



Allegan County Clerk  
and

Register of Deeds

2008 Annual Report

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**VITAL RECORDS**  
**Record Volume Comparison**  
**2005-2008**

<b>Record Type</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Birth Records	209	211	219	213
Death Records	762	766	671	637
Marriage Licenses	788	817	751	759
Concealed Weapons Permits	516	269	188	406
Passports	447	491	521*	302
Notary Public	237	242	247	194
DBA/Co-Partnerships Filed	818	802	764	653
<b>Total Vital Records Filed</b>	<b>3,777</b>	<b>3,598</b>	<b>2,840</b>	<b>3164</b>

\* Effective 2/1/08 fees for Acceptance Agencies was decreased by \$5.00 per passport.

<b>Circuit Court Filings</b>				
<b>Circuit Court Cases</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Pending-Beginning of Year	772	745	635	722
New Cases Filed	1553	1862	2006	1943
Re-opened Cases	75	112	101	103
<b>Total Caseload For Year</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>2,719</b>	<b>2,742</b>	<b>2768</b>

<b>Family Court Filings</b>				
<b>Case Type</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Juvenile Cases	1,546	1,411	1,340	1258
Adoptions	123	103	99	63
<b>Total Filings</b>	<b>1,669</b>	<b>1,514</b>	<b>1,439</b>	<b>1321</b>

<b>Personal Protection Orders</b>				
<b>Type Filed</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
PPOs - Adult	406	403	419	447
PPOs - Juvenile	18	4	4	1
<b>Total Filings</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>448</b>

## ELECTIONS - 2008

Election Date	Unit or Municipality	# of Precincts	Notes
<b>Presidential Primary January</b>	County Wide Consolidated Precincts	46 precincts	70,790 Ballots Reimbursement \$44,051.12 Turn-out 21%
	Schools:		
<b>May - 06</b>	Allegan Public	9 pct.	22,770 Ballots  Reimbursement: \$ 48,357.79  Turn-out 9.39%
	Fennville Public	8 pct.	
	Glenn School District	1 pct.	
	Hamilton Community	9 pct.	
	Hopkins Public	7 pct.	
	Martin Public	6 pct.	
	Otsego Public	4 pct. Co./5 pct. Out	
	Plainwell Community	4 pct. Co./6 pct. Out	
	Saugatuck Public	4 pct.	
	Wayland Union	6 pct. Co./3 pct. Out	
	Wayland City	1 pct.	
	Delton Kellogg	1 pct.	
	Caledonia	1 pct.	
	Holland Public	5 pct.	
	Hudsonville	1 pct.	
	Zeeland	3 pct.	
Bloomington	2 pct.		
Gobles	1 pct.		
<b>Aug - 05 Primary</b>	County-Wide	46 precincts	51,965 Ballots Turn-out 20.28%
<b>Nov - 07 General</b>	County-Wide	48 Precincts	76,415 Ballots Turn-out 70.27%

8706 Registrations sorted and mailed to local clerks. **Reimbursement - \$1,392.96**

Reimbursement for programming costs:

