



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
RUTH JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
LANSING

October 2, 2012

Jim Osieczonek  
316 North Creyts Road  
Lansing, Michigan 48917

Dear Mr. Osieczonek:

The Department of State (Department) received a formal complaint filed against you by Jeanne Pearl-Wright, alleging that you violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 et seq. The investigation and resolution of these complaints is governed by section 15 of the Act and the corresponding administrative rules, R 169.51 et seq. Copies of the complaint and supporting documentation are enclosed with this letter.

The MCFA requires a committee that receives or expends more than \$1,000.00 during any reporting period to file periodic campaign finance reports in compliance with the Act. MCL 169.233(6). The failure to file a single campaign statement may trigger the assessment of late filing fees, while the failure to file two or more campaign statements is a misdemeanor offense. MCL 169.233(7)-(8).

Ms. Pearl-Wright alleges that you failed to file "the required 2011 Annual Campaign Finance Statement[.]" and "failed to report funds used by [your] Campaign Committee [.]"

In support of her complaint, Ms. Pearl-Wright provided newsletters, a screen shot of a website, and copies of newsletters printed from a website.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the Department's examination of these matters and your right to respond to the allegations before the Department proceeds further. It is important to understand that the Department is neither making this complaint nor accepting the allegations as true.

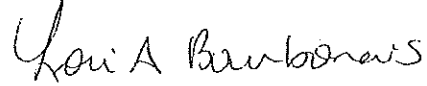
**If you wish to file a written response to this complaint, you are required to do so within 15 business days of the date of this letter.** Your response may include any written statement or additional documentary evidence you wish to submit. All materials must be sent to the Department of State, Bureau of Elections, Richard H. Austin Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 430 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48918. If you fail to submit a response, the Department will render a decision based on the evidence furnished by the complainant.

A copy of your reply will be provided to Ms. Pearl-Wright, who will have an opportunity to submit a rebuttal statement to the Department. After reviewing all of the statements and materials provided by the parties, the Department will determine whether "there may be reason to believe that a violation of [the MCFA] has occurred [.]". MCL 169.215(10). Note that the

Department's enforcement powers include the possibility of entering a conciliation agreement, conducting an administrative hearing, or referring this matter to the Attorney General for enforcement of the criminal penalty provided in sections 33(7)-(8) of the Act.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact me at (517) 241-0395.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori A. Bourbonais".

Lori A. Bourbonais  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Department of State

c: Jeanne Pearl-Wright

**Michigan Department of State  
Campaign Finance Complaint Form**

**Reset Form**

This complaint form may be used to file a complaint alleging that someone violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (the MCFA, 1976 PA 388, as amended; MCL 169.201 *et seq.*).

**Please print or type all information.**

I allege that the MCFA was violated as follows:

Section 1. Complainant		
Your Name <b>Jeanne Pearl-Wright</b>		Daytime Telephone Number <b>517-927-0061</b>
Mailing Address <b>531 Rapidan Dr.</b>		
City <b>Lansing</b>	State <b>MI</b>	Zip <b>48917</b>

Section 2. Alleged Violator		
Name <b>Jim Osieczonek (Citizens to Elect Jim Osieczonek)</b>		
Mailing Address <b>316 N. Creyts Road</b>		
City <b>Lansing</b>	State <b>MI</b>	Zip <b>48917</b>

**Section 3. Alleged Violations** (Use additional sheet if more space is needed.)

Section(s) of the MCFA violated: **Section 169.233 of MCFA 388 of 1976**

Explain how those sections were violated:

**2011 Annual Statement, Pre-Primary 2012, Post-Primary 2012**

Evidence that supports those allegations (attach copies of pertinent documents and other information):

**CANDIDATE AND HIS CANDIDATE COMMITTEE PAID  
FOR APPROXIMATELY 14,000 NEWSLETTERS TO BE  
MAILED BETWEEN FEB 2011 AND JUNE 2012. HIS  
CAMPAIGN HAS ALSO OWNED AND MAINTAINED  
A WEBSITE / DOMAIN. SEE ENCLOSURES  
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**Section 4. Certification (Required)**

*I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, formed after a reasonable inquiry under the circumstances, each factual contention of this complaint is supported by evidence.*

X

*James Caldwell*  
Signature of Complainant

*9/19/12*  
Date

**Section 5. Certification without Evidence (Supplemental to Section 4)**

Section 15(6) of the MCFA (MCL 169.215) requires that the signed certification found in section 4 of this form be included in every complaint. However, if, after a reasonable inquiry under the circumstances, you are unable to certify that certain factual contentions are supported by evidence, you may also make the following certification:

*I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information, or belief, there are grounds to conclude that the following specifically identified factual contentions are likely to be supported by evidence after a reasonable opportunity for further inquiry. Those specific contentions are:*

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X

Signature of Complainant

Date

Section 15(8) of the MCFA provides that a person who files a complaint with a false certification is responsible for a civil violation of the MCFA. The person may be required to pay a civil fine of up to \$1,000.00 and some or all of the expenses incurred by the Michigan Department of State and the alleged violator as a direct result of the filing of the complaint.

