



CHARTER COUNTY OF WAYNE MICHIGAN

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 **ANNUAL REPORT**

2007

MAINTAINING STABILITY IN CHALLENGING TIMES

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Our mission is to lead the nation in providing exemplary and efficient services that continuously promote and enhance the highest quality of life for those who choose to live, work, visit and play in Wayne County.



county executive's message:

The mortgage foreclosure crisis that is sweeping the nation hit Wayne County particularly hard in 2007. During the year, Wayne County experienced a home foreclosure rate seven times greater than the national average. A poor economy and the unprecedented downsizing of the auto industry have created hardship for many of our residents and their confidence in the future is diminishing. We have been overwhelmed with layoffs, buyouts, foreclosures and people leaving the state. Doing more with less has become a way of life. However, no storm lasts forever and our vision for Wayne County has not changed because of difficult times; in fact, we are stronger in our resolve.

As I noted in my 2006 message, the County is committed to measuring our performance against national standards to ensure that our business is sustainable on every level and contributes to improving the quality of life of every stakeholder. To do this, the County launched its Managing for Results (MFR) initiative during the year. As a result of this initiative we have set performance measures that will promote accountability for the performance of services and provide every employee with measurable goals. Our base year for tracking and compiling MFR data is fiscal year 2008. The end result will be improved resource allocation, improved service delivery, and improved customer service. MFR will help you see the benefit of your taxpayer dollars at work in Wayne County.

I would like to share with you a few examples on how we at Wayne County are working for our taxpayers.

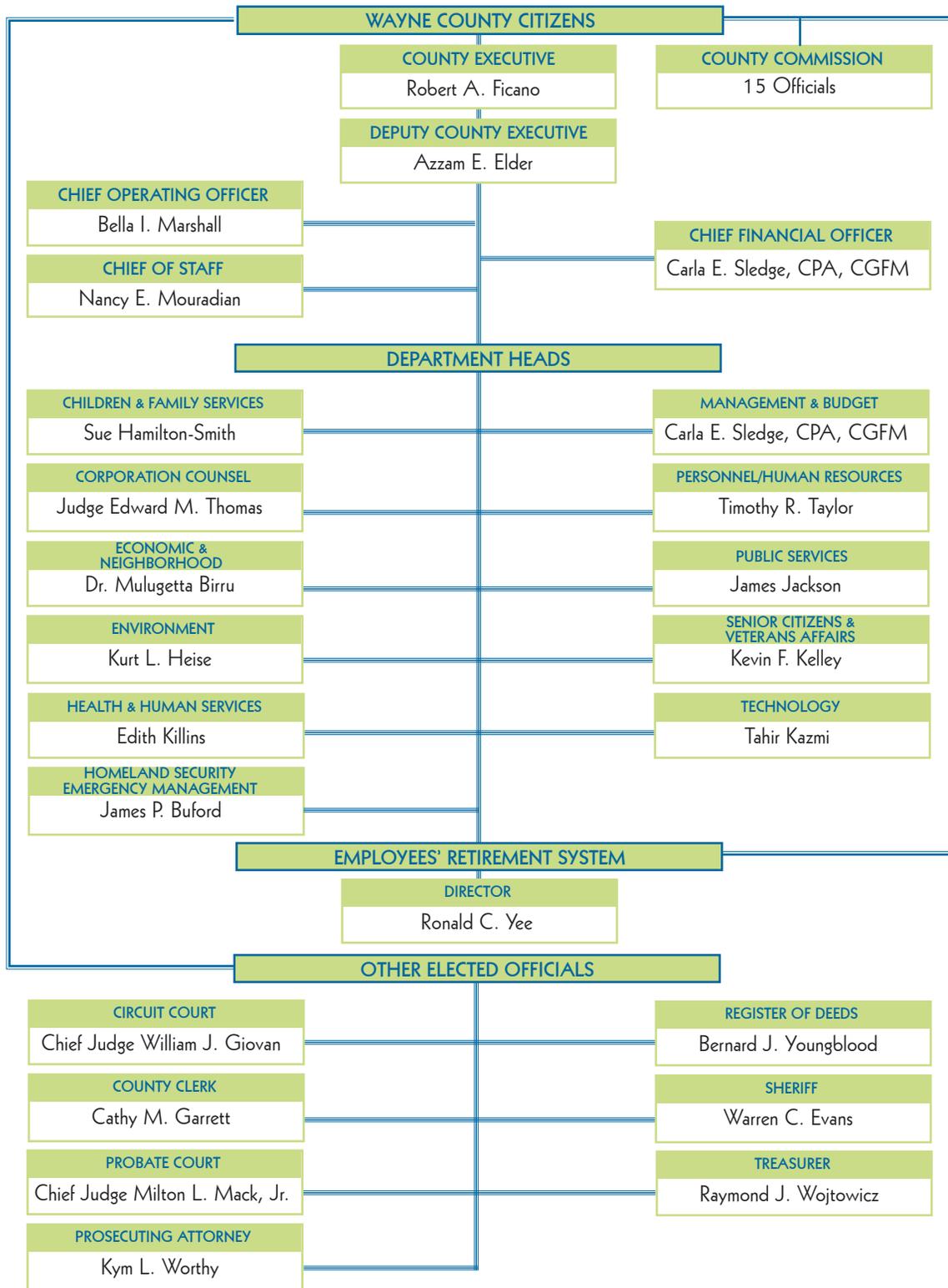
- Even during this challenging economic climate, the County has received a stable outlook by credit rating agencies.
- During the past year, the County has converted its entire diesel fleet of road and snow vehicles to bio-diesel to improve the environment and help boost the local market for bio-fuels.
- Over the past year, the One Stop Business Center has served over 500 businesses receiving general assistance and over 300 businesses receiving direct consulting and guidance.
- As the result of international trade missions conducted by my office, Century Automotive, a trade mission attendee, has purchased a 480,000 square foot building in Canton Township, creating an estimated 200 engineering jobs.
- Our focus on youth and seniors continues to be demonstrated through many programs and services that aid their quality of life.

