

**COUNTY OF CLARE**  
**225 W. MAIN ST.**  
**P.O. Box 438**  
**HARRISON, MICHIGAN**



**OFFICIAL DIRECTORY**

**2017 EDITION**

[www.clareco.net](http://www.clareco.net)

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

“I Pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands. One nation, under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.”

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE MICHIGAN FLAG**

“I Pledge allegiance to the Flag of Michigan, and the state for which it stands, two beautiful peninsulas united by a bridge of steel where equal opportunity and justice to all is our ideal.”

## **RESPECT FOR THE AMERICAN FLAG**

The Flag Code, a national guideline on ways in which it is to be respected, state that no disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of America. Specific ways, in which the flag should not be used, according to the code, are:

\*The flag should not be dipped to any person or thing, and can be flown upside down only as a signal.

\*The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored in such a way that would allow it to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged.

\*The flag should never have any mark, insignia, letter, work, or other designs of any kind placed upon it.

\*The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.

\*The flag should never be used for advertising purposes. Advertising signs should not be fastened to a flag’s staff or halyard.

When lowering the flag, make certain that no part of it touches the ground. It should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag, ceremoniously fold it lengthwise in half, then repeat with the blue field on the outside. Finally, while one person holds it by the blue field, another then makes a triangular fold in the opposite end, continuing to fold it in triangles until only the blue shield shows.

When a flag is in such a condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified manner, preferably by burning.

It is proper to display the flag from sunrise to sunset on all days the weather permits. The flag may also be displayed at night if illuminated by a light. But it is even more important to display the flag on national holidays and days of importance.

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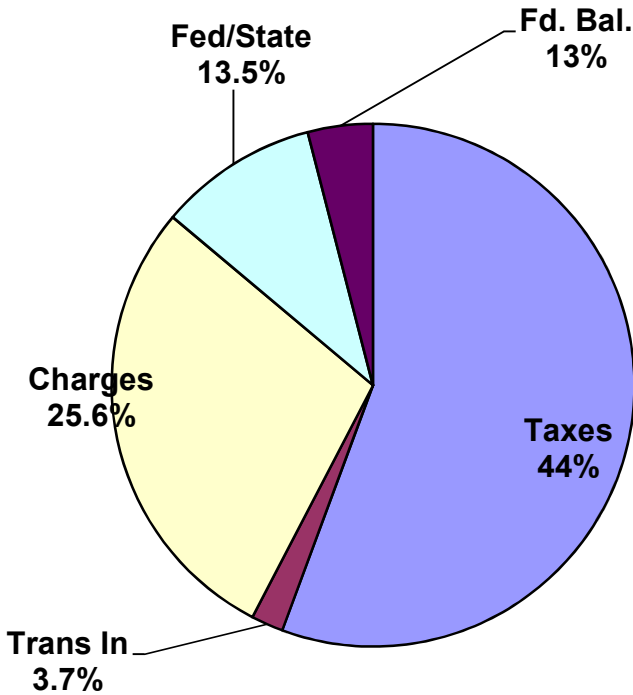
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## COURTHOUSE OFFICE HOURS

The Clare County Courthouse is open from 8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Some offices are closed during noon hour 12:00 — 1:00 pm.

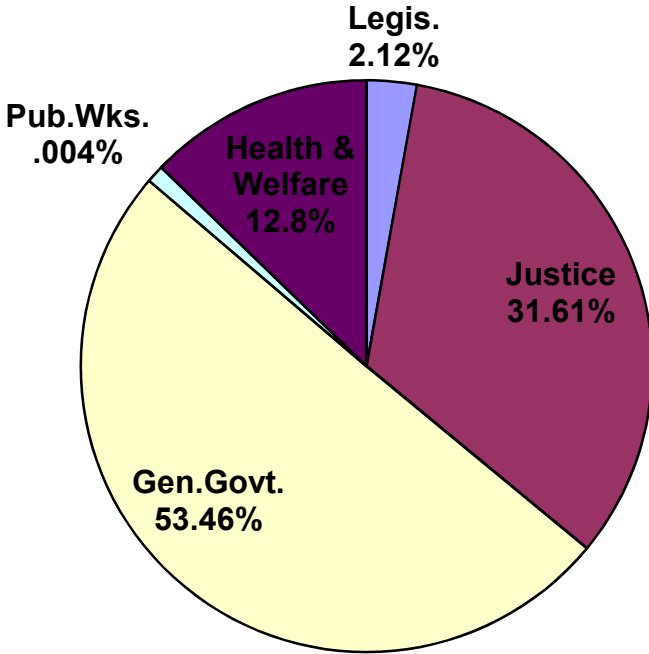
County offices will be closed on all regular Government Holidays. Any exceptions will be posted on the bulletin board in the County Building, located at 225 W. Main St., Harrison. For more information call (989) 539-2510, County Administrator's Office, or information is available on the county's website at [www.clareco.net](http://www.clareco.net).

**FY 2017  
REVENUES GENERAL FUND**



<u>USES</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>% OF TOTAL</u>
FUND BALANCE	\$1,500,000	13 %
TRANSFER IN	\$ 428,124	3.7%
CHARGES	\$2,951,965	25.6%
FEDERAL/STATE	\$1,555,867	13.5%
TAXES	\$5,089,000	44%

**FY 2017  
EXPENDITURES GENERAL FUND**



<u>USES</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>% OF TOTAL</u>
LEGISLATION	\$ 103,748	2.12%
JUSTICE	\$ 1,540,574	31.61%
GENERAL/GOVT.	\$ 2,605,541	53.46%
PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 202	.004%
HEALTH & WELFARE	\$ 623,464	12.8%

**COUNTY OF CLARE**  
**From the 2010 Census**  
**POPULATION-31,653**

<b>Local Units</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>1970</b>	<b>1960</b>
Arthur Twp.	647	667	544	562	475	420
Franklin Twp.	825	809	600	631	374	251
Freeman Twp.	1157	1118	613	437	212	127
Frost Twp.	1047	1159	826	852	607	338
Garfield Twp.	1882	1968	1477	1416	938	686
Grant Twp.	3259	3034	2636	2227	1754	1328
Greenwood Twp.	1041	1059	718	649	362	255
Hamilton Twp.	1829	1988	1546	1595	796	513
Hatton Twp.	933	923	673	638	460	295
Hayes Twp.	4675	4916	3811	3609	1943	606
Lincoln Twp.	1824	1758	1253	947	645	345
Redding Twp.	526	526	448	401	281	200
Sheridan Twp.	1575	1588	1051	1033	863	712
Summerfield Twp.	456	453	316	279	214	119
Surrey Twp.	3606	3555	3221	3101	2338	1653
Winterfield Twp.	459	483	371	418	335	285
City of Clare	3118	3140	3013	3300	2639	2442
City of Harrison	<u>2114</u>	<u>2108</u>	<u>1835</u>	<u>1700</u>	<u>1460</u>	<u>1072</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>30,926</b>	<b>31,252</b>	<b>24,952</b>	<b>23,795</b>	<b>16,696</b>	<b>11,647</b>