August:       **\$ 7,600**  
November     **\$11,700**

<b>Election Date</b>	<b>Unit Or Municipality</b>	<b>Type Of Proposal</b>	<b>Pass or Fail</b>
<b>January</b>	Cheshire Twp.	Sewer Bond Proposal	Failed
<b>May 6</b>	Allegan Public	Operating Renewal	Pass
	Fennville Public	Operating Renewal	Pass
	Hamilton Community	Operating Renewal	Pass
	Hopkins Public	Operating Renewal	Pass
	Plainwell Community	Bond Proposal	Pass
	Saugatuck Public	Operating Renewal	Pass
	Wayland Union	Bonding Proposal	Pass
	Saugatuck City	Street & infrastructure bonds	Failed
<b>Aug. 5</b>	Allegan Twp.	Renewal - Road	Pass
		Renewal - Fire protection	Pass
		Rollback restoration	Failed
	Casco Tw	Police protection	Failed
	Clyde Twp.	Renewal – Fire protection	Pass
		Renewal – Road	Pass
		Renewal – Ambulance	Pass
	Dorr Twp.	Library Millage	Failed
		Renewal – Road Maintenance	Pass
		Renewal – Fire	Pass
	Ganges Twp.	Renewal – Fire	Pass
		Renewal – Ambulance	Pass
	Hopkins Twp.	Renewal – Road	Pass
		Renewal – Road Rollback	Pass
	Laketown Twp.	Renewal – Fire/Road/Drain	Pass
		Alcohol Sales	Pass
	Lee Twp.	Renewal – First Responder	Failed
	Martin Twp.	Renewal – Fire	Pass
	Overisel Twp.	Renewal – Fire	Pass
	Saugatuck Twp.	Renewal – Road	Pass
	Valley Twp.	Renewal – Fire	Pass
		Renewal – Road	Pass
	Watson Twp.	Renewal – Dust Control	Pass
	Allegan City	Jaycee Park	Pass
	Martin Schools	2.1 mill Bond	Failed
<b>Nov. 4</b>	Casco Twp.	Police Protection	Failed
	Dorr Twp.	Library Millage	Failed
	Laketown Twp.	Additional – Law Enforcement	Failed
	Lee Twp.	Headlee Rollback recapture	Failed
	Overisel Twp.	.5 mill Fire increase	Pass
		Renewal – Roads	Pass
	Salem Twp.	New – law enforcement	Failed
		Renewal – Roads	Pass
	Trowbridge Twp.	Renewal – Roads	Pass
	Saugatuck City	Street & infrastructure bonds	Pass

**SUMMARY:****Clerk's Office Revenues:**

	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Total collections – 2006	\$403,705.00	\$460,707.00	\$57,002.00 Increase
Total collections – 2007	\$429,350.00	\$409,511.73	\$19,838.27 Shortfall
Total Collections - 2008	\$421,015.00	\$446,894.01	\$25879.01 Increase

**Clerk's Office Expenditures:**

Total Expenditures – 2006	\$582,848.00	\$567,924.00	\$14,923.00 Turnback
Total Expenditures – 2007	\$592,837.53	\$582,811.63	\$10,025.00 Turnback
Total Expenditures – 2008	\$624,277.00	\$621,484.84	\$ 2,792.16 Turnback

**Elections:**

Total Expenditures – 2006	\$162,505.00	\$101,350.42	\$ 61,154.58 Turnback
Total Expenditures - 2007	\$136,857.05	\$ 74,758.52	\$ 62,098.53 Turnback
Total Expenditures – 2008	\$167,939.00	\$138,386.36	\$ 29,552.64 Turnback