In the following pages, you will learn more about our departments and elected offices and how we deliver services. You will learn that despite budget cuts, declining revenues and increased health care costs, we delivered. We promised and we delivered with hard work, commitment and a strong foundation.

On behalf of Wayne County's 5,000 plus employees, thank you for supporting our commitment to providing the very best service delivery to all our stakeholders and their families.

Robert A. Ficano
Chief Executive Officer

our organization



financial overview

This Popular Annual Financial Report (Annual Report) is intended to provide the taxpayers, citizens, and other interested parties with a financial overview of the County's financial condition for the year ended September 30, 2007. The financial facts, figures, tables and graphs included in this report have been taken from the audited financial statements in the County's 2007 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

The County's CAFR, which provides complete financial information and disclosures in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), may be obtained from the Department of Management and Budget, Financial Reporting Division, at 600 Randolph, Detroit, Michigan 48226. In addition, both the CAFR and this report may be viewed on the Charter County of Wayne, Michigan's website at www.waynecounty.com and on the data CD affixed to the back cover of this Annual Report.

THE COUNTY'S FUNDS The accounts of the County are organized and operated on a fund basis. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting segregates monies according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance related legal and contractual provisions. The County's governmental funds include the general fund, special revenue, debt service and capital projects funds.

Special revenue funds are used to record activities that receive monies for restricted purposes, such as Roads, Health, Mental Health, and grant or specific tax-funded activities like Parks. Debt service funds account for the accumulation of resources for, and payment of, principal and interest on long-term debt. Capital projects funds are used to account for the purchase or construction of major capital facilities, such as roads, buildings, and equipment.

The revenues and expenditures presented in this report are for the governmental activities of the County only – the general fund, the special revenue funds, debt service and capital projects, and internal service funds of the County. This report is not intended to comply with GAAP as it does not include the County's component units, business-type activities, or its trust and agency funds. Additionally, note disclosures have been excluded from this report. For a complete description of significant accounting policies and other disclosures required by GAAP, refer to the County's CAFR.

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS The Statement of Net Assets (governmental activities) summarizes County resources balanced against County debt and other liabilities as of September 30, using the full accrual basis of accounting. Full accrual accounting records revenues when earned and liabilities when incurred, regardless of the timing of cash flows. There are three components in the statement of net assets: (1) Assets, items owned or controlled; (2) Liabilities, debts owed; and (3) Net Assets, the residual interest in the items owned or controlled after deducting debts. Assets are equal in value to total liabilities and net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the County is improving or deteriorating.

Assets represent County resources used to provide future public services, or to pay liabilities incurred for services provided in prior periods.

Liabilities are amounts owed to others and represent claims against our assets. They are listed in order of liquidity, either current or long-term.

Net Assets equal the excess of our available resources (assets) over our debts (liabilities).

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS (GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES)

as of September 30th (in thousands)

	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Current assets	\$ 641,738	598,879	500,722	476,566	427,878
Capital assets, net	1,184,339	1,223,579	1,285,849	1,327,938	1,352,976
Other non-current assets	32,065	31,293	31,010	31,311	82,560
Total assets	1,858,142	1,853,751	1,817,581	1,835,815	1,863,414
Current liabilities	209,601	240,775	190,955	284,124	292,687
Non-current liabilities	400,258	386,602	396,032	365,163	318,077
Total liabilities	609,859	627,377	586,987	649,287	610,764
Net assets:					
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,039,751	1,073,350	1,120,350	1,197,506	1,121,201
Restricted	125,823	86,318	78,499	89,283	116,567
Unrestricted	82,709	66,706	31,745	(100,261)	14,882
Total net assets	\$ 1,248,283	1,226,374	1,230,594	1,186,528	1,252,650



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the County's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year, using the full accrual basis of accounting.