## **TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF CLARE COUNTY OFFICES/PROGRAMS**

Administrator .....	539-2510
Adult Probation.....	539-2458
Airport.....	989-205-4142
Animal Control .....	539-3221
Board of Commissioners.....	539-7436
Building Inspector.....	539-2741
Central Michigan Dist. Health Dept. ....	539-6731
Circuit Court - Clerk.....	539-7131
Circuit Court, Probation & Parole.....	539-2458
Conservation District .....	539-6401
County Clerk.....	539-7131
District Court .....	539-7173
District Court, Probation.....	539-2187
Drain Commissioner .....	539-7320
Electrical Inspector .....	539-2351
Emergency Management .....	539-6161
Enterprise Community .....	539-7805
Equalization Department .....	539-7894
Fair .....	539-9011
Department of Human Services (Formerly Family Ind. Agency)....	539-4260
Friend of the Court.....	539-0800
Technology .....	539-6402
Housing Commission.....	539-2761
Juvenile Probation.....	539-7887
Medical Examiner.....	231-730-3114
Mental Health (Community Mental Health for Central Michigan)...	539-2141
MSU Extension/4-H Youth/Home Economics .....	539-7805
Parks and Recreation.....	539-7805
Probate/Juvenile Court.....	539-7109
Juvenile Probation.....	539-8871
Prosecuting Attorney .....	539-9831
Public Guardian .....	386-6099
Register of Deeds/Abstractor.....	539-7131
Road Commission.....	539-2151
Senior Services/Council on Aging.....	539-8870
Sheriff's Department .....	539-7166
Soil Erosion.....	539-6401
Surveyor.....	539-2540
Transit.....	539-1473
Treasurer .....	539-7801
Veteran's Affairs .....	539-3273
Women's Aid.....	539-5895
<b>WEATHER LINE.....</b>	<b>539-5961</b>

## **Federal Officials**

### **Senators**

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Washington, DC 20510-2203

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Lansing Office: 517-377-1508

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117 Cannon House Office Building

Washington, DC 20515

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Midland Office: 989-631-2552

## **State Officials**

### **Governor**

Rick Snyder (R)

State Capitol

P. O. Box 30013

Lansing, MI 48909

Ph. 517-373-3400

Fax 517-335-6863

### **State Senator: 33rd District**

Judy K. Emmons (R)

P.O. Box 30036

Lansing, MI 48909-7536

Ph. 517-373-3760 Fax 517-373-8661

Email: [SenJEmmons@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenJEmmons@senate.michigan.gov)

### **Representative: 97th District**

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Lansing, MI 48933

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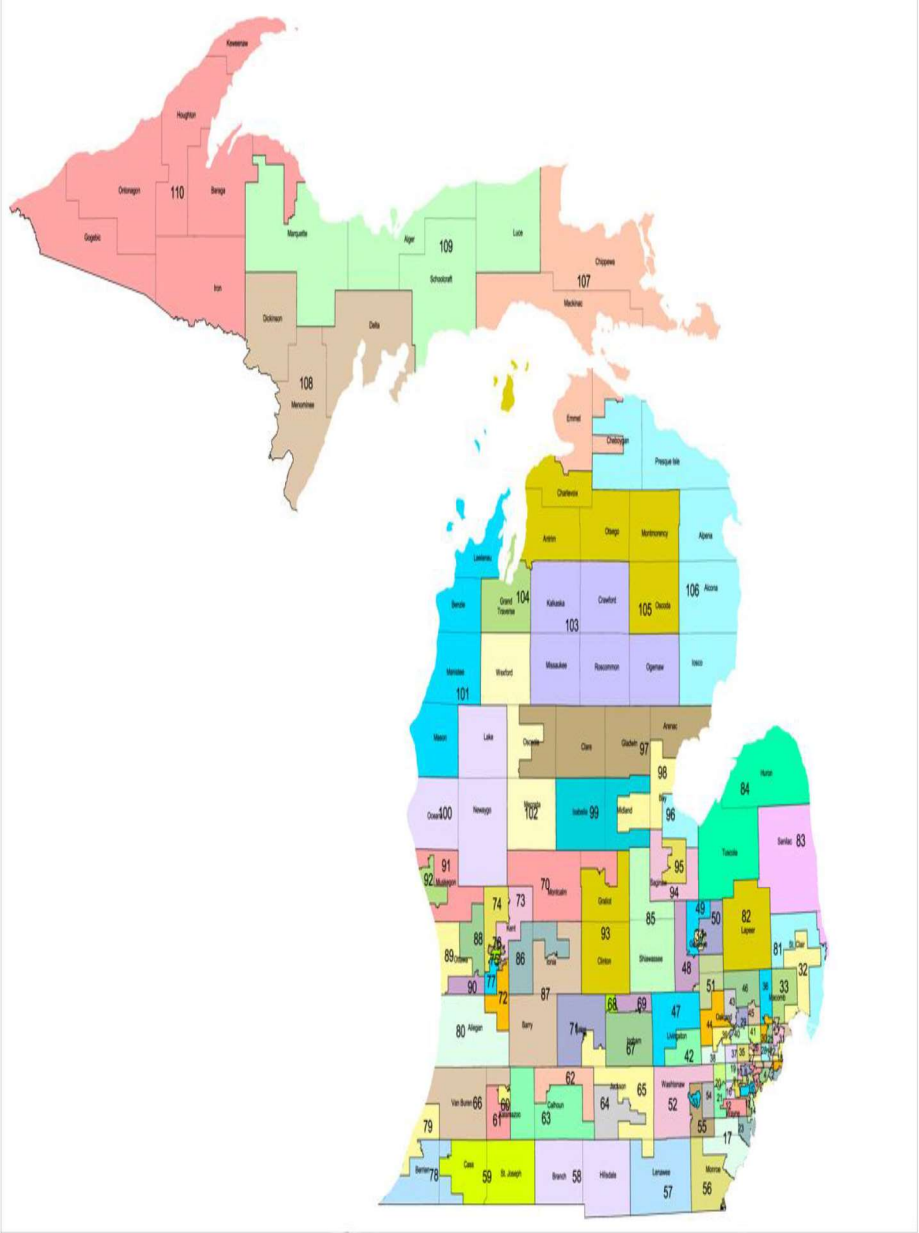
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# State House

