



## Shiawassee County Cooperation, Collaboration and Consolidation of Services Plan

As of February 1, 2013

Below is a listing of endeavors that Shiawassee County has been involved in either internally or with others in the community. This is not a complete listing, as we have for many years collaborated and consolidated our efforts. Shiawassee County has a long history of both collaborating with outside agencies and consolidating services internally.

### **Past Endeavors:**

#### **Animal Control Services**

Shiawassee County privatized housing of captured and held animals by contract with the Shiawassee County Humane Society, a private non-profit organization.

**Estimated annual savings \$30,000**

#### **Animal Control Licensing System**

In collaboration with the Shiawassee County Humane Society, electronic filing of dog licenses was established in the County.

#### **Area Narcotics Unit**

The drug enforcement team partners with regional law enforcement on the MAGNET Squad. In 2011 Shiawassee County became the fiduciary for the division.

Municipalities Involved: Michigan State Police, Shiawassee County, and Gratiot County, cities of Owosso, Corunna, Alma and St. Louis.

#### **Building and Grounds**

Shiawassee County collaborates with the City of Corunna in maintenance of parking lots.

Energy savings in collaboration with Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority to obtain energy cost savings.

Shiawassee County, City of Corunna, Shiawassee County Road Commission and the Shiawassee County Drainage District share equipment in the maintenance and repair of their holdings.

#### **Central Dispatch Services**

Central Dispatch for the County is located at the Shiawassee County Sheriff's Department and covers all areas and municipalities within the County.

#### **County provides a centralized area for State Probation and Parole Office, State Police, County Animal Control, and County Corrections activities (excluding Jail)**

Beginning in 2012 Shiawassee County provided office space, office equipment, technical support and parking space at no cost to the Michigan State Police in the County Corrections Annex.

We discontinued renting an office space for the State Probation and Parole office and moved this function to the County Corrections Annex.

**Estimated annual savings \$23,000.**

#### **Community Airport**

Shiawassee County has one airport which serves our county. Two townships, two cities and Shiawassee County subsidize the airport with appropriations.

#### **Community Corrections Department**

This County Department was closed. The activity was assumed into 3 other departments within the County with no reduction of services.

**Estimated annual savings \$60,000.**

#### **Community Development / Equalization Services**

Shiawassee County privatized the Equalization services in 2012 and the Community Development Director position in 2009.

**Estimated annual savings \$75,000**

#### **Community Development Permit Services:**

Currently 14 townships contract with the County for fee based Building Inspections and permit services.

#### **County Library**

Closed the County library and sent its fund balance to the Community District Library.

#### **Election Services Provided**

The Shiawassee County Clerk codes ballots for other municipalities. The cost of a private provider of election ballots is significantly more than what the County Clerk provides.

#### **Electronic tickets**

Utilizes and shares a countywide electronic ticket system.

#### **Emergency Management Services**

Many jurisdictions in the County have benefited from equipment purchases. Equipment purchases include first responder radios, an 800 MHz system, a reverse 911 system, and other first responder and emergency equipment and services in conjunction with the Homeland Security District.

The Homeland Security District participants include the Counties of Shiawassee, Gratiot, Clinton, Ingham, Livingston, Eaton, Jackson, Hillsdale and Lenawee.

We received \$1,320,028 in Federal Funds (Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant Program) with the County match requirement of \$330,007 paid from Central Dispatch for an 800MHz system.

#### **Financial Audit / Financial Accounting or Reporting Services**

Shiawassee County engages annual financial services and incorporates into the audit report the records of Shiawassee County Medical Care Facility, Owosso Community Airport, Shiawassee Council on Aging, and the Owosso Drainage District. The State F65 report is also filed by the Primary government's accountant.

#### **Financial Capital**

Shiawassee County has worked with the Shiawassee Community Mental Health Authority in the bonding process. We collaborate on an ongoing basis in the Build America Bond credit opportunity along with the filing of appropriate IRS forms semiannually.

We have also lent our credit rating to area municipalities and area entities to enable them to update infrastructure and expand in the community.

