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4th Quarter

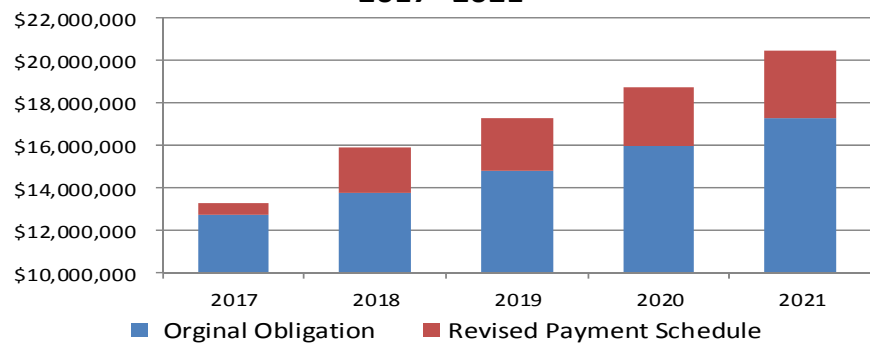
2018 Budget and Financial Outlook

The Board of Commissioners approved a balanced budget for 2018. Although nearly 30 positions were eliminated, devastating cuts were largely avoided thanks to voter approval of a tax allocation millage in November. Several budgetary concerns had a significant impact on the budget including near-stagnant tax revenue,

pension costs and post-retirement employee benefit obligations. Each of these concerns is expected to impact budgets well into the future; especially pension costs associated with an accelerated payment schedule imposed by Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) of Michigan.

Since much of the increased cost for 2018 is a result of paying down long term liabilities (pension costs), the Commission turned fund balance to cover these costs. Using reserve funds (or savings) is not a sustainable answer to budget stabilization as these funds will eventually become exhausted.

Ingham County Pension Obligation 2017 - 2021



Farmland and Open Space Preservation

The Ingham County Farmland and Open Space Preservation (FOSP) Program has protected just over 5,000 acres land with permanent conservation easements.

The FOSP Board received 35 new applications for the 2017 cycle, the most ever received in an application cycle, and purchased easements on three farms totaling 612

acres. Headed into 2018 there are 78 applications for inclusion in the program. Funding for the FOSP Program is from a county millage passed in August 2008.

2017 County Road Project Update



Five major rehabilitation and resurfacing projects were overseen by the Road Department in 2017:

- ◆ Holt Road from Depot Street to US-127
- ◆ Cedar Street from College Road to US-127
- ◆ Elm Road from Grand River Avenue to I-96
- ◆ Sherwood Road from Zimmer Road to Williamston Road
- ◆ Fitchburg Road from the City of Leslie to Nims Road

Six miles of local streets were resurfaced in Meridian and Delhi townships, and 125 miles of road surface were “chip-sealed” throughout the County. Road Department contractors also replaced bridges on Columbia Road over the Grand River and Zimmer Road over Deer Creek.

More information can be found on the Ingham County Road Department web page at <http://rc.ingham.org/>

Animal Control Shelter

Significant progress was made in planning for a new Animal Shelter in 2017. A new site on the Ingham County Sheriff Office campus near the District Court and County drain office was

selected. We are on track to break ground on the new shelter in Spring, 2018 and project completion in late winter of 2019. The new shelter will have increased animal holding capacity,

improved layout and life support systems and will provide a better environment for the animals and better experience for the citizens of Ingham County.

Animal Shelter Statistics

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>
All Animals In	3,139	2,992
All Animals Out	2,262	2,161
Euthanized/Died	768	731

** Through November 30*



Trails and Parks

Many facility improvements to the three County Parks were realized in 2017:

- Tables and grills were replaced in all parks
- Sand was added to beaches and volleyball courts
- The entrance roads to Burchfield was chip-sealed
- The entrance road at Hawk Island saw asphalt repair and resurfacing
- Roofs were replaced at Hawk Island Bathhouse/ concessions building and half of Red Tail shelter as well the Carousel building at Lake Lansing South



Grant funds were secured through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and Passport Grant program. These funds were applied to accessibility upgrades, parking spaces, and a kayak/canoe universal design launch on the Grand River at McNamara Landing. Grant funds were also applied to overlook shelter upgrades as Burchfield Park also included parking spaces, walkways, and replacement of the existing shelter.

The County awarded funding to six local municipalities for trail improvements totaling more than \$2.9 million. The approved projects provide for new construction and/or trail repairs in Aurelius Township, the Cities of East Lansing, Lansing, Leslie, Mason, and Meridian Township.

Health Department News

The Ingham County Health Department received the honor of being one of 11 finalists for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Culture of Health prize. The Department was chosen from a group of more than 200 applicants and recognized for its unwavering efforts to ensure all Ingham County residents have the opportunity to live healthier lives.

The Community Health Centers opened an on-site contract Pharmacy at Forest Community Health Center. This addition facilitates convenience and access for patients. Further expansion of contract pharmacy services with community pharmacies in 2017 produced nearly \$143,000 in savings for the Health Centers.

Do you know someone who deserves recognition? Is there special event that you would like to commemorate?

Please submit requests to the Board of Commissioners by clicking on the following link:

<http://bc.ingham.org/Portals/BC/Honorary%20Resolution%20Request.pdf>

Please allow 3 weeks for your tribute to be processed.



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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 (Carol Koenig, Chair)

The Board of Commissioners meets at the Ingham County Courthouse, 341 S. Jefferson Street in Mason. Meetings will be held on January 2, January 23, February 13, and February 27. All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

All Committee meetings are held in rooms D and E of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street in Lansing.

Law and Courts Committee (Bryan Crenshaw, Chair)

Meetings will be held on January 11, February 1, February 15, and March 1. All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

Human Services Committee (Teri Banas, Chair)

Meetings will be held on January 22, February 5, February 26, and March 5. All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

County Services Committee (Deb Nolan, Chair)

Meetings will be held on January 16, February 6, February 20, and March 6. All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee (Mark Grebner, Chair)

Meetings will be held on January 17, February 7, February 21, and March 7. All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.