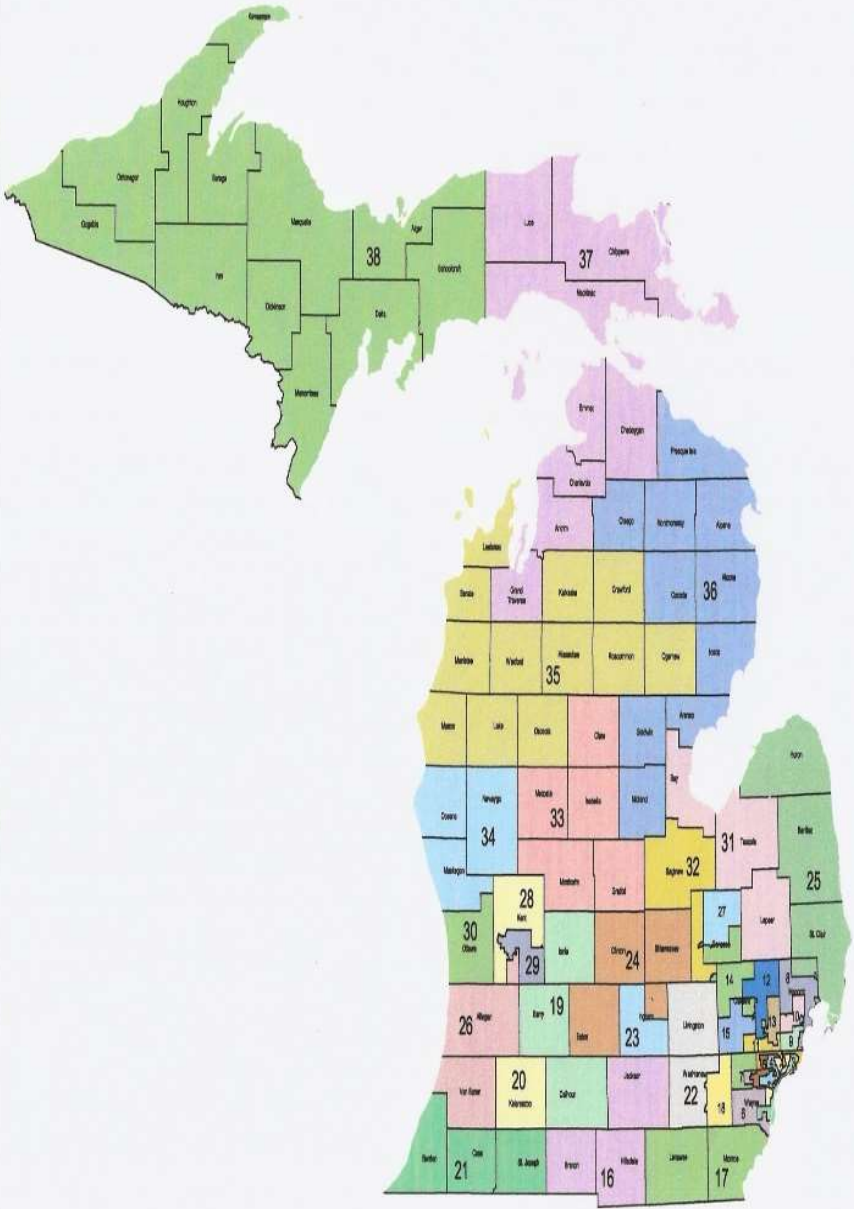




# Congress



# State Senate



**CIRCUIT COURT  
55<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL COURT  
CLARE & GLADWIN COUNTIES  
(989) 539-7131  
HONORABLE THOMAS R. EVANS  
(989) 426-9237  
HONORABLE ROY G. MIENK  
(989) 426-6025  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES**

Judicial Secretary for Judge Evans.....Debbie Primeau  
Judicial Secretary for Judge Mienk..... Rhonda Reppert  
Court Administrator .....Nick Madaj

**Motion Days**  
Every Monday

**Officers of the Circuit Court**

Clerk of the Court .....Lori Martin  
Chief Deputy Clerk.....Joy Bringold

**FRIEND OF THE COURT  
(989)539-0080**

Friend of the Court.....Jamie Raymond

**CIRCUIT COURT PROBATION & PAROLE  
(989)539-2458**

Supervisor .....Charles Pistro

**80<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL COURT  
CLARE & GLADWIN COUNTIES  
(989)539-7173 (989)539-9207  
HONORABLE JOSHUA M. FARRELL  
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE**

**Officers of the District Court**

Court Admin./Attorney/Magistrate..... Karen L. Willing  
Court Reporter/ Judicial Clerk..... Linda K. Hawkins  
Probation Officer ..... Jennifer Tilson

**PROBATE/FAMILY COURT  
CLARE & GLADWIN COUNTIES  
(989)539-7109 (989)539-7451  
HONORABLE MARCY A. KLAUS  
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGE**

Probate Register ..... Josette Given  
Juvenile Register.....  
Deputy Clerk..... Stacey Swan  
Court Administrator/Referee ..... Nick Madaj  
Friend of the Court..... Jamie Raymond

**JUVENILE PROBATION  
(989)539-7887**

Juvenile Probation Officer ..... Joseph Phillips

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
CLARE COUNTY**

Members of the State Bar of Michigan  
Residing, or with Law Offices in Clare County

Carpenter, Dwight, P42780.....	Clare
Diederich, D. Todd, P57429 .....	Harrison
Dreyer, David, P23247 .....	Harrison
Hoerauf, Jaynie, P47885 .....	Clare
Hovey, Tara, P54258 .....	Harrison
Klaus, Jeffrey, P59563 .....	Clare
McAndrew, David, P58250 .....	Harrison
Peterson, Matthew, P80119 .....	Harrison
Post, Izak, P77832.....	Harrison
Roe, Austin, P56342 .....	Harrison
Tomczyk, Karyn, P76403 .....	Harrison

## ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS

County Clerk/Register of Deeds/Abstractor .....Lori Martin  
Email..... [martinl@clareco.net](mailto:martinl@clareco.net)  
Chief Deputy Register of Deeds.....Gail Michel  
Chief Deputy Clerk ..... Laura Athey  
P.O. Box 438, Harrison, MI 48625..... (989)539-7131  
Fax Number..... (989)539-6616

County Treasurer .....Jenny Beemer-Fritzinger  
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P.O. Box 564, Harrison, MI 48625..... (989)539-7801  
Fax ..... (989)539-0866

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Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney .....  
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney ..... Andrew Santini  
P.O. Box 586, Harrison, MI 48625 ..... (989)539-9831  
Fax..... (989)539-1807

County Sheriff..... John Wilson  
Email.....[wilsonj@clareco.net](mailto:wilsonj@clareco.net)  
Undersheriff.....Dwayne Miedzianowski  
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P.O. Box, 407, Harrison, MI 48625 ..... (989)539-7166  
Fax..... (989)539-5721

Drain Commissioner .....Carl Parks  
Email..... [parksc@clareco.net](mailto:parksc@clareco.net)  
P.O. Box 564, Harrison, MI 48625 ..... (989)539-7320  
Fax ..... (989)539-7385

County Road Commissioners .....Mike Duggan, Chairman,  
Richard Haynak, Vice Chairman and, Tim Haskin Member  
3900 Mannsiding Road, Harrison, MI 48625 ..... (989) 539-2151  
Fax ..... (989)539-7751  
Deepak Gupta.....Engineer-Manager  
Email.....[ccrc@clareco.com](mailto:ccrc@clareco.com)  
County Surveyor..... Paul Lapham  
P.O. Box 438, Harrison, MI 48625 ..... (989) 539-2540

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

225 W. Main St., Harrison, MI 48625  
Ph. (989) 539-7436 Fax (989) 539-2588

District 1..... Dale Majewski

830 Arbor Dr., Lake George, MI 48633  
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District 2..... Samantha Pitchford

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Email: samanthapitchford66@yahoo.com

District 3..... Leonard Strouse

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District 4..... Jack Kleinhardt

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Ph. (989) 487-9111

District 5.....Sandra Bristol

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Ph. (989) 339-7841  
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District 6.....Karen Lipovsky

