



Wayne County Commissioner 11th District



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With the beginning of the new fiscal year upon us on Oct. 1, 2016, the Wayne County Commission is currently involved in budget hearings with every department. I have been in close contact with members of the Commission's Committee on Ways and Means during their proceedings to approve the administration's proposed budget, which totals \$1.5 billion for FY 2016-17.

The steps we take over the next few weeks in ensuring a balanced budget are vital to the county's pursuit for a financially strong future. Roads and parks, public safety, the county's justice center and an updated technology infrastructure are just a few of the areas my colleagues and I will examine very carefully to ensure that spending aligns with revenues and that we become more efficient in better serving the residents and businesses of Wayne County.

My policy has always been to maintain an open line of dialogue between myself and the communities I serve. I will continue to be accessible and open to creative ideas and solutions.

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Wayne County Commissioner



County continues quest for greater efficiency

Nearing the conclusion of his first term as commissioner of the Wayne County Commission's District 11, Al Haidous has played a key role in seeking greater efficiency of county services and programs targeted for residents of Wayne County.

Following are some key items that Commissioner Haidous has

closely tracked in maximizing service to county residents:

- The Commission voted unanimously July 7 to approve a \$1 million, five-year agreement with Huron Township for road improvements. The township must contribute at least \$200,000. The projects include Craig Street from Sibley Road to Huron River Drive,

and Evans Street from Huron River Drive to Shook Road. In all, six of Wayne County's nine townships agreed to divide \$9.5 million, based on population and with the provision they will match at least 20 percent. A \$1.5 million agreement with Van Buren Township was approved last year.

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Around District 11



Commissioner Al Haidous has been busy meeting and greeting constituents, visiting various sites and participating in community events in 2016. Above, Commissioner Haidous shows his support for recycling with a stop at the Sumpter Township Recycle Center. In June, he joined family and friends (above right) at the annual Belleville Strawberry Festival, paid homage to the brave souls of our Armed Forces at the Belleville Veterans Memorial (below right), and offers input to legislative aide Heather Hammer (below).



Measures taken to improve county's outlook

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Sumpter Township, which would have received \$1 million, elected to not participate.

- Commissioner Haidous sits on the Committee on Audit, which presented its 2015 annual report. That report showed that in 2015, the Office of Legislative Auditor General - under the direction of Auditor General Marcella Cora - completed 24 reports/projects, which included 43 recommendations, saving the county more than \$4.5 million.

- Wayne County's finances are significantly stronger than they have been in many years. The county administration recently reported a general fund surplus of

\$5.7 million as of Sept. 30, 2015, the end of the last fiscal year. It also reported that the structural - or annual - deficit of \$52 million has been eliminated and the accumulated deficit of \$88 million is nearly gone. The county also has begun to shore up its pension system, which was just 47 percent funded. Wayne County used a transfer of an excess \$178 million by the Treasurer's Office from its Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund to address the deficits. Significant cuts taken by union employees and retirees, namely via health care benefits, will impact the budget in the 2016-17 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1. County officials are also hoping this year that the state of Michigan lifts the consent agreement imposed in 2015.

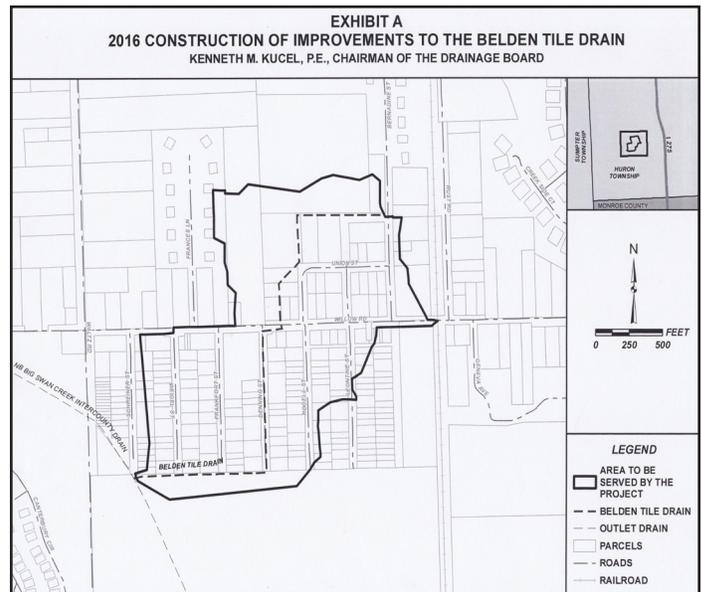
Drain initiative to ease concerns over flooding