Changes in net assets (governmental activities), restricted and unrestricted, represent the cumulative difference between revenues (funds received) and expenditures/expenses (funds spent). Net assets amounted to \$1.2 billion at September 30, 2007.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES)

For the Year Ended September 30 (in thousands)

REVENUES	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Program Revenues					
Charges for services	\$ 145,815	164,019	185,551	159,294	146,440
Operating grants and contributions	869,537	872,845	872,743	866,483	788,897
Capital grants and contributions	15,347	12,681	10,281	18,963	8,278
General Revenues					
Property taxes	485,554	455,109	436,160	353,040	343,520
Sales taxes	21,985	22,252	22,354	22,394	22,099
Excise taxes	7,403	7,274	6,953	7,048	6,242
Airport parking taxes	13,866	12,698	10,170	7,228	6,690
Investment earnings	37,697	33,317	29,597	21,817	28,435
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	31,687	42,985
Other revenue and amortization of bond issuance costs	47,660	24,456	20,845	28,319	6,817
Transfers out	(1,195)	-	-	(45)	(11)
Total revenue	1,643,669	1,604,651	1,594,654	1,516,228	1,400,291
EXPENSES					
Legislative	9,871	8,972	9,189	10,177	11,412
Judicial	98,345	96,897	97,825	96,132	95,642
General government *	174,234	155,202	172,158	222,025	154,364
Public safety	177,762	166,593	155,603	155,073	143,033
Public works	7,510	6,992	7,214	1,405	1,362
Highways, streets and bridges	140,230	164,345	153,093	155,502	136,368
Health and welfare	950,270	932,319	901,420	898,802	810,848
Recreation and cultural	27,310	32,173	29,385	21,382	25,316
Community and economic development	17,763	17,966	-	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	18,465	27,412	24,701	21,852	18,524
Total expenses	1,621,760	1,608,871	1,550,588	1,582,350	1,396,869
Change in net assets	21,909	(4,220)	44,066	(66,122)	3,422
Net assets at October 1	1,226,374	1,230,594	1,186,528	1,252,650	1,249,228
Net assets at September 30	\$ 1,248,283	1,226,374	1,230,594	1,186,528	1,252,650

* Non-departmental was formerly reported as a function in FY 2006 and prior. These amounts have been included in the general government line item above.

GENERAL FUND

The General Fund, a governmental fund, is the County's primary operating fund. It accounts for all of the financial resources and expenditures except those required to be accounted for in other funds. This fund is presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which means that expenditures are recorded when due and payable and revenues are recorded when available.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE (GENERAL FUND)

For the Year Ended September 30 (in thousands)

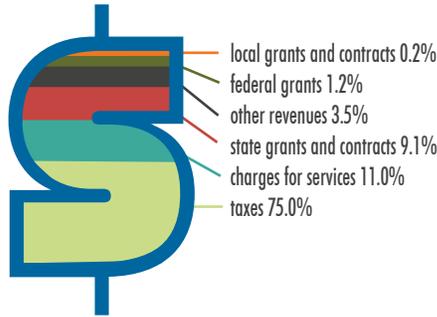


REVENUES	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Taxes	\$ 456,659	432,240	405,415	327,988	311,803
Licenses and permits	372	244	267	176	163
Federal grants	7,131	6,474	6,830	3,378	3,231
State grants and contracts	55,212	51,843	51,754	107,394	69,778
Local grants and contracts	1,430	1,715	1,321	9,313	10,149
Charges for services	66,925	70,483	80,691	76,793	65,821
Interest and rents	-	2,189	3,184	-	1,900
Other revenues	21,418	21,012	17,559	17,389	19,643
Total revenues	609,147	586,200	567,021	542,431	482,488
EXPENDITURES					
Legislative	11,807	10,992	11,024	11,370	11,399
Judicial	96,909	95,525	96,377	93,161	92,752
General government *	106,556	112,149	118,674	119,214	102,456
Public safety	144,048	138,130	127,800	127,293	122,380
Public works	1,051	1,164	1,318	1,405	1,362
Health and welfare	88,520	83,107	91,213	104,586	64,177
Community and economic development	1,800	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	5,258	3,789	899	227	292
Debt service	-	-	-	305	-
Total expenditures	455,949	444,856	447,305	457,561	394,818
Excess of revenues over expenditures	153,198	141,344	119,716	84,870	87,670
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	71,676	67,744	98,774	34,615	25,791
Transfers out	(223,223)	(209,030)	(213,956)	(131,154)	(113,124)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	29	4	3	9	-
Total other financing uses	(151,518)	(141,282)	(115,179)	(96,530)	(87,333)
Net change in fund balance	1,680	62	4,537	(11,660)	337
Fund balance at October 1	23,699	23,637	19,100	30,760	30,423
Fund balance at September 30	\$ 25,379	23,699	23,637	19,100	30,760

* Non-departmental was formerly reported as a function in FY 2006 and prior. These amounts have been included in the general government line item above.