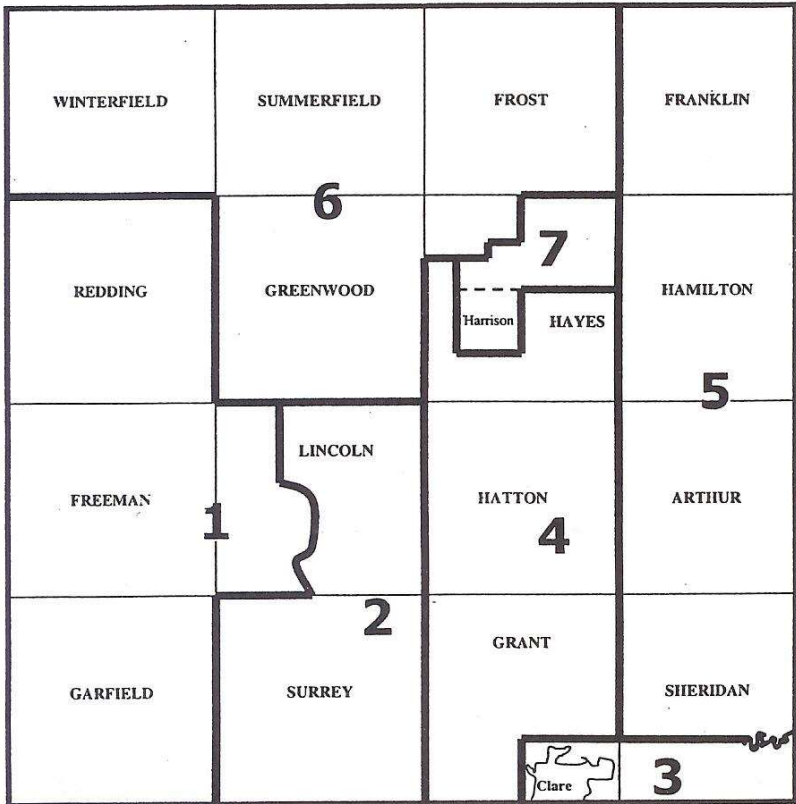
6740 N. Eberhart Ave., Harrison, MI 48625  
Ph. (989) 539-5783  
Email: klipovsky@gmail.com

District 7..... Jim Gelios

P.O. Box 154, 143 W. Park, Harrison, MI 48625  
Ph. (989) 539-9634  
Email: geliosj@charter.net



# COMMISSIONERS' DISTRICT MAP



**CLARE COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS  
2017 MEETING DATES**

The 2017 regular meetings of the Clare County Board of Commissioners are scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month as follows:

January 18, 2017	July 19, 2017
February 15, 2017	August 16, 2017
March 15, 2017	September 20, 2017
April 19, 2017	October 18, 2017
May 17, 2017	November 15, 2017
June 21, 2017	December 20, 2017
	January 17, 2018

All rescheduled meetings or special meetings shall be posted on the bulletin board located next to the main South entrance door of the Courthouse, 225 W. Main St., Harrison, Michigan 48625.

Adopted by the Clare County Board of Commissioners on the 20th day of January, 2017

Minutes of the Clare County Board of Commissioners are posted on the county's website at [www.clareco.net](http://www.clareco.net).

**Note: Please contact the Clare County Administrator's Office at (989) 539-2510**

# APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICES

## ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

P.O. Box 438, 225 W. Main St., Harrison, MI 48625  
(989)539-2510, Fax (989)539-2588

Tracy Byard.....County Administrator  
Email .....byardt@clareco.net  
Dawn Raupp.....Administrative Assistant  
Email .....rauppd@clareco.net

## AIRPORT

4527 N. Clare Ave., Harrison, MI 48625  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 438, Harrison, MI 48625  
(989)445-0186

Kim Kennicott..... Manager

## ANIMAL CONTROL

P.O. Box 438, 4038 Hazel Dr., Harrison, MI 48625  
(989)539-3221, Fax (989)539-4919

Ruanne Hicks ..... Director  
Email .....hicksr@clareco.net

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

P.O. Box 438, 225 W. Main St., Harrison, MI 48625

### HOUSING

(989) 539-2761, Fax (989) 539-3041

### BUILDING AND ELECTRICAL INSPECTION

(989) 539-2761, Fax (989) 539-3041

Lori Ware.....Director  
Mark Fitzpatrick..... Building Official  
Tammy Goodman.....Administrative Assistant

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

P.O. Box 407, 255 W. Main St., Harrison, MI 48625  
(989)539-6161, Fax (989)539-7385

Jerry Becker..... Emergency Management Director  
Email .....beckerj@clareco.net

## EQUALIZATION

P.O. Box 438, 225 W. Main St., Harrison, MI 48625  
(989)539-7894, Fax (989)539-7208

Pete Preston..... Director  
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# APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICES CONT'D.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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## MSU EXTENSION

225 W. Main St., P.O. Box 439, Harrison, MI 48625  
(989)539-7805 Fax (989)539-2791  
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Educator ..... Michelle Neff  
4-H Program Coordinator ..... Alex Schunk  
Housing/ Financial Council ..... Teagan Lefere  
Program Instructor-SNAP-Ed ..... Katina Price  
District 6 Coordinator ..... (231)779-948 ..... Shari Spoelman  
Office Assistant ..... Donna Thompson

## SENIOR SERVICES/COUNCIL ON AGING

P.O. Box 438, 225 W. Main St., Harrison, MI 48625  
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Lori Ware ..... Director  
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Carol Majewski ..... Nutrition Director  
Email ..... majewskic@clareco.net

## VETERANS AFFAIRS

P.O. Box 438, 225 W. Main St., Harrison, MI 48625  
(989)539-3273, Fax (989)539-4925

Renee Haley ..... Director  
Email ..... haleyr@clareco.net

# **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

## **Ag Preservation Board**

Garry Wiley ..... Gladwin  
Ken Brown ..... Harrison  
Real Estate ..... Vacant  
2 At-Large ..... Vacant  
Jack Kleinhardt – Liaison ..... County Commissioner

## **Airport Advisory Board**

Connie Cauchi ..... City of Harrison  
Bill Dixon ..... Harrison  
Kim Kennicott ..... Harrison  
Terry Acton ..... Hayes Township  
Kim Kennicott ..... Airport Director  
Karen Lipovsky ..... County Commissioner  
Jim Gelios ..... County Commissioner

## **Board of Canvassers**

Kathy McAndrew ..... Harrison  
Glenn Freeman ..... Harrison  
Bill Scott ..... Clare  
Carron Nevill ..... Clare  
Lori Martin ..... County Clerk

## **Boundary Commission**

Marcy A. Klaus ..... Harrison

## **Brownfield Redevelopment Authority**

Ken Hibl ..... Clare  
Lori Ware ..... Community Development  
Tracey Beadle ..... Harrison  
Gina Hamilton ..... Farwell  
Rod Loomis ..... Chemical Bank  
Dale Majewski ..... County Commissioner

## **Building Authority**

Jim Allen ..... Clare  
Gerald White ..... Farwell  
Don Haskin ..... Harrison  
Dean Beavers ..... Farwell  
Lori Martin ..... County Clerk  
Jenny Beemer-Fritzingler ..... County Treasurer

## **Clare Conservation District-Board of Directors**

(989)539-6401

Larry Gross ..... Chairman  
John Hood ..... Vice Chair  
Kurt Krug ..... Secretary

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS (CONT'D.)**  
**Clare Conservation District-Board of Directors, Cont'd.**

Roberta Schunk ..... Treasurer  
Scott Peterson ..... Director  
Renee Davis..... Soil Erosion

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

(989)426-9621 Extension 3

Nia Becker ..... Forester  
Renee Davis..... Resource Conservationist

**Gypsy Moth Program**

P.O. Box 356, 225 W. Main St. Harrison, MI 48625

(989)539-6401 Fax (989)539-2182

Melissa Townsend..... Coordinator

**Central Michigan District Health Department**

225 W. Main St., Harrison, MI 48625 (989)539-6731

Dale Majewski..... County Commissioner  
Karen Lipovsky..... County Commissioner  
Dr. Jennifer Morse..... Medical Director  
Steve Hall ..... Health Officer

**Community Mental Health for Central Michigan**

P.O. Box 817, 789 N. Clare Ave., Harrison, MI 48625

(989)539-2141 or Mt. Pleasant (989)773-6961 Voice (989)773-2890 TT4

Joe Phillips ..... Farwell  
Sandra Bristol..... County Commissioner  
Craig Derror ..... Program Director  
Linda Kaufman..... Executive Director

