

ALLEGAN COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM PLANNING
CRITICAL MILESTONE TIMELINE

Spring 2001	Developed a Five-Year Action Plan for the Sheriff's Office
2001	Department Head Survey results list <i>New Facility for Sheriff Department/Jail</i> as priority #2
July 12, 2001	Five-Year Action Plan supported by Resolution
September / October 2001	DMG Maximus Study presented, Consultant advises the Commission "This (Allegan Co. Jail) is simply the worst facility that I have ever seen."
October 9, 2001 – January 3, 2002	Blue Ribbon Corrections Panel develops Corrections Philosophy for Allegan County
January 10, 2002	Corrections Philosophy supported by Resolution
February 2002	DMG Maximus researches 5 options for future of Sheriff's Office and Corrections System in Allegan County. They recommend direct supervision method and "...that the County pursue the option to construct a new Sheriff/Jail facility on vacant, County-owned land at Dumont Lake." (pg. 67 DMG Assessment Study)
January 10, 2002 – March 26, 2002	Blue Ribbon Law Enforcement Panel develops Law Enforcement Philosophy for Allegan County
April 8, 2002 – April 12, 2002	Marc DeVries, Blaine Koops and Jim Hull attend <i>Planning of New Institutions</i> sponsored by the US Dept of Justice-Nat'l. Inst. of Corrections. (All grant funded by N.I.C.—at no cost to the County)
April 11, 2002	Law Enforcement Philosophy supported by Resolution
April 16, 2002	Sheriff requests assistance from NIC with technical assistance, presentation of planning process to Commission and other stakeholders.
June 27, 2002	SCRAB Bylaws adopted by Resolution and Members appointed to the Location, Facilities, Funding and Public Information & Education Subcommittees.
June 27, 2002	Agreed by Resolution to address the deficiencies in Sheriff's Office Facility and Correctional programming as a priority, agreed to follow the PONI guidelines as set forth by the National Institute of Corrections, with the understanding that County resources and a professional consultant will be required.
July 5, 2002	MMRMA Risk Consultant Bill Page reports on jail liability survey, stating "strongly recommend you end the present practice of placing more inmates in an already overcrowded and outdated facility. Additionally, no additional housing capacity should be considered..."
July 23, 2002	Presentation on "Facility Development Process" by NIC Advisor Jim Robertson to SCRAB, Executive Corrections Committee, Commissioners, and other interested parties
September 5, 2002	Michigan Sheriff's Association releases results of survey of Michigan counties showing that 5 of 7 recent jail millages were approved by voters.

September 26, 2002	Agreed by Resolution to accept SCRAB's request for funding for planning consultant.
October 19, 2002	John Axe presents SCRAB Funding Subcommittee with recommendation for a voted establishment of a new millage (out of five possible funding sources)
October 2002	Sheriff Koops gives presentation to Allegan City Commission. <i>The City would like the facility to move out of the downtown area and would like to see the current site developed for the Courthouse use and for future downtown expansion.</i>
December 5, 2002	SCRAB Location Subcommittee votes to direct Sheriff Koops and Bob Scanlan to speak to the Commission to ask that they negotiate an option to purchase 58 acres north of Vo-Tech, and to negotiate with the City for the adjacent acreage. All voted in favor (Sheriff Koops, Bill Sikkell, Bart Shaw, Marsha Fisher, Brett Butler, Steve Schultz, Rick Cain, Bob Scanlan, Dar VanderArk, Lisa Sutterfield, and Harriet Portrum.)
December 12, 2002	Agreed by Resolution to accept SCRAB's recommended plan for modernization of the Corrections system and to control jail population through programming.
Fall 2002	RFP for Criminal Justice Facilities Planner
December 19, 2002	SCRAB presents millage proposal to Law Committee. No action taken.
February 13, 2003	Board approves award of contract for criminal justice planning consultant services to Voorhis/Robertson Justice Services, upon recommendation of committee consisting of Jane Ingraham-Buyer-Finance, Jim Hull-Undersheriff, Beverlee DeJonge-Commissioner, Bob Scanlan-SCRAB Chairperson, and Brett Butler-Facilities Mgmt. Director.
February 13, 2003	SCRAB asks for resolution approving millage election. Commission passes resolution to "set a millage election for the purpose of supporting the law enforcement component of the Criminal Justice System of Allegan County"
Spring 2003	Jim Robertson begins Sheriff's Office Internal Needs Assessments. Representatives include Command Staff, Union Representatives, and Line Staff.
June 2003	Allegan County establishes stand-alone Community Corrections Advisory Board recognized by the Michigan Department of Corrections. Members of the Advisory Board included: Judge Corsiglia, Matt Antkoviak, attorney; Shannon Seckler, Probation and Parole; Fred Anderson, Prosecuting Attorney; Judge Buck; Commissioner Jon Campbell; Rashmi Ganesan, Health Department; Chief Rick Hoyer, Allegan City Police; Dan Kelsey, Allegan County News; Tom Schaap, business representative; Bart Shaw, citizen representative; Judge Sheridan; and Ron Kivi, Probation and Parole.
Summer 2003	Sheriff Koops, Undersheriff Jim Hull, and Commission Chair Jon Campbell attend follow-up NIC Jail planning session in Birmingham. (All grant funded by N.I.C.—at no cost to the County)