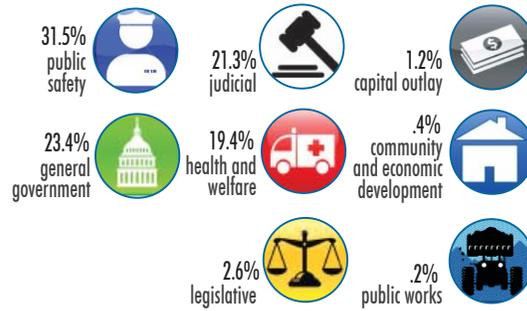
GENERAL FUND REVENUES

Revenues are increases in net financial resources. The County's General Fund revenues consist primarily of property taxes. To a lesser degree, charges for services, state grants and contracts and other miscellaneous revenue contribute to total General Fund revenue. The percentage of each category to the total for fiscal year 2007 is illustrated below.



GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

Expenditures are net decreases in financial resources requiring the current payment of cash or recognition of a liability. Expenditures are incurred for salaries, supplies, services, capital outlay and debt service.



FUND BALANCE

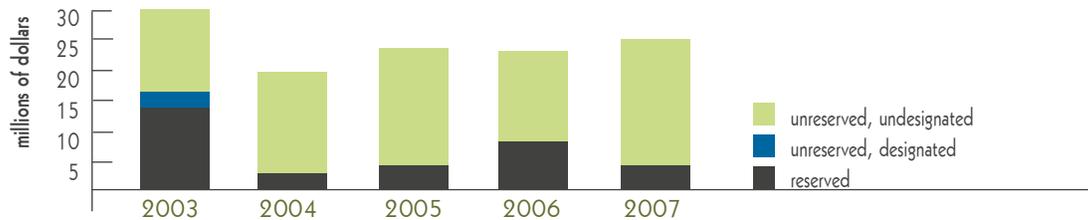
Typically, fund balance is the most discussed item in a local government's financial statements. It is the difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities. It represents the accumulation of resources over time. Those resources are segregated into amounts that are available for spending (unreserved) and those that are not (reserved or designated.) Governments seek to maintain adequate levels of fund balance to mitigate current and future risks and to ensure stable tax rates. Fund balance is also a crucial consideration in long-term financial planning.

Additionally, credit rating agencies carefully monitor levels of fund balance and unreserved fund balance in a government's general fund to evaluate a government's creditworthiness.

Ratings agencies favor higher levels of fund balance, although other stakeholders (unions, taxpayers and citizens' groups) may consider high levels excessive.

The chart below depicts the fund balance for the General Fund for the past five years. Other existing "reserves" or resources available to the General Fund include the Budget Stabilization (rainy day) Fund and the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund. These funds provide flexibility to deal with planned capital expenditures, unanticipated economic conditions, emergencies, temporary cash flow shortages, or unexpected one-time expenditures. These funds also protect against statutory decreases in County revenues and give the County the chance to take advantage of saving opportunities.

GENERAL FUND - FUND BALANCE



DID YOU KNOW?

The Government Finance Officer's Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented the County the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Financial Reporting for the year ended September 30, 2006.

The County also received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its CAFR for the year ended September 30, 2006, and the GFOA award for Distinguished Budget Presentation for its annual appropriated budget dated October 1, 2007.

The GFOA's Awards for Excellence in Government Finance recognize contributions to the practice of government finance that exemplify outstanding financial management. The awards stress practical, documented work that offers leadership to the profession and promotes improved public finance, which benefits both the County leadership and taxpayers.

economic condition

The County's long-term fiscal outlook remains stable. However, in the short-term, revenue growth is projected to be lower than expenditure growth for many of the County's funds, including the General Fund.