**Construction Board of Appeals**

Scott Owens..... Clare  
Paul Geoffrey ..... Harrison  
Brandon Sherman ..... Lake  
Thomas House ..... Farwell  
Terry Thayer..... Clare  
Robert Meister..... Clare

**Department of Health and Human Services**

Nick Lyon..... Director  
Joseph Phillips..... State Appointee  
Eileen Couchman..... Harrison  
Denise Goschka ..... Harrison

# **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS (CONT'D.)**

## **Department of Public Works**

Carl Parks ..... Drain Commissioner  
Brian Tomaski ..... Harrison  
Lester Vida ..... Harrison  
Russ Hamilton ..... Farwell  
Allen Jessup ..... Clare  
Sam Russel ..... City of Harrison  
Jim Gelios ..... County Commissioner

## **Election Commission**

Jenny Beemer-Fritzinger ..... County Treasurer  
Lori Martin ..... County Clerk  
Marcy A. Klaus ..... Judge of Probate

## **Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC)**

Jerry Becker ..... Emergency Management Director  
Marlana Terrian ..... 911 Director  
Patrick Agin ..... Fire Rep.  
Dale Majewski ..... Clare County Commission  
Cindy Havens ..... American Red Cross  
Lt. Lawrence Schloegel ..... MI State Police  
Doug Fitzgerald ..... Environmental Organization  
Sara J. Herman ..... Consumers Energy  
Mary Jo Beal ..... Hospital Personnel  
Carl Seiter ..... Education  
Richard Johnson ..... ACES/RACES  
Dave Sunday ..... Clare County Road Commission  
Brett Hansen ..... Mobile Medical Response  
Brian Gregory ..... Chief/ Clare City Police Dept.  
Nick Oster ..... Clare County Sheriff Dept.  
Tom Pirstill ..... Clare County Transit

## **Fair Board**

P.O. Box 698, Harrison, MI 48625 (989)539-9011

Lamar Gunden ..... President  
Jay Kleinhardt ..... Vice President  
Kim Langlois ..... Secretary/Treasurer  
Carl Schwind ..... Trustee  
Tom Dewey ..... Trustee  
Clayton ..... Trustee  
Donald Haskin ..... Trustee  
Bernard DeVuyst ..... Trustee  
Larry Crawford ..... Trustee  
Betty Mussell ..... Trustee

## **Jury Board**

Charles T. Dorcey (Tom) ..... Harrison  
Glen Freeman ..... Harrison  
Therese Haley ..... Clare  
Lori Martin ..... County Clerk

## **Land Bank Authority**

Jenny Beemer-Fritzinger ..... Chair  
Tracey Beadle ..... Secretary  
Maye Tessner ..... Treasurer  
Jack Kleinhardt ..... Member  
Vacant ..... Member

**Medical Control Board**

Dr. John Duff, M.D. .... Medical Director  
Michelle Brady .....ER Supervisor/Admin. Clare Community Hospital  
Jason MacDonald .....Manager, Mobile Medical Response West Region  
Brett Hansen .....Supervisor, Mobile Medical Response West Region  
Glenn King .....MMMC Administration, Clare Community Hospital  
Homer Cummings ..... Surrey Township Fire Department  
Marlana Terrian ..... 911 Director, Clare County Sheriff's Department  
John Cogswell .....Lincoln Township Fire Department  
Dave Williams .....Chief, Surrey Township Fire Department  
Dave Turner..... Supervisor/EMS, Osceola EMS  
Jerry Becker.....Emergency Management Director

**Medical Examiner**

(231)730-3114

Dr. Paul Wagner .....Chief

**Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency**

(989)386-3805

Leonard Strouse..... Clare County Commissioner  
Norman E. Gage ..... Harrison  
Jill Sutton.....Executive Director  
Nancy Jones.....Farwell

**Parks and Recreation Commission**

.....Chair  
Jan Anthony..... Member  
David Rowe.....Secretary  
Carl J. Parks..... Drain Commission Rep.  
Sandra Bristol.....County Commission Rep  
Mike Duggan ..... Road Commission Rep.  
Don Kolander ..... Parks and Recreation Director  
Michelle Ambrozitais ..... Member  
Mary Borgula ..... Member  
Hark Haley.....Member

**Planning Commission Inactive at this time**

Vacancy .....Chair  
Vacancy ..... Vice Chair  
Vacancy .....Secretary  
Jim Gelios.....County Commission Rep.  
Leonard Strouse.....County Commission Rep.

**Plat Board**

Jenny Beemer-Fritzinger .....County Treasurer  
Jim Gelios .....County Board of Commissioner  
Lori Martin .....County Clerk, Register of Deeds

**Region 7 Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors**

1615 Euclid, Bay City 48706 1-800-276-2137 [www.region7aaa.org](http://www.region7aaa.org)

Lynn Grim .....Board Member  
Andrew Orvosh .....Executive Director



# **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS (CONT'D.)**

## **Region 7B Workforce Development**

(989)539-2173

Jim Gelios..... Board Member  
Mark Berdan..... Executive Director

## **Remonumentation**

Lori Martin ..... Grant Administrator  
Paul Lapham..... County Surveyor

## **Solid Waste Advisory Committee**

(989)539-8493 Ext. 3119

Larry Gross, Chairperson..... Environmental  
Fred Sawyer, Vice Chair ..... Northern Oaks  
Michael Kennedy..... Waste Management  
Mark Janezcko..... Environmental  
Leonard Strouse..... County Commissioner  
Jim Gelios..... County Commissioner  
Vacant ..... Citizen At Large

## **Ten Sixteen (Formerly Performed by Human Aid)**

(989)631-0241 Ext. 105

[www.1016.org](http://www.1016.org).

Sam Price..... President/CEO

## **911 Advisory Board**

Marlana Terrian..... 911 Director, Clare County Sheriff Dept.  
Dale Majewski..... Clare County Board of Commissioners  
Dwayne Miedzianowski ..... Clare County Sheriff's Department  
..... Clare County Fire Rep.  
Jeff Vasher..... Michigan Department of Natural Resources  
Lt. Lawrence Schloegel ..... Michigan State Police  
Jason McDonald ..... Mobile Medical Response  
Ben Walters ..... Citizen at Large  
Jerry Becker..... Emergency Management  
Mary Jo Beal ..... MCA/Clare Community Hospital

## **Veterans Affairs Soldiers and Sailors Relief Board**

(989) 539-3273

Robert Mulrenin ..... Vietnam  
Willard Gieske..... WWII  
David Merritt ..... Persian Gulf  
William Zastrow..... Korean

## **Veterans Trust**

(989) 539-3273

Jack Allbee ..... VFW  
Fred Hollister..... American Legion  
..... DAV  
Jim Anthony ..... Am Vets

# TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

## Arthur Township

Meeting Date: First Monday, Holidays Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
3031 S. Athey Ave., Clare, MI 48617(989)386-5305

Supervisor.....Lee Schunk  
5503 Cornwell Ave, Clare, MI 48617.....(989) 386-5476  
Clerk (mailing address)..... Julie Walker  
10691 E. Mannsiding Rd., Gladwin, MI 48624.....(989) 426-7086  
Treasurer.....Lindsay Brackrog  
1825 S. Hoover Ave., Gladwin, MI 48624.....(989) 429-1636  
Trustee..... Erma M. Kleinhardt  
6641 Ashard Rd., Clare, MI 48617.....(989) 386-2360  
Trustee.....Lamar Gunden  
7644 Poplar, Clare, MI 48617.....(989) 386-7808  
Zoning Administrator.....David Leggett  
8901 E. Ashard Ave., Clare, MI 48617.....(989) 386-5656  
Assessor..... William Strouse  
8164 Washington St., Clare, MI 48617.....(989) 386-3795