Mail or deliver the completed complaint form and evidence to the following address:

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Bureau of Elections  
Richard H. Austin Building – 1st Floor  
430 West Allegan Street  
Lansing, Michigan 48918

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September 19, 2012

I am writing to file a formal complaint against Commissioner Jim Osieczonek for failure to meet campaign finance reporting deadlines for the 2011 Annual, 2012 Annual, August 7<sup>th</sup> Primary Pre-Election, and August 7<sup>th</sup> Primary Post Election cycles.

Commissioner Osieczonek's Campaign Committee was under obligation to provide these reports having made expenditures in excess of the Reporting Waiver of \$1,000. Mr. Osieczonek, elected in the November 2010 General Election posted a post-election finance report in excess of the Reporting Waiver amount, yet per the records of the Eaton County Clerk's office did not follow through with the required 2011 Annual Campaign Finance Statement. Additionally it is alleged that Mr. Osieczonek has failed to report funds used by his Campaign Committee to routinely mail, via first class post, approximately 2,000 newsletters every other month beginning in February of 2011 as is supported with copies of those mailings attached with this complaint. Mr. Osieczonek has failed to disclose any expenditures in 2012 as well despite exceeding the reporting threshold for the election cycle for which his name appears on the ballot and he seeks election.

Michigan's Campaign Finance Act 388 of 1976 Section 169.233 provides the filing deadlines, contribution and expenditure limits regarding reporting waivers, and late fees to be assessed for the disclosure violations.

We believe that Commissioner Osieczonek has been purposefully complacent in his failure to make the necessary campaign finance disclosures as is evident by his lack of reporting throughout his entire term in office. We respectfully request that you act upon these issues quickly as Commissioner Osieczonek should not be able to benefit from this opacity into the finances of his campaign while all other Commissioner candidates are diligent in their campaign finance reporting for the sake of transparency with the voters.

Jeanne Pearl-Wright



531 Rapidan

Lansing, MI 48917

Cell 517.927.0061

(PS. Our Eaton County Clerk is online with finance reporting forms. To look at her report, simply put in James or Jim and county commissioner in the field)...nothing it there, others are current.

EVIDENCE Included

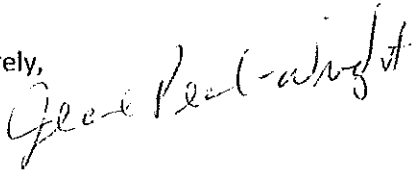
September 19, 2012

Included as evidence is a 1) hard copy of the Vol 7 newsletter so you can see that it's sent to all registered voters homes. 2) copies of the Vol number off Mr. Osieczonek's website 3) a copy of the page off his website showing the list of newsletters he's sent out to residents since early 2011 to now 2012.

As you can see on all his newsletters he puts his address of 316 N Creyts Road Lansing, MI 48917

Then he shows the paid for by his campapign of: Citizens to Elect Jim Osieczonek

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne Pearl-Wright". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Jeanne Pearl-Wright

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# Jim Osieczonek

Eaton County Commissioner -- District 5

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## Newsletters

Newsletters are mailed approximately every other month to the over 2,000 households in the 2010 primary or general election.

If you live in the district and did not receive a newsletter it is most likely because no one at your household. I understand people are busy and can miss voting so feel free to send me a message and I will add your household to the mailing list if you live in district 5.

I continue to receive positive comments and feedback about the newsletters. People are appreciative that I am taking the time and effort to try and keep them informed in a non-partisan way.

The June 2012 newsletter is done. I am working on the next newsletter.

All newsletters can be accessed by clicking respective links below:

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During my campaign I promised to send each voting household a newsletter every other month to help keep you informed of events within Eaton County and local communities.

My goal is to keep you abreast of local government issues that most greatly affect you, and spotlight charities, businesses, and people making a difference. I will include cooking recipes or other fun activities so the newsletter is interesting and something you look forward to receiving.

I encourage you to send me input. I will print as many as I can. Do not be shy—let me know about your neighborhood yard sale, 50th anniversary, community event, or other items of interest.