**REVENUE COMPARISON – REGISTER OF DEEDS  
2008**

Month	Recording Fees	Transfer Tax	Transfer Tax	Copy Fees	Search Fees	MSSR Fees	Automation Fund	over/under	Computer Services	Monthly Total	Service Fees	Documents Processed	Land Transfers
Jan	28,858.00	35,769.80	<b>217,252.50</b>	5,992.20	6.00	<b>7,904.00</b>	<b>10,030.00</b>			305,812.50	<b>34,974.76</b>	<b>2,072</b>	406
Feb	29,742.00	22,891.00	<b>116,580.00</b>	3,148.60	42.00	<b>7,018.00</b>	<b>9,115.00</b>		600.00	189,136.60	<b>33,637.87</b>	<b>2,015</b>	447
Mar	33,802.00	29,073.55	<b>155,246.25</b>	5,949.90	36.00	<b>8,132.00</b>	<b>10,455.00</b>		200.00	242,894.70	<b>40,109.88</b>	<b>2,244</b>	405
Apr	41,483.00	29,403.55	<b>160,815.00</b>	7,125.70	12.00	<b>7,848.00</b>	<b>10,150.00</b>	34.80	400.00	257,272.05	<b>49,138.42</b>	<b>3,141</b>	420
May	30,999.00	35,139.50	<b>209,501.25</b>	6,075.50	177.00	<b>7,792.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	24.00		299,708.25	<b>37,368.38</b>	<b>2,031</b>	418
Jun	29,132.35	33,935.55	<b>183,960.00</b>	5,578.90	18.00	<b>7,508.00</b>	<b>9,760.00</b>	24.35	600.00	270,517.15	<b>35,441.87</b>	<b>2,146</b>	414
<b>6 mos. TOTAL</b>	<b>194,016.35</b>	<b>186,212.95</b>	<b>1,043,355.00</b>	<b>33,870.80</b>	<b>291.00</b>	<b>46,202.00</b>	<b>59,510.00</b>	<b>83.15</b>	<b>1,800.00</b>	<b>1,565,341.25</b>	<b>230,671.18</b>	<b>13,649</b>	<b>2,510</b>
Jul	26,798.00	32,650.20	<b>203,932.50</b>	5,699.10	30.00	<b>7,364.00</b>	<b>9,545.00</b>		400.00	286,418.80	<b>33,037.56</b>	<b>2,022</b>	562
Aug	23,397.00	27,801.95	<b>167,726.25</b>	3,702.40	27.00	<b>6,548.00</b>	<b>8,495.00</b>	18.55	800.00	238,516.15	<b>28,024.62</b>	<b>1,725</b>	594
Sep	22,868.00	30,977.65	<b>163,785.00</b>	6,642.80	21.00	<b>6,160.00</b>	<b>7,970.00</b>	29.74	200.00	238,654.19	<b>29,824.20</b>	<b>1,704</b>	368
Oct	25,376.00	34,128.60	<b>190,143.75</b>	5,715.10	3.00	<b>6,776.00</b>	<b>9,315.00</b>	20.55	800.00	272,278.00	<b>31,995.74</b>	<b>1,895</b>	419
Nov	18,849.00	26,451.15	<b>135,757.50</b>	6,082.90	30.00	<b>5,012.00</b>	<b>6,535.00</b>	35.00	400.00	199,152.55	<b>25,437.08</b>	<b>1,413</b>	287
Dec	20,941.00	23,173.15	<b>101,883.75</b>	5,976.60	21.00	<b>5,348.00</b>	<b>7,160.00</b>	24.06	800.00	165,327.56	<b>27,818.82</b>	<b>1,537</b>	325
<b>6 mos. TOTAL</b>	<b>138,229.00</b>	<b>175,182.70</b>	<b>963,228.75</b>	<b>33,818.90</b>	<b>132.00</b>	<b>37,208.00</b>	<b>49,020.00</b>	<b>127.90</b>	<b>3,400.00</b>	<b>1,400,347.25</b>	<b>176,138.02</b>	<b>10,296</b>	<b>2,555</b>
<b>2008 TOTAL</b>	<b>332,245.35</b>	<b>361,395.65</b>	<b>2,006,583.75</b>	<b>67,689.70</b>	<b>423.00</b>	<b>83,410.00</b>	<b>108,530.00</b>	<b>211.05</b>	<b>5,200.00</b>	<b>2,965,688.50</b>	<b>406,809.20</b>	<b>23,945</b>	<b>5,065</b>