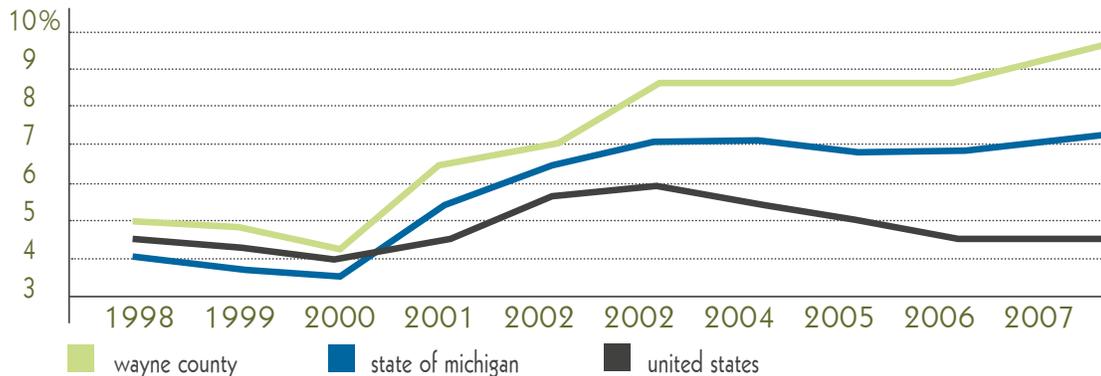
Property tax is the County's largest revenue source traditionally, representing approximately sixty six percent* of total General Fund revenue. Taxable values for the County increased modestly in 2007 and decreased slightly for 2008. This lack of growth in tax revenue during times of steadily rising costs creates a gap in funding.

State revenue sharing traditionally represented approximately eight percent of total General Fund revenues, however, effective in fiscal year 2005, the State suspended revenue sharing to counties and provided a funding mechanism to replace revenue sharing payments. This funding mechanism ends in fiscal year 2009.

Increasing healthcare, fuel and other costs, combined with the lack of revenue growth, forces the County to examine the services it provides and determine which services are the most critical for the citizens of Wayne County. The MFR performance measure process, discussed in the CEO's message, will provide us with the information necessary to make informed decisions regarding the allocation of our diminishing resources.

The County's unemployment rate has generally trended up since 2000, similar to the State of Michigan and the United States. However, the State and County have each experienced higher jobless rates due to their reliance on the automotive and related industries. The County is currently working with other governments both within Michigan and internationally to bring new business to the region to promote an expanded industry base.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



Over the past ten years, the County's population has slowly, but steadily, decreased. The total decrease over this period is seven percent. The current economic downturn has not had a significant impact on this trend. The County is committed to keeping jobs and families in southeast Michigan, as evidenced by the Operation Normandy program, which assists homeowners with avoiding foreclosure, and the planned development of an Aerotropolis, a professional and commercial business district surrounding the airport.

This "airport city" will center on the Detroit Metropolitan Airport and be surrounded by tens of thousands of acres of light industrial, office, and upscale retail space, in addition to business-class hotel accommodations, restaurants, entertainment, recreation, golf courses, and single and multi-family housing. The County expects to benefit from Aerotropolis by increasing the number of travelers in the region, creating an international business presence, and increasing the tax base.

*In 2007 property taxes are seventy four percent of general fund revenues. This is due to the replacement of State Revenue Sharing with the shifting of property tax revenues. The remainder of 2007 tax revenues (one percent) is made up of sales tax.

county services

County government may not get the attention of state or national levels of government, but it provides a tremendous range of vital services that residents would quickly miss if those services were to disappear. Many roads, parks, jails, health and even Headstart programs would not be operated or maintained safely if county government failed to function.

The County of Wayne provides an essential, if often undervalued, role in providing a wide variety of services to its communities and constituents.



DID YOU KNOW?

Wayne County Government is modeled on the co-equal branches of government found at the state and federal levels, where a clear separation of power and a check-and-balance system exist among the executive, the legislative and the judicial functions.

The residents of each district elect a Commissioner and Countywide; residents elect a County Clerk, Prosecutor, Register of Deeds, Sheriff, and Treasurer to head five departments and a County Executive, who serves as the chief executive officer of the entire executive branch.

As the legislative body, the Commission represents citizens and serves as a check-and-balance to the executive branch of Wayne County Government. Commissioners endorse and oversee the budget and approve contracts, appointments, and rules. Commissioners provide leadership and expertise on legislative committees and, through their oversight, help improve the effectiveness of county services and programs.



Elizabeth Park- Trenton, MI



GENERAL GOVERNMENT

General government services are one of the largest categories of services provided by the County. As the executive branch of County government, this group of departments provides the administrative support for running government and includes the elected officials for the county.

Most notable is the Office of the County Executive, headed by County Executive Robert A. Ficano. This office administers the 11 executive departments of the County. (See organizational chart on p.2)

Certain of these departments provide the general and administrative support for the County's operations, such as the:

Department of Management & Budget

Provides assessment and equalization, professional accounting, risk management and other financial support services.

Department of Personnel/Human Resources

Recruits, trains, develops, negotiates, and administers compensation to County employees.

Department of Technology

Manages, develops, and maintains the County's data, software, and hardware systems.

Department of Corporation Counsel

Serves as the chief civil legal officer to the County.

Also included in general government services are the other elected officials of the County:

County Clerk

Responsible for the general recording and safekeeping of official records such as birth and death certificates, in addition to court documents. The Clerk is also responsible for coordinating and administering all Federal, State and County elections conducted in Wayne County.