To encourage participation, I will randomly draw two names from those that submitted an item of interest, a suggestion, or something positive about the community. The lucky winners will receive a \$10 Coffee Jam gift certificate.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter. I welcome your feedback, suggestions, and ideas.

Newsletter - Volume 1, February 2011  
Paid for by Citizens to Elect Jim Osieczonek

units of government in the form of special assessments. The article generated positive discussion from citizens, the drain office, and Delta Township officials. I am still working to identify all projects and ensure future projects occur in a manner that is more sensitive to the cost and impact on homeowners. Drain Commissioner Mike Atayan is onboard with me. He has been a great help and has made himself available for questions and constituent problems. Thank you Mike.

For example, the ink on my last newsletter was barely dry when I got a call from a resident on Harriet near Hoover informing me the drains were clogged and the intersection was flooded. I visited the resident and took several photos that I emailed to the township and drain commissioner. The drain was cleared within 24 hours.

We cannot solve all problems that quickly, and there are other issues with the drains in this area we must address so I do not look at this as a permanent fix. I am working with the drain office to get a better handle on all the problems as a whole, and I plan to hold a future meeting with the residents, drain commission, road commission, and township officials to discuss the problems in detail.

Newsletter - Volume 2, April 2011  
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The main topic in this newsletter is the Michigan Avenue expansion project. I offered a full page of the newsletter to Doug Kosinski. Doug lives on Glen Tara and is the "unofficial" leader of a group named Citizens Against Michigan Avenue Extension. Doug shares the group's perspective on the expansion, and I also included a follow-up article so you know my perspective as well.

Last month I mentioned I was working on a website. I have made progress. It is nowhere near where I want it to be, but I wanted to get something established for citizens to use. I will make more progress in the future, but progress might be slow moving due to time constraints. Be sure to visit the site for more information, upcoming events, and past newsletters. The website is [WWW.JIM4C.COM](http://WWW.JIM4C.COM).

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Electoral districts are realigned every 10 years in response to population changes determined by the result of the Census. The realignment is now complete. There are significant changes to County Commissioner districts that take effect for the 2012 election. I will discuss the changes in this newsletter.

The Eaton County Park Department is considering asking the Commissioners to approve a vote for a new millage. I asked the Park Department to provide me with information about the millage, and I am asking you to review it and let me know your thoughts. I will share all responses with the Park Department.

The Gettysburg Drain construction project has begun and the Michigan Avenue extension project is moving forward. I will provide you with an update on both of these projects.

We are still working on the 2011-12 Budget. The harsh reality is that we need to make cuts because county revenues are expected to be 2007-08 levels due to declining property values. To balance the budget we are asking all departments to make sacrifices.

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I mentioned in the past newsletter that the Park Commission is considering asking County Commissioners to approve a request to have a .25 park millage placed on the ballot for citizens to vote on. Based on my re-quest for feedback, I heard from 3 constituents and 1 was for it and 2 opposed it. The request now under consideration is a .5 park millage. At the bottom of this page is the reason for the increase. Let me know your thoughts.

The County Board approved the 2011-12 Budget. This was not an easy process and all departments had to make sacrifices. Due to declining property values, the expected revenues will be almost a million dollars lower than last year and will be around the 2007-08 levels. To balance the budget, we had to make some tough decisions. I have provided additional information about our budget in this newsletter.

My previous newsletters contained topics involving drains, flooding, and special assessments. I receive many calls regarding these issues. I also receive calls about our roads. Many people are unhappy with the road quality. I will discuss the financial challenge of maintaining roads in this newsletter.

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This newsletter contains information about a bond refunding we recently authorized that will save the County Medical Care Facility an impressive \$651,494 over the remaining life of the bonds. It also contains a follow-up article on the Road Commission. We recently held a public hearing to seek citi-zen input on whether or not we should reduce the size of the board from five to three. You may recall the size of the board was increased in 2007.

I tried to eliminate the excessive Road Commission healthcare benefits for good, but was unable to muster enough votes to do so and they will have to sunset out in a few years. I discuss this in more detail.

Finally, I have served as your County Commission for a year and I again want to express my appreciation to everyone that voted for me. I am truly honored to be your representative. I strive to listen to your con-cerns and to make decisions that are in the best interest of the citizens. I recognize the tough economic conditions and the struggles everyday citizens have just to get by financially, and I take that into considera-tion when making all decisions.

Newsletter - Volume 6, December 2011  
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Once again I want to thank the citizens for allowing me to represent you as your County Commissioner. I am truly humbled and honored to represent you.