### **Housing Rehabilitation Services**

Shiawassee County has hired the City of Owosso as a Third Party Administrator for our Community Development Block Grant.

**Estimated annual savings \$10,000**

### **Liability Insurance Coverage**

We are members of the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, which is a joint venture with many counties, cities, villages, townships and special districts.

This joint venture ensures we will always be able to be insured.

### **Parks and Recreation**

Durand AmVets, a non-profit organization contributed a pavilion, other park equipment and \$750 cash to a county park. Other area organizations have contributed time and energy for the upkeep of county parks.

**Estimated savings \$ 5,000**

Friends of the Shiawassee River, a non-profit corporation, constructed three canoe launches in the parks of the County.

**Estimated savings \$13,000**

### **Pension Administration**

Shiawassee County has participated in the MERS of MI to manage, administer, and invest pension assets. There are over 750 participating organizations in MERS. By pooling resources, the County has the same access to financial expertise and investment opportunities that a larger organization might have. We have reduced our administrative costs and investment risk by joining MERS.

### **Regional Economic Development Services**

For many years, Shiawassee County has been an investor in the Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership. This is a public and private enterprise that is the economic development service provider for the area.

### **Secure Fiber Optics**

Shiawassee County shares technology cabling with the Regional Educational Service District in order to connect with the city of Corunna Police Department, Owosso Public Safety, Shiawassee County Central Dispatch communication towers, and the Shiawassee County Corrections Annex building.

**Estimated savings: \$50,000**

### **Shared access to County Identification / Badge Services:**

Local municipalities have the use of our ID / badge equipment.

Starting in January 2013 we provided services for an out of County municipality's law enforcement.

County revenue generated: \$1.25 per badge. But more importantly, the other municipalities have no cost of equipment or technology.

### **Technology / Telecommunications Services**

Consolidation with data backup and recovery systems was achieved in December 2011. We merged the active directory (user/password authentication and accounting) structure for the Shiawassee County Sheriff Office and the remainder of our operations.

At that time we also committed to deploying a shared data backup and recovery structure, which both of our operations needed. This was deployed over the first 6 months of 2012.

**Estimated savings: \$20,000**

### **Shiawassee County Health Department**

In October of 2012 Shiawassee County entered into a contract with Lenawee County for the purpose of sharing the Medical Director's Meaning-Use Incentive Payments resulting in revenue. **\$31,875 over a six year period**

### **Workers Compensation Insurance Coverage**

Shiawassee County collaborates with the Shiawassee Medical Care Facility to engage our workers compensation administration provider.

### **I-69 International Trade Corridor Next Michigan Development Corporation**

Shiawassee County and many municipalities within the County have joined with Genesee County, Lapeer County and St. Clair County and many municipalities and entities within those counties to promote commercial interests of the area. There may not be any immediate cost savings as a result of this project but there may be economic development advantages to the County and area municipalities, specifically those located near the I-69 interstate.

## **Future Endeavors:**

### **Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan**

Letters of intent to participate in a Hazard Mitigation Plan have been entered into with 24 jurisdictions in Shiawassee County. Shiawassee County has been awarded a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program Federal grant award of \$137,260 on December 17, 2012. Of this amount \$34,290 will be local contributions.

A primary objective is to increase the capability of the Hazard Mitigation Plan by increasing the use of digital maps in hazard identification, assessing vulnerability, mitigation of impact and event response.

Information at the local level support broader goals and objectives of the state of Michigan plan to promote accurate and accessible information for state and local planning purposes.

In this regard, we will collaborate with local units while digitizing maps. Local Units will also formally adopt the plan.

Cost Savings to the Primary Government: Federal Grant award  
**County savings: \$102,870**

Four area municipalities will/may contribute services to the County in our efforts to digitize maps:  
City of Owosso, Shiawassee County Drainage District, City of Durand and Caledonia Township  
**Estimated County savings: \$15,000**

**Timeline:** The period will begin in 2013 and extends to September 30, 2015.