Register of Deeds

Responsible for the recording of documents related to property transactions, such as land contracts, mortgages, liens and lease agreements.

Prosecuting Attorney

Responsible for safeguarding the community by demanding accountability for those who commit crimes.

County Treasurer

Responsible for the receipt, custody and investment of all County funds and for the collection of taxes.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Wayne County Clerk's marriage licensing, and birth and death services are accessible on the internet at www.waynecounty.wc/clerk.

The Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys assigned to the Juvenile Court Division review approximately 5,500 new delinquency cases each year.

The Register of Deed's staff recorded, indexed and otherwise processed over 570,000 documents, more than any other Registers' Office in the State of Michigan. Wayne County Register of Deeds land records are searchable at www.waynecountylandrecords.com.

The Treasurer's Office website, www.treasurer.waynecounty.com, includes a property listing and allows for the online payment of delinquent property taxes.

Our credit rating with Standard & Poors on our general obligation debt is strong and Moody's has removed the negative outlook from the County's rating. Fitch has confirmed our bond rating with a stable outlook. These ratings from the three major agencies illustrate confidence in Wayne County's fiscal accountability and management. They also save taxpayers money in lower interest rates.

JUDICIAL SERVICES

The resolution of civil, domestic, criminal and juvenile matters falls to two courts managed by the County: the Third Circuit Court and the Probate Court.

Third Circuit Court

This court is the largest circuit court in Michigan and the fifth largest general jurisdiction court in the nation, with 63 judges and over 750 employees. The Chief Judge oversees its three divisions:

Civil Division

The Civil Division has 15 judges and resolves general civil cases under \$25,000. This division acts as the appellate court for civil appeals from the district courts throughout Wayne County.

Criminal Division

The Criminal Division's 27 judges have sole jurisdiction over felonies and high misdemeanors. This division acts as the appellate court for criminal appeals from the district courts throughout Wayne County.

Family Court Division

The Family Court Division has responsibility for hearing both domestic (12 judges) and juvenile cases (8 judges) that involve the members of a single family. By separating these cases from other court matters, the County hoped to create a greater sensitivity and understanding of the circumstances a family unit is facing. This division's domestic, juvenile, and Friend of the Court operations address domestic relations, juvenile delinquency, adoption, abuse and neglect, spousal support, child support, custody and parenting matters.

Probate Court

The Probate Court's 8 judges preside over all matters related to settlement of estates and trusts and the appointment of trustees, guardians and conservators. This court is the busiest court in the state, processing one third of total probate filings.



DID YOU KNOW?

The National Center for State Courts has cited the Third Circuit Court as one of the model urban courts in the United States for case flow management and the timely disposition of the Court's docket.

The Friend of the Court collected and disbursed \$344.5 million to Wayne County families in 2006.

Wayne County was the first probate court in Michigan, established in 1796. Its jurisdiction included the entire state of Michigan and parts of Wisconsin.

Wayne County Probate Court is the busiest court in the state of Michigan, processing one-third of total probate filings in the state. Online access to case information may be viewed at www.wpcpc.us.



Coleman A. Young Municipal Center- Detroit, MI

HEALTH AND WELFARE

The County's health and welfare activities focus on those most in need of protection: infants, adolescents, the elderly and the disabled. Departments include:

-  Health and Human Services
-  Children and Family Services
-  Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs

Certain other services, such as environmental clean-up programs, are provided through the Department of Environment.

Core programs include:

Headstart, providing comprehensive child development services in the areas of education, nutrition and social services.

Cooperative Extension (through Michigan State University), providing educational services for families, such as peer counseling for breast feeding mothers, and food safety and nutrition programs.

Prevention Services, Alternative Work Force Program and Juvenile Services, providing a coordinated community justice, educational and rehabilitative service delivery network for our troubled adult and youth.

Library, providing reference material and children programming services for citizens, including the blind and physically handicapped.

Mental Health, providing a wide array of special support services for citizens with severe emotional disturbances and developmental disabilities.

Patient Care Management and Public Health, providing innovative health care and dental services to indigent residents and small businesses, disease education and prevention, and environmental health services.

Senior Citizens and Veteran's Affairs, providing adult day care, meal delivery, prescription drugs, and referral and outreach services for senior citizens and financial and burial assistance for indigent soldiers, sailors, marines, nurses, and their families.

Medical Examiners, providing investigative and notification services for deceased loved ones and their families.



Rouge River Greenway- Dearborn, MI



DID YOU KNOW?

The Fatherhood/Male Involvement Initiative had over 1,000 men participating in various parenting workshops, recreational activities with their children, family events at the centers, and professional growth workshops.

The Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency increased the number of persons serviced from over 47,000 to over 55,000.