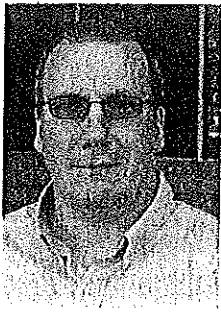
This newsletter contains many updates that I hope you find helpful.

There are 3 millages up for reconsideration and the millage dates have been set. I will provide you with in-formation about the millages and the ballot schedule.

The newsletter provides you with a brief update on the Michigan Avenue Extension from Creyts Road to Ca-nal Road.

County Commissioners recently completed a 2 day long-range strategic planning session. This is just the beginning of our formalized planning. I will provide an update in this newsletter.

Finally, it is election season and door knocking will begin soon. If you do not want candidates knocking on your door to talk to you then I suggest placing a "NO SOLICITING" sign on your door. I have included one in this newsletter for your convenience. All you have to do is cut it out and tape it on your door.



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Newsletter - Volume 3, June 2011

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There is a lot going on in the County right now that affects us as citizens. County Commissioners are working closely with the County Controller and County Departments to develop a balanced budget for fiscal year 2011-12. As with most budgets, there are many challenges. We anticipate lower revenues this year so cuts will be necessary.

The redistricting committee, which consists of the chairperson of the two county political parties, the county clerk, the county treasurer, and the county prosecutor, are working on a plan to redistrict county commission districts. The committee is evaluating three separate plans. To date, we do not have an approved plan, but all of the plans change county commissioner districts.

I will provide you with a budget and redistrict update in the next newsletter.



## Michigan Avenue

The last newsletter mentioned the environmental study. The study indicates traffic noise levels will be beyond acceptable standards. As a result, a sound wall on the northwest portion of the extension is required to protect citizens.

The cost of the wall is an unanticipated expense so the road commission and township petitioned Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) to transfer \$600,000 from a Saint Joseph Road project to help pay for the wall. This affects the section between Canal and Broadbent roads.

As a member of TCRPC I voted against moving the money, but the motion passed on a split vote.

The extension is in the final funding year and the funds must be obligated by August 1st or the federal funding, as I understand it, will be placed in a separate fund that all states can apply for. We would have to reapply for the funding.

Since there is no guarantee we would receive the funding, and no one wants to risk losing funding, a Plan B of secondary projects is under consideration. At this time, however, the road commission believes the environmental study will be complete and the funds obligated by August 1st.

I reviewed the preliminary list of projects on the Plan B list and was disappointed none of the projects were in Delta Township, and returning the \$600,000 to the Saint Joseph project wasn't on the list either. I questioned this and argued that if the road money is not obligated by August, our first priority should be returning funding to the Saint Joseph project.

I will keep you informed.

## Michigan Avenue Feedback

Many people contacted me about the Michigan Avenue articles in the past newsletter. The majority informed me that they were not in favor of the extension and believe the money can be better utilized elsewhere in the community.

Not everyone agreed with me though. I heard from two constituents that favor the extension.

I mention this because while we shared our views with each other in more detail, we did not change each other's opinion, but agreed to disagree in a cordial and professional manner.

I would be foolish if I thought everyone was going to agree with me on all issues, but hopefully we can respectfully agree to disagree.

Equally important, I hope you always feel comfortable contacting me about an issue, even if you disagree.

## Gettysburg Drain Assessment

The Gettysburg drain assessments were published May 24th and the cost of the project and homeowner assessments are quite alarming. The estimated project cost is 2.8 million dollars.

The special assessment affects over 250 homes in our district. The properties affected are located on Gettysburg, Harpers Way, Shiloh, Round Top, Mandel, Williamsburg, Charleston, Roanoke, Meade, Vicksburg, Harpers Way, Pickets, and other roads.

Most assessments are between \$7,000 and \$9,000, but several are over \$10,000 and the highest is around \$20,000. The assessments are applied to the tax bill, and will cover multiple years.

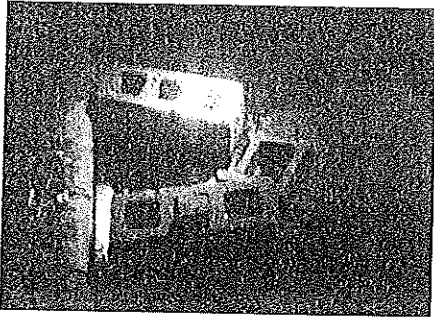
This is the 20th drain assessment in Delta Township and some homeowners are assessed for more than one drain upgrade.

We all recognize the need for sound drainage systems, but it is my opinion that we need to find a better way to achieve this goal than passing the burden directly onto the homeowner. We need to evaluate alternative options to building expensive systems and look for other funding sources.