## 2007

Month	Recording Fees	Transfer Tax	Transfer Tax	Copy Fees	Search Fees	MSSR Fees	Automation Fund	Computer Services	Monthly Total	Service Fees	Documents Processed	Land Transfers
Jan	38,207.00	40,656.55	<b>242,823.75</b>	6,111.60		<b>9,500.00</b>	<b>12,005.00</b>		349,303.90	<b>44,461.10</b>	<b>2,486</b>	452
Feb	30,455.00	21,566.60	<b>118,811.25</b>	5,202.90	66.00	<b>7,448.00</b>	<b>9,455.00</b>		193,004.75	<b>35,835.62</b>	<b>1,990</b>	367
Mar	35,315.00	40,992.05	<b>234,390.00</b>	4,321.10	102.00	<b>9,212.00</b>	<b>11,705.00</b>		336,037.15	<b>39,876.28</b>	<b>2,359</b>	429
Apr	41,125.00	30,386.95	<b>190,788.75</b>	4,024.40	24.00	<b>8,520.00</b>	<b>10,790.00</b>		285,659.10	<b>45,301.20</b>	<b>3,143</b>	333
May	37,391.00	47,178.45	<b>294,457.50</b>	4,118.80	90.00	<b>9,168.00</b>	<b>11,655.00</b>		404,058.75	<b>41,737.32</b>	<b>2,462</b>	462
Jun	33,242.00	36,598.65	<b>216,723.75</b>	3,321.60	60.00	<b>7,868.00</b>	<b>9,960.00</b>		307,774.00	<b>36,741.62</b>	<b>2,957</b>	459
<b>6 mos. TOTAL</b>	<b>215,735.00</b>	<b>217,379.25</b>	<b>1,297,995.00</b>	<b>27,100.40</b>	<b>342.00</b>	<b>51,716.00</b>	<b>65,570.00</b>	-	<b>1,875,837.65</b>	<b>243,953.14</b>	<b>15,397</b>	<b>2,502</b>
Jul	35,824.00	43,322.95	<b>269,928.75</b>	4,390.40	48.00	<b>8,628.00</b>	<b>10,890.00</b>		373,032.10	<b>40,391.82</b>	<b>2,289</b>	308
Aug	35,825.00	49,102.90	<b>313,548.75</b>	3,647.60	9.00	<b>9,188.00</b>	<b>11,660.00</b>		422,981.25	<b>39,619.42</b>	<b>2,377</b>	547
Sep	30,231.00	46,840.20	<b>287,055.00</b>	3,893.70	12.00	<b>7,328.00</b>	<b>9,290.00</b>		384,649.90	<b>34,246.62</b>	<b>1,949</b>	480
Oct	35,589.00	45,100.00	<b>283,665.00</b>	3,326.40	51.00	<b>9,356.00</b>	<b>11,900.00</b>		388,987.40	<b>39,106.74</b>	<b>2,473</b>	534
Nov	29,295.00	44,692.45	<b>269,992.50</b>	3,402.10	72.00	<b>7,660.00</b>	<b>9,720.00</b>		364,834.05	<b>32,884.00</b>	<b>1,998</b>	700
Dec	31,403.00	32,754.15	<b>208,410.00</b>	1,764.00	18.00	<b>7,412.00</b>	<b>9,505.00</b>		291,266.15	<b>33,296.18</b>	<b>1,983</b>	413
<b>6 mos. TOTAL</b>	<b>198,167.00</b>	<b>261,812.65</b>	<b>1,632,600.00</b>	<b>20,424.20</b>	<b>210.00</b>	<b>49,572.00</b>	<b>62,965.00</b>	-	<b>2,225,750.85</b>	<b>219,544.78</b>	<b>13,069</b>	<b>2,982</b>
<b>2007 TOTAL</b>	<b>413,902.00</b>	<b>479,191.90</b>	<b>2,930,595.00</b>	<b>47,524.60</b>	<b>552.00</b>	<b>101,288.00</b>	<b>128,535.00</b>	-	<b>4,101,588.50</b>	<b>463,497.92</b>	<b>28,466</b>	<b>5,484</b>