## Franklin Township

Meeting Date: Third Thursday—6:30 p.m.  
9809 N. M-18, Gladwin, MI 48624(989)246-0692  
franklin-twp.com

Supervisor.....Edward Erskine  
6760 Pine Street, Harrison, MI 48625.....(989) 429-9786  
Clerk..... Diane Blackburn  
11483 Maple Lane, Gladwin, MI 48624.....(989) 329-8008  
Treasurer..... Sandra Scherrer  
9310 Meredith Grade, Harrison, MI 48625.....(989) 539-8936  
Trustee..... Jacqueline M. Ecklin  
7287 E. Long Lake Rd., Harrison, MI 48625.....(989) 539-7705  
Trustee..... Teresa Haley  
.....(989) 539-2468  
Assessor..... Julie Tatro  
1149 Eagle Dr., St Helen, MI 48656.....(989)389- 0841

## Freeman Township

7280 Mannsiding Rd., Lake, MI 48632 Second Thursday - 7:00 p.m.  
**Mailing Add: 2849 Ashcroft Rd. Lake, MI 48632**  
(989)588-2752 fax (989)588-4470 www.freemantwp.com

Supervisor.....Alan E. Housler  
.....(989) 588-3011  
Clerk...hours Tues. & Thurs. 8:30- 12:30..... Julie Lightfoot  
..... (734) 730-602  
Treasurer..... Janet Lackie  
7280 W. Mannsiding Rd., Lake, MI 48632.....(989) 339-7715  
Trustee.....Carol Barnett  
6198 White Acre, Lake, MI 48632.....(989) 588-2297  
Trustee.....Richard Wells  
2881 Ashcroft, Lake, MI 48632.....(989) 588-0  
Zoning Administrator/ Blight Enforcement officer..... Harold Logan  
6015 Ashard Rd., Lake, MI 48632.....(989) 588-6400  
Assessor..... email: nmassessing@gmail.com.....Frank Gentz  
P.O.Box 352, St. Helen, MI 48656.....(989) 389-0832

# TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS (CONT'D.)

## Frost Township

Meeting Date: Third Tuesday—7:00 p.m.

9031 N. Clare Ave, Harrison, MI 48625(989)539-3804

Supervisor.....	Marion Coon
2463 E. Long Lake Rd., Harrison, MI 48625 .....	(989) 630-9038
Clerk and mailing address .....	Emerson A. Davis
7255 N. Clare Ave., Harrison, MI 48625.....	(989) 630-9018
Treasurer.....	Virginia Hogan
P.O. Box 848, Harrison, MI 48625.....	(989) 539-7079
Trustee.....	Harold E. Becker
7581 N. Bass Lake Rd., Harrison, MI 48625.....	(989) 539-6440
Trustee.....	Michael Sporer
1224 East Ave., Harrison, MI 48625 .....	(517) 546-3040
Assessor.....	Jim Van Wormer
.....	(989) 389-0841
Zoning Administrator .....	Jim Letts
5870 E. Pierce Rd., Harrison, MI 48625.....	(989) 539-539-1942

## Garfield Township

Meeting Date: Fourth Monday—7:00 p.m.

9348 Terry St., Lake, MI 48632(989)544-2445 (Wed. and Fri. 9-noon and 1-4 p.m.)

Supervisor.....	David Byl
800 N. Crooked Lake Dr., Lake, MI 48632.....	(989) 544-2445
Clerk (mailing address) .....	Joan Farwell
P.O. Box 390, Lake, MI 48632 clerk@garfieldtownship.net.....	(989) 400-3920
Treasurer.....	Robin A. Yarhouse
8340 Gibson Ave., Lake, MI 48632 .....	(989) 544-2926
Trustee.....	Lisa Roland
6304 W. Ludington Dr., Lake, MI 48632 .....	(989) 544-5386
Trustee.....	Mark Irwin
9040 W. Ludington Dr., Lake, MI 48632 .....	(989) 429-3284
Assessor.....	Brad Beach
P.O. Box 225 Weidman, MI 48893 .....	(989)640-7105

## Grant Township

Meeting Date: Second Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.

P.O. Box 208 Clare, MI 48617 (989)386-4484

Supervisor.....	Dan Dysinger Jr.
540 E. Surrey Rd., Farwell, MI 48622.....	(989) 588-2552
Clerk and mailing address .....	Sue Wentworth
8554 S. Grant, Clare, MI 48617.....	(989) 386-4209
Treasurer.....	Tammy L. Shea
4760 E. Beaverton Rd., Clare, MI 48617.....	(989) 386-3717
Trustee.....	Richard Zinser
11358 S. Cornwell Ave., Clare, MI 48617 .....	
Trustee.....	Margery Bell
9988 Eberhart, Clare, MI 48617 .....	(989) 386-9527
Assessor.....	Dawn Gentz
P.O. Box 352, St. Helen, MI 48656.....	989-389-0832

# TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS (CONT'D.)

## Greenwood Township

Meeting Date: First Wednesday—7:00 p.m.  
3447 W. Temple Dr., Harrison, MI 48625  
(989)539-6881

Supervisor..... Jesse McClaughry  
2665 Oak Grove, Harrison, MI 48625.jessmclaughry@gmail.com. (810) 488-0056  
Clerk (mailing address) ..... Linda Bailow  
2675 W. Lily Lake Rd., Harrison, MI 48625.....lbailow@hotmail.. (989) 539-5002  
Treasurer..... David Lawrence  
2620 Cherry Grove Ln, Harrison, MI 48625 Telephone & Fax.....(989) 539-5396  
Trustee..... James Korman  
2627 W. Temple Dr., Harrison, MI 48625.....(989) 539-7985  
Trustee.....Barbara Ferrett  
271 W. Clarence Rd., Harrison, MI 48625 .....(989) 539-2365  
Assessor..... Tina Wright  
11475 E. Cranberry Lake, Gladwin, MI 48624 .....(313) 303-3687

## Hamilton Township

Meeting Date: First Thursday—6:30 p.m.  
3042 N. Rodgers Rd, Harrison 48625  
(989)539-7943 hamiltontwp.us

Supervisor.....David Wright  
11443 E. Fir Rd.,Gladwin, MI 48624.....supervisor@hamiltontwp.us. (989)329-9711  
Clerk and mailing address ..... Finette LaBoda  
3042 N. Rodgers Rd, Harrison 48625.....(989) 539-6975  
Treasurer.....Mickie Duby  
3042 N. Rodgers Rd, Harrison 48625.....(989) 539-7943  
Trustee..... Michael Iutzi  
7201 E. Stockwell, Harrison, MI 48625 .....  
Trustee..... Michael Conway  
7230 E. Townline Lake Rd., Harrison, MI 48625 .....  
Assessor..... Tracy Macon  
3042 N. Rodgers Rd., Harrison, MI 48625.tmassessing@hotmail.com. (989) 424-8520

## Hatton Township

Third Tuesday—7:30 p.m.  
3988 E. Ashard Rd., Harrison 48625  
(989)386-8123 www.hattontownship.com

Supervisor..... William Hileman  
1692 S. Harrison Ave., Harrison, MI 48625 .....(989) 539-5409  
Clerk (mailing address) ..... Jessica Evans  
5040 S. Cornwell Ave., Clare, MI 48617 .....(989) 965-1660  
Treasurer..... Patricia Shull  
4502 E. Browns Rd., Clare, MI 48617 .....(989) 386-3589  
Trustee..... David Lee Farrell  
1630 Arthur Rd., Harrison, MI 48625 .....(989) 539-6557  
Trustee..... William Guiette  
4420 E. Gladwin Rd., Harrison, MI 48625 .....(989) 539-2978  
Assessor..... James VanWormer  
1149 Eagle Dr. St. Helen, MI 48656 .....(989) 389-0841

# TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS (CONT'D.)

## Hayes Township

Third Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.