## Drain Failure

I received a call from a resident Saturday evening of the Memorial Day holiday weekend and was informed there was a drain compromise on Winifred Street just south of Saginaw Highway. The water flooded the road and several homes. It was extensive. Emergency and BWL personnel were called to the scene.

I was out of town, but called Drain Commissioner Atayatan. He went out and surveyed the site and worked until 3 A.M. to clear the water and blockage. It turns out the lowest drain was blocked by three large cinder blocks.



Drains are like a toilet. They rely on water force to circulate and flush, and when this does not occur they overflow.

The cinder blocks alone are not the sole cause, but these are older drains that are stressed already and one or more blocked drains can cause major problems.

As your commissioner I have made this drain system one of my top priorities. I am working with the township, road commission, drain commission, and citizens to develop a long term solution.

I believe part of the problem is the lack of drain maintenance. There are 16 townships in Eaton County, but we only have 5 people employed in the drain office including a clerical position. It is impossible for them to patrol all streets and clean drains so I am asking for your help.

There are several ways you can help keep our drains functioning. Be sure to clear yard waste and leaves from your yard, and mow the lawn with the discharge facing the opposite of the road.

You can also help by removing debris on or around drain covers. Only a few weeks after the compromise, Commissioner Atayatan called me and asked me to look at a drain on Harriet. It was covered.



Clearing covers like this one will help the drain work properly and reduce the likelihood of road and basement flooding.

## Business in Spotlight— The Root Doctor

**Freddie Cunningham and Root Doctor Band** is one of the premier Blues bands in the areas. You may have heard them advertised on the radio. They perform at many local clubs and events.

I encourage you to visit their website and listen to the music sound clips, read their bios, and learn more about the band. Be sure to monitor their schedule and hopefully you get a chance to hear them in person.

If you like what you hear, feel free to contact them for a quote to perform at your event.

Website: <http://www.rootdoctorband.com>

You can book online or contact Bob Gardner at (517) 515-5095 or (517) 862-8246

## From the Recipe Box

I added a 2nd recipe since both are summer themes, and I can't pass on Ribs or Rhubarb. A few people have offered to submit recipes instead of using one from the recipe box. This might be a nice way to get more people involved. Be sure to email me your recipes if you would like to share.

### BARBECUED RIBS

2 pounds country style pork ribs	½ cup vinegar
1 cup brown sugar	½ cup onions, diced
1 teaspoon liquid smoke	3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
3 tablespoons + ½ cup water	½ cup prepared mustard
1 cup catsup	½ teaspoon salt

Place ribs in glass baking dish. Add 3 tablespoon water to brown sugar, mix well and cover tops of ribs with sugar. Next, sprinkle liquid smoke across tops of ribs. Marinate ribs overnight. Next day, combine remaining ingredients (except salt) and bring to a boil. Set aside. Scrape sugar mixture from ribs, sprinkle ribs with salt. Cover ribs with sauce and bake for 1½ hours in 325 degree oven. Serves four to six.

### RHUBARD UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE

Virginia Toomey

In a greased 9 X 13-inch pan put 5 cups finely diced rhubarb. Sprinkle with 1 cup sugar, sprinkle 1 3-ounce package strawberry jello then spread 2 cups miniature marshmallows.

1 box yellow cake mix--mix according to directions and spread on top of the rhubarb mixture.

Bake at 350° until cake is done.

The word search contains the 16 townships in Eaton County.

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My first newsletter featured an article about the many drain projects and the high costs passed on to homeowners, businesses, and local units of government in the form of special assessments. The article generated positive discussion from citizens, the drain office, and Delta Township officials. I am still working to identify projects and ensure future projects occur in a manner that is sensitive to the cost and impact on homeowners

Drain Commissioner Mike Atayan is onboard with me. He inherited these projects when he took office after the 2008 election. He has been a great help and has made himself available for questions and constituent problems. Thank you Mike.

For example, the ink on my last newsletter was barely dry when I got a call from a resident on Harriet near Hoover informing me the drains were clogged and the intersection was flooded. I visited the resident and took several photos that I emailed to the township and drain commissioner. The drain was cleared within 24 hours.

We cannot solve all problems that quickly, and there are other issues with the drains in this area we must address, so I do not look at this as a permanent fix. We are working to get a better handle on all the issues as a whole, and I plan to hold a future meeting with residents, drain commission, road commission, and township officials to discuss the problems in detail.

The main topic in this newsletter is the Michigan Avenue expansion project. I offered a full page of the newsletter to Doug Kosinski. Doug lives on Glen Terra and is the unofficial leader of a group named Citizens Against Michigan Avenue Extension. Doug shares the groups perspective on the road expansion. I also included a follow-up article so you know my perspective as well.

