



Craig Cooper: Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney



Mr. Cooper has been Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney since December 2024. He earned a University of Michigan Bachelor of Business Administration degree and a law degree from the Michigan State University College of Law.

Previously the Lake County Prosecutor, Mr. Cooper has also worked as a private attorney with Gockerman, Wilson, Saylor & Hesslin P.C. in Manistee, Western Land Services, Inc. of Ludington and Plante & Moran PLLC of Auburn Hills.

Noting that he is “honored to serve under Prosecuting Attorney Bill Brott,” Mr. Cooper added that he appreciates the hospitality of Antrim County residents. In his free time, he enjoys downhill skiing with his family and deer hunting.

Lydia Wandmacher: Assistant Prosecuting Attorney



Ms. Wandmacher, a graduate of Fenton High School, is one of Antrim County’s newest employees. She is a University of Michigan graduate with a bachelor’s in science in evolutionary anthropology and American culture, and she earned her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

Previously, Ms. Wandmacher worked as a Deputy District Attorney in Eagle County, Colorado, a position that is comparable to her present one. She is enjoying meeting everyone and learning the inner workings of Michigan courts, and looks forward to handling cases. Outside of work, Ms. Wandmacher enjoys reading, camping, board games, and birdwatching.

COA Project: First Steps Taken

The next steps for the Antrim County Commission on Aging (COA) project have been approved and the house at 310 E Cayuga is expected to be demolished in late summer. Once the structures are removed, gravel will be added to provide additional COA parking. The decision to demolish was made only after attempts to find a buyer to move the building were unsuccessful.

In addition, Progressive Companies has been contracted for conceptual planning services. Along with a visioning process, Progressive is providing a preliminary site plan and floor plan, which will help determine the feasibility of an addition.

Update: Public Safety Center

On May 1, the Board of Commissioners created an ad hoc committee to discuss potential next steps for a proposed Public Safety Center. This committee has been asked to provide the Board with regular updates and have suggestions for potential next steps by July 1.

The ad hoc committee is subject to the Open Meetings Act. All meetings will be public. Public comment will be allowed at the beginning and end of each meeting. Agendas and minutes are available at antrimcountymi.gov. The first two meetings were held May 7 and May 14 at 2 pm in the County Building.

The Board appointed the following to the committee: Commissioners Terry VanAlstine and Ray Scola, Antrim County Sheriff Kevin Hoch, Finance Director Bradley Rizzo, Mancelona Township Supervisor Chuck Johnson, Richard Friske, Dale Eschenburg, and County Administrator Jeremy Scott as chair.

For more information, please contact the Antrim County Administration Office at 231-533-6265.

Regional Training Exercise: Antrim County Airport on Sunday, June 1

Antrim County Office of Emergency Management, in collaboration with the Michigan National Guard, is hosting a joint emergency management exercise on Sunday, June 1, from 9 am - 4 pm. The goal is to improve emergency response capabilities and coordination among local, state, and federal agencies in the event of an emergency situation.

A number of agencies will be involved, which will provide a collaborative environment to practice interagency coordination. There will be an increased number of emergency vehicles and personnel in the area during the exercise. To ensure a successful exercise, the public is encouraged to watch and take pictures from a safe distance.

Saturday, May 17: Petoskey Stone Festival

The Petoskey Stone Festival and Memorial Weekend camping at Barnes Park have both become so popular that the decision has been made to hold the Festival one week earlier than in the past.

The earlier date will provide more parking and more space for vendors and events. New this year is a small animal petting zoo! Check the Petoskey Stone Festival’s Facebook page for details.