2055 E. Townline Lake Rd., P. O. Box 310, Harrison, MI 48625

Hall Phone (989)539-7128 Fax (989) 539-7129

[www.hayestownship.com](http://www.hayestownship.com) Office Hours: Tues.-Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Supervisor..... Terry Acton  
Clerk [hayestownshiptreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:hayestownshiptreasurer@gmail.com) ..... Debra Hoyt  
Treasurer..... Maye Tessner-Rood  
Trustee [hayestwptrustee2@gmail.com](mailto:hayestwptrustee2@gmail.com) ..... Bob Buckely  
Trustee [hayestwptrustee1@gmail.com](mailto:hayestwptrustee1@gmail.com) ..... Mike Haley  
Assessor..... Jim Vanwormer  
Zoning & Ordinance.....

## Lincoln Township

Meeting Date: Second Monday—7:00 p.m.

175 Lake George Ave., P.O. Box 239, Lake George, MI 48633

(989)588-9841, Fax (989)588-2574

[www.lincolntwp.com](http://www.lincolntwp.com)

Supervisor..... Dennis Zimmerman.  
P.O. Box 239, Lake George, MI 48633 ..... (989) 588-9343  
Clerk (mailing address) ..... Carol L. Majewski  
P.O. Box 239, Lake George, MI 48633 ..... (989) 588-9069  
Treasurer..... Maggie Carey  
P.O. Box 239, Lake George, MI 48633 ..... Wk (989) 588-2574  
Trustee..... Mike Tobin  
P.O. Box 239, Lake George, MI 48633 ..... (989) 588-2311  
Trustee..... Jerry Bridges  
5206 Wolf Lane, Farwell, MI 48622 ..... (989) 588-6212  
Assessor..... Cushman Appraisals  
P.O. Box 900, Evart, MI 49631 ..... (231) 743-6620  
Building Inspector ..... Werner Mantei  
..... (989) 588-6780

## Redding Township

Meeting Date: Third Wednesday—7:00 p.m.

8391 W. Temple Dr., Harrison, MI

(231)743-6170

Supervisor , [reddingtwpsupervisor@gmail.com](mailto:reddingtwpsupervisor@gmail.com)..... Mary Borgula  
650 Linda Dr., Harrison, MI 48625 ..... (213) 743-2043  
Clerk ..... Tamara Galloway  
[reddingtwpclerk@gmail.com](mailto:reddingtwpclerk@gmail.com).... 502 Ann St., Harrison, MI 48625 .... (586)722-4052  
Treasurer...email:[reddingtwptreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:reddingtwptreasurer@gmail.com).....Sandra K. Gruber  
421 Norwegian Tr., Harrison, MI 48625 ..... (989) 424-7172

# TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS (CONT'D.)

## Redding Township Cont'd.

Trustee..... Marlene McGlashen  
6173 W. Temple Dr., Harrison, MI 48625.....(989) 802-9013  
Trustee..... Nancy Scarbrough  
357 N. Temple Rd., Harrison, MI 48625.....(231) 743-9688  
Assessor.....Julie Tatro  
1149 Eagle Dr., St. Helen, MI 48656 .....(989)339-7295

## Sheridan Township

Meeting Date: Second Thursday—7:00 p.m.  
8987 E. Surrey Road, Clare, MI 48617  
(989)386-7648

Supervisor/Assessor and mailing address..... William R. Strouse  
8164 Washington Rd., Clare, MI 48617 .....(989) 386-3795  
Email: .....billstrouse@sbcglobal.net  
Clerk..... Leane Strouse  
8110 Washington Rd., Clare, MI 48617 .....(989) 386-7981  
Email: ..... sheridantwpclerk@yahoo.com  
Treasurer..... Jennifer Magnus  
9720 E. Beaverton Rd., Clare, MI 48617.....(989) 386-8197  
Email: ..... jennifermagnus@sbcglobal.net  
Trustee..... James M. Eberhart  
6409 E. Clarabella, Clare, MI 48617 .....(989) 386-7893  
Trustee..... Jim Warner  
8741 E. Maple Rd., Clare, MI 48617.....(989)386-7377  
Email: .....  
Constable..... Aaron Strouse  
8110 Washington Rd., Clare, MI 48617 .....(989)386-7981

## Summerfield Township

Meeting Date: Last Tuesday—6:30 p.m.  
9971 N. Finley Lake, Harrison, MI 48625  
(989)539-2501

Supervisor..... sumsupv@hotmail.com..... Carey Harris  
9971 N. Finley Lake Ave. Harrison, MI 48625 .....(989) 539-2501  
Clerk (mailing address).....alomajoslin@aol.com.....Aloma Joslin  
10100 Suzanne Dr., Harrison, MI 48625.....  
Treasurer..... Connie Blatt  
6148 N. Old State Rd., Harrison, MI 48625 .....(989) 539-2501  
Trustee.....Michael Romatz  
.....(989) 539-2501  
Trustee..... Glenn Alexander  
.....(989) 539-2501  
Assessor..... Tina Wright  
11475 E. Cranberry Lake, Gladwin, MI 48624 .....(313) 303-3687

# TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS (CONT'D.)

## Surrey Township

Meeting Date: Second Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.  
110 E. Michigan, P.O. Box 647, Farwell 48622  
Hall Phone (989)588-6691, Fax (989)588-3524

Supervisor..... Russ Hamilton  
P.O. Box 647, Farwell, MI 48622..... ext. 104  
Clerk (mailing address) ..... Glenna Bradbury  
P.O. Box 647, Farwell, MI 48622..... ext. 102  
Treasurer..... Esther M. Pitchford  
P.O. Box 647, Farwell, MI 48622..... ext.105  
Trustee..... Carol Dixon  
P.O. Box 838, Farwell, MI 48622..... (989) 588-6691  
Trustee..... Joe Maxey  
P.O. Box 647, Farwell, MI 48622..... (989) 588-6691  
Assessor..... Frank Gentz  
P.O. Box 647, Farwell, MI 48622..... ext. 108  
Zoning Administrator ..... Rod Williams  
P.O. Box 647, Farwell, MI 48622..... ext. 106

## Winterfield Township

Meeting Date: Second Tuesday– 7:00 p.m.  
8987 Cook Ave., Marion 49665  
(231)743-6888

Supervisor/Assessor ..... Mark Hammar  
8638 Twin Lakes Ave., Marion, MI 49665 .....(231) 743-2218  
Clerk (mailing address) ..... Bonnie Fox  
9870 Forest Road., Marion, MI 49665-9583 .....(231) 743-2820  
Treasurer..... Linda Peterson  
11163 N. Strawberry Ave., Marion, MI 49665.....(231) 825-8248  
Trustee..... Fred Prielipp  
8651 Cook Ave., Marion, MI 49665 .....(231) 743-9531  
Trustee..... Shelly Laughlin  
9533 Cook Ave., Marion, MI 49665 .....(231) 743-6402  
Assessor.....Great Lakes Assessing  
P.O. Box 325., Cadillac, MI 49601 .....(231) 468-2977

## Michigan Township Association

Meeting Date: Every even month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at the  
Clare County Courthouse in Conference Room A - 7:30 p.m.