This newsletter also contains information about upcoming events, another yummy recipe, a puzzle, and a charity in the spotlight.

Last month I mentioned I was working on a website and the site is now up. Be sure to visit [WWW.JIM4C.COM](http://WWW.JIM4C.COM) for more information, upcoming events, and past newsletters.

Remember, I am your County Commissioner so feel free to contact me with your concerns.

## Michigan Avenue Expansion - By the Citizens Against Michigan Avenue Extension

Delta Township and the Eaton County Road Commission are moving ahead with the extension of Michigan Avenue from Creyts Road to Canal Road. The new road will have a huge negative impact on homes close to it, but the costs go way beyond and will affect ALL Delta Township residents. Here are a few facts to consider.

- \$1.3 million has been budgeted for this road. In fact, a senior manager at MDOT put the cost of one mile of new road at well over \$3 million. That doesn't count costs to protect homes near the road, estimated at \$1.25 million. The additional \$3 MILLION will need to come from the Township or by taking funds from other worthwhile road projects.
- It has been claimed that the Michigan Avenue Extension will help with traffic on Saginaw. However, a traffic study conducted by a firm specializing in such work found that Michigan Avenue will have little, if any, positive impact on traffic on Saginaw.
- It has been claimed that Michigan Avenue is needed for public safety. The truth is that the new road will save only a little over ONE MINUTE on police and fire runs compared to existing routes.
- Supporters of Michigan Avenue claim that it is needed to support development. The only area available for significant new development is at the Creyts Road end of the proposed road. That area already has access to both Saginaw and Creyts and could be served by a short extension of Michigan to the West of Creyts AT A MUCH LOWER COST.
- A "compromise" plan that would do the short extension of Michigan Avenue and build a mixed use path for pedestrians, bike riders, roller bladers', etc. the rest of the way to Canal Road was rejected by the Township, even though it would avoid most of the negatives of the full extension and create a significant parkland asset for ALL Township residents.
- Other worthwhile projects are being sacrificed to pay for increasing costs of Michigan Avenue. It has been proposed to remove funding for improving St. Joe Hwy west of Canal to pay for Michigan Avenue

despite the fact that St. Joe is where most new development is occurring. Also, St. Joe is a primary alternative to Saginaw, running East/West all the way to M100, while the extension is a ONE MILE "road to nowhere", permanently dead ended at Canal Road.

- As everyone knows, roads in the Township are in TERRIBLE shape. Building Michigan Avenue will use money that could go towards fixing roads we already have and create another road to take care of.

Thus, Michigan Avenue will accomplish almost nothing, destroy potential parkland and habitat, ruin property values, siphon money away from more worthwhile projects and be a poor long term use of Township funds. This affects EVERYONE. **If this sounds like a bad use of YOUR tax dollars, PLEASE call or e-mail the Delta Township Board of Trustees and tell them!**

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### Michigan Avenue - In My View

The Michigan Avenue expansion was planned in the early 1970s and that is one of the basic arguments for building it today. However, it is my belief the plan should have been abandoned when the Glen Terra subdivision was approved and built in the early 1990s. Review the small map below and I will explain why.



*Note: A larger map can be viewed on my website at:  
[www.jim4c.com/jimo/misc/mi\\_map.jpg](http://www.jim4c.com/jimo/misc/mi_map.jpg)*

Several homes in the subdivision are built in direct line or proximately to the road, making it impossible to build the extension without curving the road southward and travel close to homes. It is estimated the road will travel just 30 feet from the back of master bedrooms.

The environmental study estimates excessive noise levels to the north and south side of the western portion of the extension. Current building standards require a sound barrier if the cost is about \$40,000 per residence or less. The north side of the road, the Glen Terra subdivision, meets this guideline, but it was determined it is too expensive for the south side.

The cost estimates for building the proposed sound wall on the north side to protect Glen Terra residents is \$700,000 and it is anticipated the wall will be as close as 15 feet to the back decks of some homes.

There are numerous other issues and this is a very complex problem. The debates have included traffic flow, public safety, and protecting neighborhoods. Both sides have presented arguments for and against.

I am against the expansion because of the threat and damage to surrounding neighborhoods.

I am also against the expansion because I am not convinced there is a need for it. The strongest argument I have heard is to allow access to the undeveloped property behind Mount Hope Church and the land north and west of Holloway Road, but the citizens against the extension put together an alternate plan to create an access road from Creyts Road westward about halfway inward. While this is not a perfect solution for residents, this would prevent the high traffic volume, significantly reduce the noise pollution, and stop cut-through traffic on Williamsburg Road, and then to Sherman, Yorktown, and Charleston.

