



## Annette Marcus: Chief Deputy Clerk, Clerk's Office



Ms. Marcus graduated from Macomb County's Clintondale High School and has a degree in Business Accounting from the University of Phoenix. Almost 19 years ago, she and her husband purchased a Star Township business and named it the Northern Bear Country Store. The business was recently sold, and after the sale, she opened a home-based bookkeeping business.

Ms. Marcus started working at the County this January, and notes "It has been a challenge that I really enjoy. Working from home felt really isolating and I am enjoying the team I am working with in the Clerk's office." She adds that "the Clerk's office has a wide variety of tasks so there is never a dull moment, which I love. I enjoy learning new things and there is so much to learn in this office."

Outside of work, Ms. Marcus enjoys reading, sewing, quilting, making cards, designing and building storage solutions in her home, and cooking new recipes.

## No Bids on House Relocation: Next Steps for COA

The County purchased 310 E Cayuga with the intent of using the property to accommodate the growing popularity of Commission on Aging services.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) to relocate the house was released, but even with an extended deadline, no responsive bids were received. It was the Board of Commissioners' consensus to move forward with demolition. An RFP for demolition and adding gravel for parking is being released.

## County Opioid Funds: 1st Round of Awards Scheduled for April

Antrim County has begun to receive its opioid funding. To allocate these monies effectively, the County released a Request for Grant Proposals in late 2024.

The first round of grant awards is scheduled to be reviewed by the Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting of April 3, 2025. Future allocations are expected to be distributed in a similar way.

## Public Safety Center: March Update

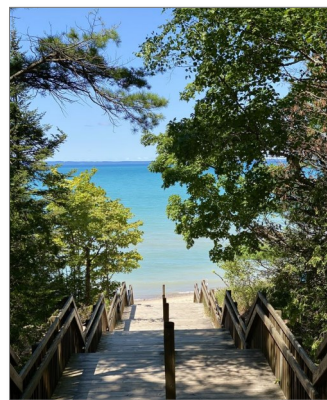
**What's happening?** The County is planning to move forward with a Public Safety Center with no new taxes.

**Will the Center really cost \$33.5 million?** Though the project's total budget is capped at that amount, the County will be making every effort to keep costs lower. In addition to construction costs, that amount also includes site work, engineering fees, architectural fees, construction manager fees, furnishings, equipment, demolition of the existing jail, and more. The cost of the building itself is estimated to be between \$25 and \$28 million.

**Why a 25 year bond?** The Board reviewed financial impacts of bonding at 20, 25, and 30 years. A 20-year bond term would have resulted in a lower overall cost but would have required immediate budget cuts and reduced services; the 25-year term allows the county to maintain existing service levels.

## Barnes Park Campground: Reservations Open on April 12

Antrim County operates one campground, Barnes Park, located near Eastport just west of the M88/US31 intersection. The 150 acre park features a quarter mile of Grand Traverse Bay shoreline, walking trails, a playground, and more.



Barnes Park has dozens of campsites. Campsites for Antrim County residents are \$34 per night for electric and \$24 per night for rustic sites. Barnes Park also offers two pavilions for rental. The cost for Antrim County residents is \$40 per day.

2025 campsite and pavilion reservations can be made online starting the morning of Saturday, April 12 at [www.campspot.com/book/barnesparkcampground](http://www.campspot.com/book/barnesparkcampground). **The first night of camping is Friday, May 23.** For more details, please see the Antrim County Parks Department [website](#).

On Saturday, May 17, one week before camping opens, Barnes Park will be hosting the Petoskey Stone Festival. Please note that the festival is now being held one week earlier than in previous years.