Summary of Landfill Usage

The chart representing the major uses of Livingston County’s landfill revenue shows that the revenue from the Pontiac Host landfill has significantly declined during the years from 2003 through 2011. In the year 2003, approximately $9.384 was received from the landfill. Contract payments were $2.99 million for 2009. The board revised the payment structure to be more competitive with other landfills, and revenue currently is projected to be $3.5 million per year.

Building projects include the remodeling of the building at 110 West Water Street in Pontiac for the offices of the assessor, regional planning and zoning and bookkeeping, the planning and construction of the Public Safety Complex and the Law and Justice Center, and the renovation of the County Courthouse that is currently in progress.

The nursing home expense includes funds needed for shortfalls in Livingston Manor operations over the years, the costs of transferring the operations from the county to Good Samaritan, additional operating funds needed by Good Samaritan, and the $2,500,000 that is held in escrow for the construction of Good Samaritan’s new facility. These costs have totaled over $10 million from 2003 – 2011.

Capital projects include vehicles for the county, information technology, software systems and major equipment.

Transfers to the general fund for operating expenses have been increasing over the years. Expenses to provide services for our county have increased at a higher rate than our tax levy. In addition, funding from the state and other sources has been inconsistent. The goal of the county board is to reduce the transfer to the general fund.

County enhancements include significant funding for the proactive unit, the 9-1-1 unit (Emergency Telephone Systems Board) and economic development for the county. Beginning in the 2011 fiscal year, funds for county enhancements are disbursed from the Enterprise Zone fund.

Additional financial information can be found in the County Budget that is posted on the website.