It is important for me to point out that in fairness to our township officials, whom I have great respect for, they inherited this problem. They were not involved in approving the road in the early 1970s or approving the Glen Terra subdivision in the 1990s.

I also understand it isn't easy to stop projects this far along. Time, money, and resources have been spent.

Despite this challenge, I hope our local officials are able to get all parties together including homeowners, businesses, and landowners to discuss this issue and find a better solution than building the road as planned.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Morgan Creek** is having a Subdivision yard sale Friday and Saturday May 13 - 14 from 8:00 to 1pm. Morgan Creek is located on the south side of St. Joe about 2 blocks west of Creyts Road.

### **Community Baptist Church Community Week**

May 15— Music Day @ 11am and 6:30pm

May 16— Family Night @ 6:30pm

May 17— Sportsman Night @ 6:30pm

May 18—Community Fun Night @ 6:30pm

May 19—Car Show for Christ @ 6:30pm

May 20—Teen Night with Free Pizza @ 6:30pm

Community Baptist Church is located at 7332 Mount Hope Highway - just west of Canal Road.

### **Woldumar Nature Center Wildflower Weekend**

May 14— 10am - 5:00pm

May 15— 12noon - 4:00pm

*Be sure to visit my website for more information.*

## **Spotlight—Woldumar Nature Center**

Over 5 miles of trails await you on 150 acres of woodland, prairie, river-side and pine forest. Hike or ski anytime between dawn and dusk.

Woldumar offers outreach and onsite Environmental Education programs for children as well as adults, and they have a wide variety of summer and winter camps.

Woldumar is a non-profit primarily funded by the programs, memberships, and donations.

The Visitors Center is a great place to start with interpretive and live creature displays!

Access to the Visitor Center, trails, and parking is free, so I encourage you to visit soon.

Woldumar is located at 5379 Old Lansing Road. For more information visit [www.woldumar.org](http://www.woldumar.org) or call (517) 322-0030

## From the Recipe Box

This recipe came from an old recipe box that I acquired at an auction. I scanned the index card and the recipe appears in it's original typed format.

### SCALLOPED POTATOES AND HAM

1 can cream of celery soup	1 1/2 cups diced cooked ham
1/2 cup milk	1/2 cup thinly sliced onion
Generous dash pepper	1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
3 cups thinly sliced potatoes	paprika

Combine soup, milk, and pepper. In 1 1/2 quart casserole, arrange alternate layers of potatoes, meat, onion, and sauce. Cover; bake at 375° F. for 1 hour. Uncover; sprinkle with cheese and paprika. Bake 15 minutes more or until potatoes are tender. 4 servings.

## It's Puzzle Time

The word search puzzle contains the names of many of the County or Township Parks.

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Electoral districts are realigned every 10 years in response to population changes determined by the result of the Census. The realignment is now complete. There are significant changes to County Commissioner districts that take effect for the 2012 election. I will discuss the changes in this newsletter.

The Eaton County Park Department is considering asking the Commissioners to approve a vote for a new millage. I asked the Park Department to provide me with information about the millage, and I am asking you to review it and let me know your thoughts. I will share all responses with the Park Department.

The Gettysburg Drain construction project has begun and the Michigan Avenue extension project is moving forward. I will provide you with an update on both of these projects.

We are still working on the 2011-12 Budget. The harsh reality is that we need to make cuts because county revenues are expected to be 2007-08 levels due to declining property values. To balance the budget we are asking all departments to make sacrifices.

#### Delta Corner—Things to know about Delta Township.

- Delta Township processes applications for US Passports, and passport cards.
- Delta Township is hosting their 6th Annual Community Awards Reception Thursday, October 27, 2011 at the Lexington Hotel. Tickets are \$10 each if purchased in advance and are available by contacting Linda Wells at 517-323-8590. Tickets may also be purchased at the door for \$15 each.
- Delta Township Census Data is available on their website [www.deltami.gov](http://www.deltami.gov)
- Delta Township is looking for people to serve on boards and commissions.

Contact the Township at 517-323-8590 for more information about these or other items.



## New Districts

The new district maps will take affect for the 2012 election and representation beginning 2013.

The eastern boundary of our district will move westward from Harriet Rd to Stone Ridge Rd. Stone Ridge Rd is located just west of Mall Rd. If you live east of Stone Ridge Rd you will be in District 6. If you live south of Saint Joseph Hwy between Creyts Rd and Canal Rd you will be in District 7.

