of \$141,399 to be absorbed in Sheriff's 2018 budget \$28,650 MCOLES grant with \$17,591.42 County match of in-kind instructor wages and benefits \$105,454 for Operation Stonegarden \$18,000 Marine Safety Grant \$68,000 from Office of Highway Safety Planning for enforcement programs \$100,000 additional appropriation from Board of Commissioners for drug enforcement program efforts
<i>Community Corrections Grant</i>	\$282,722 Community Corrections grant awarded. County programs were awarded additional \$41,330 to implement 2 additional programs.
<i>Jail Mental Health Diversion</i>	\$247,000 through Monroe County Community Mental Health for services in County Jail
<i>First District Court</i>	\$110,000 operational grant awarded from the State Court Administrators Office for the Monroe County Mental Health Recovery Court-District Court \$26,110 from the State Court Administrators Office for continued programs for the Veteran's Treatment Court

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<i>MMRMA Grant Funding</i>	\$1,680 for Body Worn cameras \$26,231 for upgrading Jail CCTV system \$400 for reimbursement towards \$1,118 purchase of Taser for use by Assistant Jail Administrator
<i>MDEQ</i>	Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant between DEQ and Monroe County in the amount of \$16,000.
<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>	\$10,000 Two Seven Oh! Grant for spay/neuter and vaccination services to shelter animals thereby encouraging increased adoptions.
<i>Emergency Management</i>	\$277,789 federal grant through Department of Homeland Security's Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) FY 2016.
<b>OPERATIONS:</b>	
<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. Honored many citizens and organizations with Resolutions and Tributes for their contributions to the overall quality of life in Monroe County.
<i>Facilities</i>	<p>-Completed the complete retrofit of all interior lights in the Jail and Inmate dormitory to LED. As of November, recorded savings from the project totaling \$53,030 or 46% of the project cost tracking the ROI.</p> <p>-Health Lab Renovation: The federal office signed off on the project and work completed. The work removes existing lab equipment and converts the lab to operational space for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program.</p> <p>-Animal Control constructed new Dog Run and exterior kennel areas with proceeds of donation from trust of Hazel and Frances Moyer.</p> <p>-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 community customers.</p> <p>-Payroll/Human Resources Operating Systems sourced and selected with implementation scheduled in 1st &amp; 2nd quarters 2018 thereby replacing legacy systems.</p> <p>-Youth Center Roof Replacement: The project was funded by Board on 8/15/2017 as supplemental appropriation to replace original facility roof. Project cost \$35,200 below budget of \$205,000.</p> <p>-Courthouse sanitary line: Replace sanitary line under 1st floor of historic courthouse after line collapsed impacting operations.</p> <p>-Installed CCTV system in public health building promoting enhanced security as part of other planned measures.</p> <p>-Upgraded Main Jail CCTV system and security doors throughout facility to enhance officer and inmate safety, increase risk management measures and systems reliability.</p> <p>-Updated facility emergency response plans with input from State Court Administrator's Office &amp; MMRMA Risk Control Office. Implementation, training and awareness ongoing.</p> <p>Implemented additional security enhancements within the Courthouse following the outcomes of the security working group and SCAO review, including new security guards at the screening station and new employee identification policies which have been updated. Updated Courthouse security policy. Updated County employee ID Badge policy. Added Courthouse security officers consisting of retired Sheriff Command and Deputies.</p>

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<i>Emergency Management Exercise - EMD</i>	Fermi II Nuclear Power Plant Evaluated Exercise--Fermex 2016 After Action Report received and presented to Board. Plan met all objectives.
<i>County Clerk</i>	New Voting Systems Distributed purchased with grant money from the State of Michigan and County match of \$22,990: During the 2nd week of September the distribution to all local units and voting precincts was completed. All of the new equipment was tested to comply with the Michigan Secretary of State Elections criteria and following this successful process, all of the equipment has been distributed.
<b>COMMUNITY OUTREACH:</b>	
<i>Substance Abuse Prevention Efforts</i>	Sponsored five (5) Drug Take Back Events and collected over 169 pounds of prescription medication safely in 2017. Cumulative of all Take Back Events=2,485 pounds. Red Med Boxes continue in use throughout the year.
<i>Monroe Statue and Bicentennial Alliance</i>	Statue of President James Monroe on grounds of Monroe County Courthouse was unveiled on November 12. Cannon was refurbished and moved to another location on the Courthouse lawn.
<i>Monroe County Bicentennial</i>	Program to celebrate the County's Bicentennial was held on July 14, 2017 on the Courthouse lawn. It was well attended by State and local dignitaries.
<i>Emergency Management Department</i>	Approved the Emergency Public Water System Policy as part of the County's All Hazard Mitigation Strategy Adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan
<b>Monroe County Board of Commissioners</b>	84% of the Board's Goals are completed or partially completed as of year-end 2017 <b>Committees and Sub-Committees: 2017-2018 Goals</b>
<i>J. Henry Lievens, Chairman--Representing District 9</i>	Hall of Fame Task Force, TMACOG Board of Trustees, Economic Development Corporation, Retirement Board
<i>Jerry A. Oley, Vice-Chairman--Representing District 6</i>	Chairman of Operations Committee, MCOP Board (Alternate)
<i>David Hoffman--Representing District 1</i>	Operations 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, Land Bank Authority, Operations Committee, Planning Commission
<i>Dawn Asper, Representing District 3</i>	Physical Resources Committee, Mental Health Advisory Council
<i>George Jondro, Representing District 4</i>	Physical Resources Committee
<i>Jason R. Turner, Representing District 5</i>	Retirement Board, Area Agency on Aging 1-B
<i>Gary Wilmoth, Representing District 7</i>	Economic Development Corporation, Solid Waste Management Planning, Retiree Health Care Board, Operations Committee, Business Development Corp., MCOP Board
<i>Greg Moore, Jr., Representing District 8</i>	9-1-1 District Board, Physical Resources, Planning Commission, Operations Committee