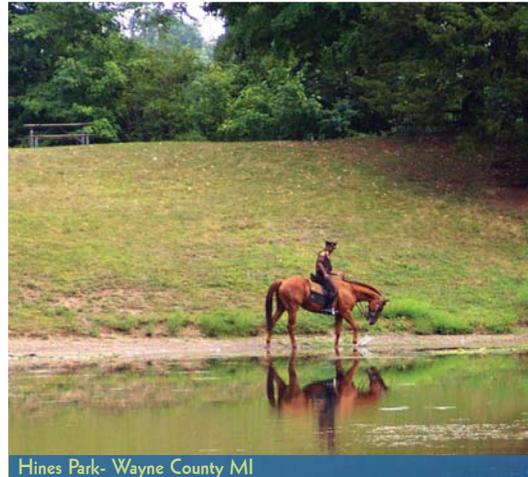
The County opened two new WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) clinics, one in Redford Township and the other in Sumpter Township.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Major emergencies, disasters and terrorist threats or attacks are not issues we like to think about or plan for. But that is the crucial role of the Department of Homeland Security/Emergency Management, whose mission is to preserve and protect the lives and property of Wayne County citizens.

Other Public Safety services include the County Jail and youth home mental health services.

The most well recognized of Public Safety services is the Wayne County Sheriff's Office (WCSO.) The Sheriff provides quality law enforcement to the citizens of Wayne County, as well as safe, secure and humane detention facilities for those citizens who find themselves temporarily on the wrong side of the law. The Sheriff's operations are administered through its court, executive, field services and jail division.



DID YOU KNOW?

Since 1977, there have been eight presidential and nine gubernatorial major disaster declarations for the Wayne County area, with one of each in 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2003 and 2004.

The WCSO operates the largest jail system in the State of Michigan with three facilities housing an average daily population of approximately 2,600 inmates.

As a result of the WCSO's East Side Action Team (Arresting Car Thieves in Our Neighborhoods), auto theft in Harper Woods, and the Grosse Pointe communities dropped by about 30 percent during the first three months of operation.

The Alert System implemented in January 2006 allows Wayne County residents to be notified via phone, text message, pager or email in the event of emergencies, school closings and traffic conditions on County roads. Sign up at www.getalerts.org.

Court Division maintains security and order in the courtrooms of the Third Circuit and Probate Courts. Various units within this division deliver official notices, subpoenas and other court documents. They also locate and arrest individuals delinquent in court-ordered child support payments and locate individuals under felony warrants.

Executive Division provides administrative guidance, policy direction and enforcement for Sheriff employees.

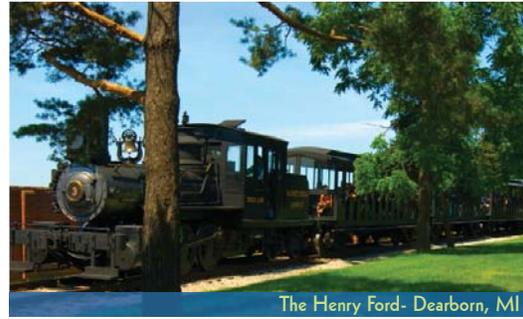
Jail Division oversees the operation of the three jail detention facilities in accordance with the provisions of the Michigan Constitution.

Field Services Division provides a full range of crime prevention, ground and waterway patrol, and investigative services. This division also houses the special operations units, such as the covert Drug Enforcement Unit and the Internet Unit.



PUBLIC SERVICES

In one of the County's most visible roles, the Department of Public Services maintains the County's road system – over 1,400 miles of primary and local roadways and 462 miles of State trunk lines and freeways. Because of the key role roads play in the safety of our residents and visitors as they travel to work, school and shopping, this department is vital to many of us each day. The Department is also responsible for maintaining the County's parks and recreational facilities, as well as certain other County facilities to provide better and safer working conditions for employees and visitors.



The Henry Ford- Dearborn, MI

DID YOU KNOW?



Approximately 13.7 miles of County local roads were resurfaced using 48,400 tons of asphalt.

Approximately 2,600 new travel signs were installed on County and State roadways.

Approximately 82,000 potholes were filled in 2006, utilizing tons of cold patch material.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Economic and Neighborhood Development promotes economic growth through business and community development strategies that retain and create jobs and encourage a high quality of life.

To further its objectives, the Department provides grants to participating communities and non-profit agencies for the implementation of eligible housing rehabilitation projects.

It also fosters organizations whose goal is to create affordable housing and opportunities for residents to become first-time homeowners. Programs such as the Urban Recovery Partnership work to preserve and enhance existing neighborhoods.

In cooperation with other development organizations, the Department seeks to attract, retain, and assist businesses in Wayne County.



Frenchman's Cove- Ecorse, MI



DID YOU KNOW?