Residents in Huron Township will see some relief from cases of flooded basements, thanks to an effort between Wayne County and the Township to reroute the Belden Tile Drain.

Flooding on both sides of Willow Road between Waltz Road and Rust Road has been an issue for some time. Too often, residents have complained of rising waters during heavy rains and been forced to part ways with damaged belongings. The frequency of these incidents caught the attention of Commissioner Al Haidous, who paved the way for a plan to reroute the drain affecting area homes.

“It certainly caught my attention because of the inconvenience caused to so many residents,” Commissioner Haidous said. “We need to make these changes so residents can be at ease and not worry that every time it rains, a cleanup of some magnitude awaits.”

Haidous said bids to perform work on the rerouting are to go out soon and his hope is that the job is completed by the end of 2016. According to the final apportionment resolution, Huron Township will pick



up 90 percent of the cost, while Wayne County will assume the other 10 percent.

“This is a major project that is moving forward, and homeowners will get the relief they need,” Haidous said. “I want to say thank you to the homeowners for their patience and assure them the job will be done promptly and professionally. Our residents work hard for their money and take pride in investing wisely in their homes. We need to do everything we can to maintain their safety and confidence to do it right.”

Aerotropolis buzz continues to grow

A key component in the quest for an Aerotropolis, or airport-city surrounding Metro Airport and Willow Run Airport, is the continued improvements to the infrastructure of neighboring townships and cities.

Commissioner Al Haidous has remained vocal in addressing the need for such development throughout the region and for additional miles of paved roads to provide a safer commute.

“We have the opportunity to create something really special along I-94,” said Haidous. “The amount of undeveloped land between the airports offers an exciting challenge of bringing together an advanced hub of transportation, manufacturing and business opportunities.”

Motorists can report pothole problems; household hazardous waste day set

Motorists who want to report the location of potholes or other problems on county roads can do one of three things:

- Call 1-888-ROAD-CREW (762-3273) 24 hours a day.
- Visit www.waynecounty.com/dps and click on “report road hazard.”
- Use a smartphone to visit compass.waynecounty.com and click on the “hazard” triangle on the lower right corner. If they are near the pothole, Compass can capture the location via GPS coordinates.

If the problem is on a road not maintained by the county, the appropriate agency will be contacted.

For those who wish to follow up on the progress of a concern on a county road, be sure to have the incident number that was issued, making it easier for employees to track the issue.

Waste day set for Oct. 8

The Wayne County Department of Public Services will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Day from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 8 at Wayne County Community College District-Downriver Campus, 21000 North Line Road, Taylor.

Among the accepted household items are paints, stains, dyes, glue, carpet cleaners, furniture and nail polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, solvents, pharmaceutical waste, fertilizer, lawn chemicals, printers, keyboards, cellphones and televisions.

Proof of Wayne County residency is required.

No non-household waste will be accepted. Call 734-326-3936 for more information.

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Historical visit!



Commissioner Al Haidous was all smiles after viewing the numerous artifacts on display at the Wayne Historical Museum.

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Committee on Audit, Vice-Chair

Committee on Public Services

Committee on Public Safety, Judiciary and Homeland Security

Special Committee on Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs, Chair

Task Force on Environmental Quality

All Wayne County Commission meetings are open to the public.

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Voting Delegate, Transportation Coordination Committee,

Finance Committee, Regional Clearing House Review Committee

Government Talent Investment Board

Committee 1 member