

Commission Chronicles

Ingham County Board of Commissioners Newsletter

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Ingham By the Numbers:

- 9-1-1 Dispatchers responded to over 166,000 emergency calls in 2016. That's about one call every minute of every day!
- Health department clinics and health centers served more than 23,000 people last year.
- Over 3,000 animals were taken to the animal shelter last year, an increase of 6% over the previous year.
- More than 170,000 people visited Potter Park Zoo in 2016, including 65,000 students from 13 school districts.

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State of the County

In the early evening of Wednesday, March 1 Ingham County Board Chair Sarah Anthony delivered a State of the County speech before an audience of public officials, business leaders, and citizens. Potter Park Zoo provided the backdrop for this first-ever event designed to formally report on challenges and successes faced by County government. "Now more than ever, our citizens expect and deserve accurate and timely information from their government," Anthony said. "We hope

that this event will help us in that effort."

Anthony used this event to introduce **Operation: All In for Ingham**, an effort designed to encourage vol-

"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

unteerism in our community. "There are so many great ways to plug into our County," Anthony said. "Whatever your interest

area is, I'm certain there is a volunteer opportunity for you." To learn more about volunteer opportunities, please log onto our Web site at www.ingham.org. We hope to add your name to the list of many dedicated volunteers serving Ingham County and our partner organizations!

The State of the County address painted a vivid picture of our community. We invite you to visit our [Web page](#) to view the full State of the County presentation to learn more.

Summer Employment Opportunities

The Ingham County Parks Department seeks qualified candidates to provide outstanding customer service and a warm welcome to our 1.2 million visitors this year. We have openings

for lifeguards, park rangers, rental attendants, gate attendants, and office manager interns. Positions are available at Hawk Island Park, Burchfield Park, and Lake Lansing Park North,

and Lake Lansing Park South. Hourly pay ranges from \$9.25/hour to \$11.00/hour. [Apply online](#) or call the Parks Department at (517) 676-2233 for more information.



County a “Culture of Health” Finalist

Ingham County was chosen as a finalist for the fifth annual Culture of Health Prize given by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. As a finalist, Ingham County is one step closer to the national Prize which honors communities that understand health is a shared value and everyone has a role to play in driving change.

Selected from more than 200 communities across the country, Ingham County joins 10 other finalist communities. Winners will be announced this fall.

“Ingham County has a decades-long history of not only advancing access to health care, but also cultivating infrastructure and resources

that promote health at a fundamental level,” said Ingham County Health Officer Linda S. Vail. “Our community stands out with its smart commuting network, educational programming, and green spaces.”

Visit www.rwjf.org/prize to learn more about previous winners.

“Granger Construction Company will provide construction management services.”

Animal Shelter Project Update

Planning efforts to build a new, more sanitary, humane, and efficient Animal Control Shelter facility continued with naming of an architect/engineering firm and a construction manager. The Ingham County Building Authority,

which oversees the project, named Hobbs & Black as architect/engineer for the project. Granger Construction Company will provide construction management services. Both companies have offices in Lansing. The projected cost of construction, equip-

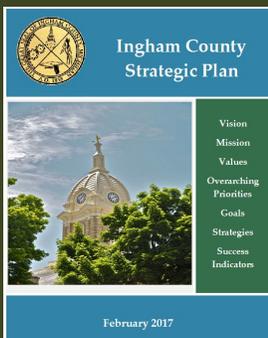
ment, and financing fees for the project total \$7.8 million. Voters approved a special animal control shelter replacement and operational millage in 2016 for this project. For more information contact the Animal Control office at (517) 676-8362.

New County Strategic Plan

The Ingham County Board of Commissioners adopted a Strategic Plan to identify the vision, values, and goals to guide resource allocation and work planning for the years 2018 through 2022.

The plan includes strategies and will soon be supplemented with an action plan that specifies activities and tasks required to accomplish the stated goals. The strategic plan also includes

success measures to evaluate the County’s progress toward meeting these goals. Contact the Ingham County Board of Commissioners office at (517) 676-7200 for more information.