Chair ..... Linda Bailow  
lbailow@hotmail.com .....(231) 539-5002  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair ..... Emerson Davis  
frost-tw@,migf.org..... (989) 630-9018  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair..... James Korman  
Kormanjim07@gmail.com.....  
Secretary..... Mary Borgula  
reddingtwp supervisor@gmail.com .....(231) 743-2043  
Treasurer.....Barbara Ferrett  
Woodybat24@gmail.com.....(989) 539-2365

# CITY OFFICES

## City of Clare

202 West Fifth Street

Clare, MI 48617-1490

(989)386-7541 Fax (989)386-4508

Website: [www.cityofclare.org](http://www.cityofclare.org)

Commission meetings are the 1<sup>ST</sup> and 3<sup>RD</sup> Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

**Mayor** ..... Pat Humphrey

**Mayor Pro-Tem** ..... Jean McConnell

**Commissioners** ..... Karla Swanson

..... Robert Bonham

..... Gus Murphy

### Other City Officials:

Manager..... Ken A. Hibl..... [khibl@cityofclare.org](mailto:khibl@cityofclare.org)..... ext. 102

Clerk..... Diane Lyon..... [dLyon@cityofclare.org](mailto:dLyon@cityofclare.org)..... ext 106

Treasurer..... Steven Kingsbury.... [skingsbury@cityofclare.org](mailto:skingsbury@cityofclare.org).... ext. 107

Assessor..... Edie Hunter..... [ehunter@cityofclare.org](mailto:ehunter@cityofclare.org).. ext 103

Water/WWT..... Dale Clark..... [dclark@cityofclare.org](mailto:dclark@cityofclare.org) ....386-2321

DPW/Streets..... Alan Jessup..... [ajessup@cityofclare.org](mailto:ajessup@cityofclare.org) ...386-2182

Police Chief..... Brian Gregory .....386-2121

Fire Chief..... Jim Chapman .....386-2151

Librarian..... Sheila Bissonnette... [sbissonnette@cityofclare.org](mailto:sbissonnette@cityofclare.org).386-3576

Attorney..... Jaynie Hoerauf .....386-3434

Auditor..... Andrew, Hopper &Pavlik..... (989) 835-7721

Building Inspector....Dave Williams .....[dwilliams@cityofclare.org](mailto:dwilliams@cityofclare.org).... ... 386-7541

Electrical, Mechanical & Plumbing Inspector.....989-386-7541

Airport Manager..... Gary Todd..... [gtodd@cityofclare.org](mailto:gtodd@cityofclare.org) ....386-0445

Parks & Recreation Director.....Joy Simmer ..... [jsimmer@cityofclare.org](mailto:jsimmer@cityofclare.org).Ext. 213



# CITY OFFICES (CONT'D.)

## City of Harrison

First and Third Monday – 7:30 p.m.

City Hall , 2105 Sullivan Dr.

Harrison, MI 48625

(989)539-7145

Fax (989)539-2292

www.cityofharrisonmi.org

**Mayor** ..... Stacy Stocking  
(989) 539-7145

**Mayor Pro-Tem** ..... Dan Sullivan  
(989) 539-7655

**Council Members:** ..... Dave Rowe  
..... Connie Cauchi  
..... Don Kolander  
..... Joni Ashcroft  
..... Daniel Sullivan  
..... Angela Kellogg

### Other City Officials include:

City Manager/Clerk ..... Tracey Beadle  
..... 989-539-7145 Ext. 200

Treasurer..... Sharon Hawkins  
..... 989-539-7145 Ext. 201

Assessor..... Chuck & Melisa Zemla..... CSZ Services  
..... (989)292-4422

Fire Chief..... Chris Damvelt  
..... Ext. 209

DPW Superintendent..... Sam Russal  
..... Ext. 204

Attorney..... Jaynie Smith-Hoerauf

Building Inspector (Clare County) ..... Mark Fitzpatrick  
(989) 539-2761

Electrical Inspector (Clare County) ..... Tim Wardell  
(989) 539-2761

# Village of Farwell

First Monday – 6:00 p.m.  
Village Hall – 109 – S. Hall St.  
Hours: M –F 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
P.O. Box 374  
Farwell, MI 48622  
(989)588-9927 Fax (989)588-4352

**President** ..... Gina Hamilton  
.....

**President/Mayor Pro-Tem** ..... Christopher Brewer

**Council Members:** ..... Joe Manley  
..... Joe Hilyard  
..... Gerry Osborn  
..... Carl Schafer  
..... Jeff Linton  
.....

**Other Village Officials include:**

Clerk ..... Kayla Randle

Treasurer ..... Tracy Lee

Zoning Administrator .....

Superintendent ..... Aaron Moline

Librarian ..... Jean Gaskill

Attorney ..... Jaynie Smith-Hoerauf

DPW ..... Rob Sabisch

..... Jason Walters

..... Joe Hilyard

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF CLARE COUNTY

Clare County's eastern townships were organized by Midland County in March 1870 and the western townships by Mecosta County in 1871. Farwell was the host village of our original county seat. Speculators had purchased land in Clare County as early as 1854, but large scale lumbering did not begin until after the Civil War. Homesteaders began arriving just prior to the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad (1870) and claimed the better agricultural acreages under the Homestead Act of 1862, or by exchanging Military Script for eighty acres or more.

The F&PM railroad came to Clare in 1870 and was extended to Evert in 1871. Now that the means were available, immigrants, woodsmen, homesteaders, and drifters began to populate our county. The lumbermen made the quickest and heaviest impact upon our resources by felling most of our forests. Necessity, being the mother of invention, caused a revolution in the woods when Scott Gerrish needed an efficient method to get tens of thousands of remote logs into the Muskegon River. He built and operated a special logging railroad between landlocked timber tracts near Lake George and Temple, on the Muskegon River. These logs were railed in stupendous quantities to the rollways. This innovative railroad extended the wealth of the county by 300%, but most of this new money went to Saginaw, Muskegon, and Chicago.

Clare County has had its troubles with lawless elements. Some of this conflict was generated by farmers in Grant and Sheridan Townships when lumbermen took local government from their control. The Board of Supervisors retaliated by withholding funds for a new jail at Harrison and the Sheriff was not compensated for transporting lawless men to jails in Midland or Osceola Counties. The County went feral following this interval.

After the timber was gone, our homesteader/farmers took over the pine barrens and began nurturing our soil back to productivity. During the 1930's, large oil fields were discovered and developed with capital supplied by various sorts of businessmen.

Since the Spanish-American war, we have sent our young men to help defeat America's enemies. By the 1990's, Clare County had invested large amounts of fiscal resources into its educational and cultural institutions.

As a County, we entered a new century with eager anticipation. Residents, farmers, light industry and tourists benefit from our vision. Our citizens expect the good life because the infrastructure of our county is good and getting better. Clare County has become one of Michigan's favorite residential districts for we have hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, golfing, and other recreations in our back yards. **The Gateway to the North!**

## **CLARE COUNTY MISSION STATEMENT:**

**The Mission of Clare County government is to provide quality services among competing demands for limited resources in the most effective and efficient manner possible to the citizens and patrons of Clare County government.**

**Visit Clare County's website at [www.clareco.net](http://www.clareco.net) for updated information.**