July 24, 2003	Commission creates a Special Use committee for the purpose of working with Jail Consultant James Robertson, and recommends the appointments of: Blaine Koops-Sheriff, James Hull-Undersheriff, Michael Lombardo-County Administrator, Brett Butler-Facilities Mgmt. Director, Marc DeVries-Finance Director, Linda Lenahan-Dist. Court Administrator, Jon Campbell-Board Chairman, William Sikkell-Law Committee Chairman, and David Babbitt-County Services Committee Chairman, Fred Anderson-Prosecutor, Mike Day-Juvenile Court, and invited non-voting Guests Bob Scanlan and Bart Shaw of S.C.R.A.B.
July 30, 2003	Organizational Meeting of the Criminal Justice Project Committee.
October 9, 2003	Presentation to Commission by Jim Robertson regarding the Criminal Justice Planning Project with tasks and timeline.
November 6, 2003	1 st Public Hearing-Allegan – <i>Issues Facing Law Enforcement: The County Jail</i>
February 18, 2004	2 nd Public Hearing-Otsego– <i>Issues Facing Law Enforcement: Project Update</i>
February 19, 2004	SCRAB hosts “Law Enforcement Funding Summit” for community leaders, 99 invited, 65 attend
April 21, 2004	3 rd Public Hearing-Dorr – <i>Issues Facing Law Enforcement: Project Update</i>
May 26, 2004	SCRAB hosts second “Law Enforcement Funding Summit” for community leaders, 99 invited, 40 attend
June 12, 2004	Presentation of “11 Options” to Commission by Criminal Justice Planner Jim Robertson
July 8, 2004	Commissioner Black moves, and Commissioner Thierwechter seconds the endorsement of Option 5, as recommended by the Crim. Justice Project Committee, and also to develop this option for cost factoring to determine the level of millage to request.
Unknown date	Board directs County Administrator to work with Facilities Consultant to perform site evaluation & present possible sites to County Board
February 17, 2005	Architectural Firm Harrison-Landmark presents conceptual facility drawings to the Commission. Cost estimates are \$26.4 to \$28.3 million for a 240 bed jail and 40 bed juvenile facility.
Spring 2005	Proposed site for facility announced: Patmos parcel in the City of Allegan’s Industrial Park
June 9, 2005	Commission cancels August election
July 2005	Five Members of the Commission present their plan for a downtown jail on the waterfront to include 408 beds in a two tower, six story facility. Estimated cost \$30 million, not including juvenile facility. Commissioners supporting this plan included Commissioners McNeal, Thierwechter, Thiele, Black and Brink.
July 21, 2005	Critical Milestone Timeline presented to County Commission
August 11, 2005	Board of Commissioners establishes the Criminal Justice Complex Committee to resolve differing positions regarding the jail issue, to examine various locations for construction of a new Jail and Sheriff’s Department facility, and make recommendations to the full board.

September 2005 – August 2007	The Criminal Justice Complex Committee evaluates approximately 30 sites in and around the City of Allegan, and tours jails in Michigan and Indiana. **See “Synopsis of Planning for the New Allegan County Jail”.
September 13, 2007	Board of Commissioners accepts the recommendation of the Criminal Justice Complex Committee to construct an approximate 400 bed Jail and Sheriff’s Department facility at the County Services Complex, and establishes Administration Directives for proceeding with the project.
December 13, 2007	Board of Commissioners by resolution establishes two workgroups: Professional Services and Funding to assist in forming a recommendation regarding a Jail Planner and Architect and funding of a new jail facility.
February 19, 2008	<p>The Professional Services Workgroup is formed, comprised of the following members: Board of Commissioners representative(s) – Two recommended Fred Anderson, Prosecutor Brett Butler, Facilities Management Director Mike Day, Circuit Court Administrator Jim Hull, Undersheriff and/or Jail representative Blaine Koops, Sheriff Linda Lenahan, District Court Administrator Robert Sarro, County Administrator</p> <p>The workgroup is charged with the following goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review existing data • Compose RFP(s) for both a Jail Planner and Architect. This will include a recommended process and timeline for proposal evaluation, interviews, and selection. Due to the Board on February 8th for review and approval. • As this is a workgroup to assist the County Administrator in forming a recommendation to bring to the Board of Commissioners, it will be a non-voting consensus-based workgroup.

SCRAB – Sheriff-Community Relations Advisory Board
NIC - National Institute of Corrections (Division of the U.S. Department of Justice)
MMRMA- Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (The County’s Liability Insurer)
John Axe - Attorney specializing in taxation issues
Dar VanderArk- Former Township Supervisor, Chair of the SCRAB Location Subcommittee