A program under the Greater Wayne Economic Development Corporation (a component unit of Wayne County), the One-Stop Business Resource Center is a "single point of contact – at one location" where Wayne County businesses can:

Receive personal assistance with Wayne County business programs and services.

Receive assistance in business development and growth.

THE LEGISLATIVE ARM

The legislative arm of County government is the Wayne County Commission, a body of 15 elected officials representing districts throughout the County and serving two-year terms. The Commission is responsible for:

- overseeing the County's \$2.3 billion budget
- approving contracts
- executing ordinances and resolutions
- approving appointments to various boards

Its mission is to ensure that Wayne County citizens receive their full value for each dollar expended by the County.

The Commission accomplishes this mission through:

Standing Committees of the County Commission which meet bi-weekly:

1. Ways and Means
2. Audit
3. Economic Development
4. Environment, Drains and Sewers
5. Government Operations
6. Health and Human Services
7. Public Safety
8. Judiciary and Homeland Security
9. Public Services

These meetings are open to the public.

Special committees, task forces and commissions are established by the Commission. The Commission also holds town meetings to address critical issues affecting the citizens of Wayne County.

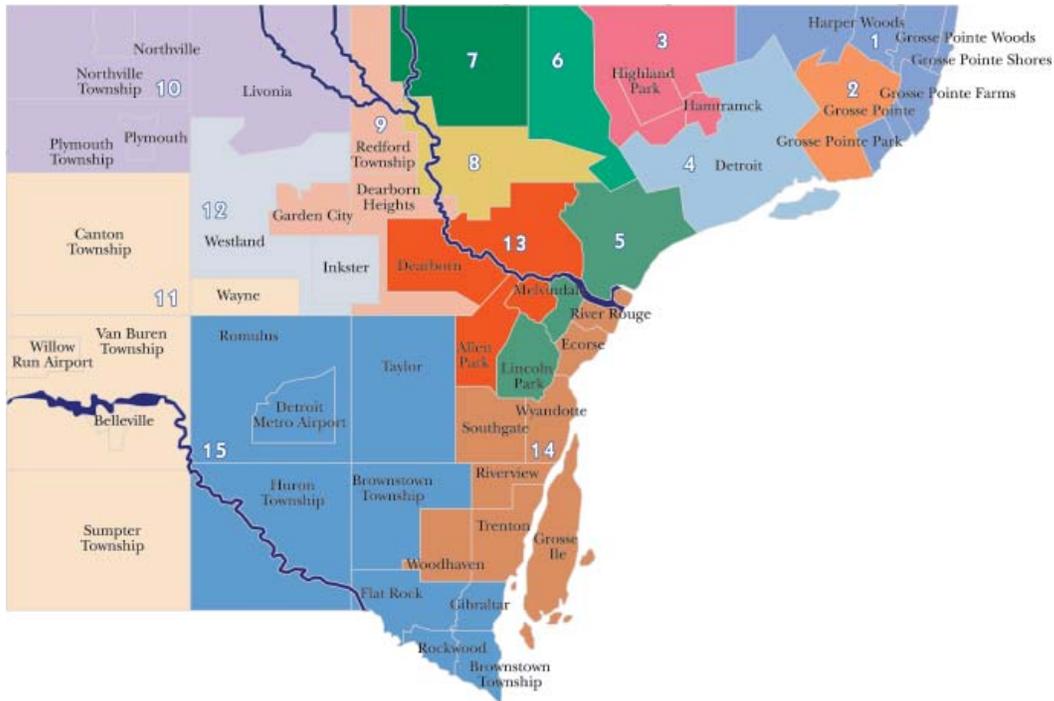
Office of the Auditor General examines and evaluates County activities and operations aimed at improving the accountability of the use of public funds.

Policy and Research Division provides support to Commission members through assessment, evaluation and analysis of contracts, proposals and other actions coming before the Commission.

Please refer to the following list of County Commissioners and the districts they serve.



commissioners and districts



Jewel C. Ware
CHAIRWOMAN
4TH DISTRICT

Edward A. Boike, Jr.
VICE CHAIR
15TH DISTRICT

Laura Cox
VICE CHAIR PRO TEMPORE
10TH DISTRICT

Timothy P. Killeen
1ST DISTRICT

Alisha R. Bell
8TH DISTRICT

Bernard Parker
2ND DISTRICT

Philip M. Cavanagh
9TH DISTRICT

Moe Blackwell
3RD DISTRICT

Kevin McNamara
11TH DISTRICT

Ilona Varga
5TH DISTRICT

Ronaele Bowman
12TH DISTRICT

Keith D. Williams
6TH DISTRICT

Gary Woronchak
13TH DISTRICT

Burton Leland
7TH DISTRICT

Joseph Palamara
14TH DISTRICT





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