Red Panda Cubs Heading East



The two red panda cubs, Pabu and Roji, born last summer at Potter Park Zoo, will soon be moving to a new home in Massachusetts.

“The Capron Zoo in Attleboro, Massachusetts has built a new facility for red pandas and their team is very excited about the addition of Pabu and Roji,” said Potter Park Zoo General Curator Sarah Pechtel. “The cubs have been very popular here at Potter Park Zoo. We wanted to let the community know they would be moving so people would have a chance to stop in and see them before they leave.”

The pair were born July 2, 2016 to first time mother, Maliha, and father, Rupert Jr. This successful breeding was the result of many years of effort on the part of the Potter Park Zoo team, including the construction of a new, expanded exhibit for red pandas. The exhibit was sponsored by a donation from Jeff and David Williams of Williams AutoWorld.

The Board allocated \$2,990,895 for several trail projects.

Trail Improvement Funds Awarded

The Board of Commissioners recently awarded funding to six local municipalities for recreation trail improvements (see map insert). The trail and park millage approved by voters in November 2014 generates approximately \$3.4 million annually. The Board allocated \$2,990,895 for several trail projects.

Approved projects provide for new construction, trail repairs, support for a Volunteer Coordinator position and development of a trail plan.

County Commissioner Carol N. Koenig stated, “These millage dollars belong to everyone in Ingham County and everyone should visit

the Ingham County Parks website to brainstorm ways to leverage these dollars in their community.”

For more information, please call the Ingham County Parks Department at (517) 676-2233 or visit our Web page at www.inghamcountyparks.org

Ingham County is a Welcoming Community

The Board of Commissioners recently reaffirmed Ingham County as a welcoming community. Many immigrants, including many refugees, make Ingham County their home. Similar resolutions were approved in 2014 and 2015.

Board Chair Sarah Anthony supported the resolution as presented. “Ingham County is a welcoming community and a place where all persons, regardless of citizenship status, national origin, ethnicity, or religion, can live and work together,” Anthony said. “We share in each other’s customs and ideals,

and we promote cultural diversity.”

The Board resolution directed the County Clerk to send copies of the resolution to the Ingham County State Legislative Delegation, the Governor’s Office, the Office of the Michigan Attorney General, and to the Michigan Association of Counties.



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*Ingham County is a welcoming,
inclusive, peaceful, engaged,
healthy, and just community for
all residents.*

The Ingham County Board of Commissioners is the governing body for the County of Ingham, exercising legislative and administrative functions. There are fourteen members on the Board, each elected on a partisan basis for two year terms from districts that are approximately equal in population.

Our Mission: Ingham County will identify and provide high quality, easily accessible services that its residents value. These services will be delivered by an ethical, well-trained workforce comprised of public servants in the most effective, collaborative way possible.

Ingham County Board of Commissioners

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Upcoming Events

Board of Commissioners Meeting (Sarah Anthony, Chair)

The Board of Commissioners meets at the Ingham County Courthouse, 341 S. Jefferson Street in Mason. Meetings will be held on May 9, May 23, June 13 and June 27. All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

Law and Courts Committee (Kara Hope, Chair)

The Law and Courts Committee meets in rooms D and E of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street in Lansing. Meetings will be held on April 27, May 11, June 1 and June 15. All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

County Services Committee (Victor Celentino, Chair)

The County Services Committee meets in rooms D and E of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street in Lansing. Meetings will be held on May 2, May 16, June 6 and June 20. All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

Human Services Committee (Todd Tennis, Chair)

The Human Services Committee meets in rooms D and E of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street in Lansing. Meetings will be held on May 1, May 15, June 5 and June 19. All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee (Mark Grebner, Chair)

The Finance Committee meets in rooms D and E of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street in Lansing. Meetings will be held on May 3, May 17, June 7 and June 21. All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.