## 2006

Month	Recording Fees	Transfer Tax	Transfer Tax	Copy Fees	Search Fees	MSSR Fees	Automation Fund	Computer Services	Monthly Total	Service Fees	Documents Processed	Land Transfers
Jan	37,854.00	38,496.70	<b>197,808.75</b>	3,860.60	72.00	<b>9,096.00</b>	<b>11,890.00</b>	1,200.00	300,278.05	<b>43,123.04</b>	<b>2,385</b>	440
Feb	33,928.00	37,660.15	<b>221,958.75</b>	4,432.60	12.00	<b>8,284.00</b>	<b>11,090.00</b>	1,200.00	318,565.50	<b>39,696.86</b>	<b>2,167</b>	417
Mar	40,060.00	42,849.95	<b>267,858.75</b>	1,803.00	48.00	<b>9,624.00</b>	<b>12,890.00</b>	1,000.00	376,133.70	<b>43,055.36</b>	<b>2,586</b>	490
Apr	42,401.00	40,676.35	<b>257,411.25</b>	4,316.00		<b>9,036.00</b>	<b>15,885.00</b>	1,400.00	371,125.60	<b>48,252.54</b>	<b>3,187</b>	460
May	49,815.00	84,784.70	<b>527,681.25</b>	6,643.90	6.00	<b>13,100.00</b>	<b>17,420.00</b>	1,200.00	700,650.85	<b>57,861.40</b>	<b>3,502</b>	638
Jun	43,291.00	77,393.25	<b>492,221.25</b>	4,849.80	96.00	<b>9,984.00</b>	<b>13,285.00</b>	1,800.00	642,920.30	<b>50,186.56</b>	<b>2,663</b>	527
<b>6 mos. TOTAL</b>	<b>247,349.00</b>	<b>321,861.10</b>	<b>1,964,940.00</b>	<b>25,905.90</b>	<b>234.00</b>	<b>59,124.00</b>	<b>82,460.00</b>	<b>7,800.00</b>	<b>2,709,674.00</b>	<b>282,175.76</b>	<b>16,490</b>	<b>2,972</b>
Jul	34,660.00	45,231.45	<b>277,668.75</b>	4,092.80	42.00	<b>8,680.00</b>	<b>11,025.00</b>	1,000.00	382,400.00	<b>39,925.00</b>	<b>2,216</b>	684
Aug	43,777.00	61,487.25	<b>385,672.50</b>	4,271.00	30.00	<b>10,812.00</b>	<b>13,880.00</b>	1,200.00	521,129.75	<b>49,440.18</b>	<b>2,817</b>	391
Sep	36,537.00	45,347.95	<b>280,890.00</b>	4,729.30	18.00	<b>8,789.00</b>	<b>11,180.00</b>	1,000.00	388,491.25	<b>42,416.14</b>	<b>2,327</b>	492
Oct	42,578.00	45,346.95	<b>285,735.00</b>	4,751.70		<b>11,084.00</b>	<b>14,520.00</b>		404,015.65	<b>47,495.96</b>	<b>2,904</b>	504
Nov	40,933.00	44,848.10	<b>275,283.75</b>	4,386.50	42.00	<b>10,368.00</b>	<b>13,230.00</b>		389,091.35	<b>45,517.02</b>	<b>2,707</b>	434
Dec	31,992.00	25,764.75	<b>155,298.90</b>	2,290.90	192.00	<b>8,456.00</b>	<b>10,715.00</b>		234,709.55	<b>34,601.74</b>	<b>2,199</b>	378
<b>6 mos. TOTAL</b>	<b>230,477.00</b>	<b>268,026.45</b>	<b>1,660,548.90</b>	<b>24,522.20</b>	<b>324.00</b>	<b>58,189.00</b>	<b>74,550.00</b>	<b>3,200.00</b>	<b>2,319,837.55</b>	<b>259,396.04</b>	<b>15,170</b>	<b>2,883</b>
<b>2006 TOTAL</b>	<b>477,826.00</b>	<b>589,887.55</b>	<b>3,625,488.90</b>	<b>50,428.10</b>	<b>558.00</b>	<b>117,313.00</b>	<b>157,010.00</b>	<b>11,000.00</b>	<b>5,029,511.55</b>	<b>541,571.80</b>	<b>31,660</b>	<b>5,855</b>

Year	Total # of Documents Recorded	Total Pages Recorded	Total # of Land Transfers Recorded	Total Value of Land Transferred	Total # of Mortgages Recorded	Total Value of Mortgages
2006	31,652	141,519	6,316	536,266,771.71	8,296	1,876,327,111.34
2007	27,566	127,936	5,484	435,633,356.29	6,656	6,465,999,627.42
2008	23,945	93,271	5,065	328,544,785.42	4,903	19,735,320,162.01

[Good News]

[Bad News]

Year	# Notices of Commencement	Master Deeds [Condos]	# of Foreclosures	Value of Foreclosures	# Redemptions	Value of Redemptions
2006	413	46	423	50,246,923.66	27	1,726,140.06
2007	278	41	438	54,144,676.44	35	3,672,196.90
2008	181	24	538	1,122,953,769.94	22	2,548,646.49

Year	Value Fed. Liens	Value MESC Liens	Value State Liens	Value General Liens	Total ALL Liens	Farmland Agreements [For Casey]
2006	5,453,707.34	147,402.44	730,070.09	5,901,928.31	12,233,108.18	71
2007	20,399,085.48	72,625.10	1,736,833.71	11,720,000.89	33,928,545.18	95
2008	4,975,589.99	460,588.09	3,037,383.88	12,315,628.10	20,789,190.06	63

**AVERAGES**

Year	Documents Recorded/Month	Mo. Avg. Pages	Mo. Avg. Transfer Tax	Mo. Avg. Service Fees	Total Deposit to GF	Yearly Operating Costs
2006	2,638	11,793	49,157.30	45,130.98	1,131,459.35	311,119.85
2007	2,297	10,661	39,932.66	38,624.83	942,689.82	314,991.52
2008	1,995	7,773	30,116.30	33,900.77	768,204.85	338,047.08