

## May 2011 Supervisor's Report

May started out with a Meeting at the Mott Building with the Flint Area Re-development Commission. At noon was Randy Byrne's retirement party and In the afternoon was the Aerotropolis meeting. Aerotropolis is a potential regional plan involving Genesee, Lapeer, Shiawasee, Oakland and St. Claire Counties. They are particularly interested or involved in developing the logistical potential of import, export business to this area. Tuesday was the weekly meeting with the attorney and in the afternoon was a meeting at GRCC regarding their youth programs. Wednesday, I met with Swartz Ambulance Service in regard to their service to the community and about their new post in the south end of the township. Thursday was the Technical Advisory Committee to the Metropolitan Planning Commission and Friday morning was the Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce.

May 8<sup>th</sup> was the day for negotiations with the Sergeants. We have demand from both sides, but negotiations have a way to go. That afternoon was another Aerotropolis meeting. Tuesday was the weekly attorney meeting and then I had a meeting with Sheila Auten at the county to go over some questions in regard to the Community Development Block Grant. That night was the Committee of the Whole. Wednesday Mike, Maria McLean, Ryan Thompson, Dick and I met for lunch to go over their proposal for a review and update on the Tech Village Concept. Then, Dick and I had to get back for a conference call with our auditors. Thursday was the Board meeting.

On the 16<sup>th</sup>, there was the Aerotropolis meeting, Tuesday was Roads and Bridges. We discussed chloride application and the use of brine for the second application. They are still using 50/50 money for local roads, but they have re instituted the 60/40 program for section line roads and some local roads.— excluding subdivisions which still must be under a special assessment. The 60% expense is the township's and the 40% the county's. Mr. Daly also discussed a pilot program that was used in Flint Township last winter in regard to snow removal. He felt it had been a success. Kirk and I will be discussing this topic with Mr. Daily in the near future. The question of dead trees along the roadways was another topic of discussion. It was determined that 50/50 monies could be used for tree removal along section line roads. MDOT guidelines require that any tree between the road and the front slope of a ditch must be removed. The question was asked if a local resident could or should remove a tree in the road right of way. Mr. Daly answered that no private work is allowed in the road right of way

due to liability issues. There was also a question on varying the speed limit on some gravel roads. The answer was that the state sets the standard at 55 miles per hour when conditions are at their best. However, all speed limits allow law enforcement to interpret "safe speeds" for the conditions of the road and the weather or environment. After that was the attorney meeting I had a 1 o'clock meeting at Genesys and that was followed by a D.P.W. meeting back at the township. Wednesday started with the breakfast meeting of the Supervisors followed by Water and Waste. We were provided with updates on the Karanondi water line and the meeting with Detroit with no final issues to be determined. I brought up our problem with the State DEQ and mosquito control which affects or did affect other townships. The D.E.Q interpreted a rule differently this year than in the past and waited until the last minute to let us know about the change which change could have had a drastic effect on our mosquito control program. Wednesday morning, Dick and I met with Mayor Matheny, Randy Byrne and the City Finance Director (our Finance Director was involved with Audit) to discuss the Fire Commission budget. In the afternoon, I met with a committee from the County Treasurer's office that are working to try to prevent foreclosures. That night was a meeting of "Back to the Bricks". Saturday was the day for Household Hazardous Waste.

Monday, Don Simons, the archeologist from the Historical Commission and I hosted a program for two school groups at the Perry House to tell them some of their township's history and the part that the Perry Homestead played in that history. That afternoon was another Aerotropolis meeting. Tuesday morning was the weekly attorney meeting and Tuesday night was the Board meeting. Wednesday was a series of meetings with the D.P.W. (1) The pathway on Perry Road. (2) The bid proposal for the Perry House (3) Finalizing the other projects that fall under the CDBG Grant. The following day Mike Rodgers and an entomologist from Rose Pest Solutions went to Lansing to the DEQ to protest their interpretation of the rule regarding the use of larvacide in catch basins. They listened, but they didn't change their stance. In the meantime, I had been working with State Senator Dave Robertson in regard to this problem and he agreed to follow through to help us reach a solution. The month ended with my taking off to South Carolina to see my grandson graduate from High School.