You can view the current and new commissioner maps online at [www.eatoncounty.org](http://www.eatoncounty.org) by clicking on the **Departments** tab, **County Clerk's Office** link, and then the **Board of Commissioner's Maps** link. Additionally, I placed expanded versions of our current district and new district map on my website under the **"Miscellaneous"** tab.

## Gettysburg Drain Construction

The Gettysburg project is underway and residents are seeing heavy construction in their neighborhoods. I am monitoring this project, but I need your help.

Let me know if you have any concerns about the project or if you experience property or road damage. The drain commission filmed the roads prior to the project and the contractor is required to repair damage they cause.

It should be noted though that the contractor is not required to repair roads that are already deteriorated. It can be difficult determining what was already deteriorated and what damage is caused by the construction, so I am glad the drain commission took the time to film the roads prior to construction beginning.

## Gettysburg Drain Assessment Amounts

Several Residents have contacted me about their assessment amount, and how it was calculated.

I obtained information from the drain commission and placed 3 documents on my website. They are under the **"Miscellaneous"** tab. You need to locate your address on the **"Proof of Mailing"** report and write down your parcel number, then search the **"Benefit Summary"** report for your parcel number.

Feel free to call me if you do not use a computer or require assistance.

I encourage you to review the reports whether you are in the drain district or not. You might understand why I am frustrated with these projects. If you recall, I mentioned before there are 20 drain projects in Delta Township alone.

I cannot reemphasize enough that our current drain commissioner, Mike Atayatan, inherited these projects and he is working hard to control the projects and their associated costs. He is actively challenging new petitions, questioning existing ones, and seeking other funding sources.

## Possible County Park Millage

The Eaton County Park Department notified us that they are considering asking the Board of Commissioners to approve a .25 millage vote for a future election. If they submit this request, and we approve it, it will place the request on the ballot for citizens to decide.

I asked the Park Department to provide me with information about the possible millage request so I can share it with you. I am asking you to send me an email, or call or write if you do not use email, and let me know your opinion. I will share all responses with the Park Department.

Please note, there is no millage planned at this time and no one is campaigning for one. I simply want to get your opinion in advance.

The first article on the next page is from input provided by the Park Department. I used smaller print so I can fit it all in this newsletter.

## Input From the Park Department

The County Parks consist of 9 of the finest and most diverse parks in Michigan. The current budget of \$434,352 is less than \$50,000 per park including personnel costs, improvements, and maintenance. The estimated park operation is less than \$2.50 per person in Eaton County, while national averages are more than \$44 per person.

Vehicle passes generate approximately \$62,000 annually.

The Park Department, like other departments, is under pressure to reduce costs so the County can balance the budget. This year alone, the Park Department is being asked to reduce another \$47,000 from the County Budget.

The Park Department has reduced budgets several times in recent years, and the 2007-8 budget operations totaled over \$525,000.

Due to expected shortages, the Park Department is looking for other alternatives. One proposed alternative is to ask the voters for a millage of .25 per year to move Parks to self-dependence and relieve the County budget of nearly \$500,000 per year.

The estimated amount of revenue from a .25 millage is \$800,000, and Parks will share approximately \$200,000 of the revenue with local units of government for their park operations. It is estimated that Delta Township Parks, for example, will receive around \$30,000.

The remaining \$600,000 would fund full-time, seasonal and part-time operations staffing, as well as setting aside funds to participate with local matching funds that would enable participation in the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (3-1 match) and Land and Water Conservation Fund (50/50) matching grant programs.

This model has been used successfully by other counties, most recently St. Clair, and it will provide financial assistance to all 27 units of government for local projects, state/federal matching and joint collaboration for parks and recreation purposes.

Public information sessions are being considered and input from all constituents is encouraged. We feel it is important that County taxpayers are well informed on any and all proposals. The park millage proposal would cost the average taxpayer \$1.14 per month or \$13.75 per year based on a \$100,000 home with a taxable value of \$50,000.

What do you think? Please let County Commission Jim Osieczonek know your thoughts.

## Michigan Avenue Update

The road commission informed me that the environmental study was completed on time and a copy is available on their website:

[www.eatoncountyroad.com/michaveproject.htm](http://www.eatoncountyroad.com/michaveproject.htm)

It is my understanding that there is a small delay period, likely for bids, final public input, etc... but construction can begin after that, probably around November. This is generally a poor time to begin construction so it could be delayed.

So unless there is an unforeseen delay, construction will likely begin soon.

## Friends of Eaton County Parks Fundraiser

Friends of Eaton County Parks is holding their Annual Dinner on the Michigan Riverboat Princess Sunday, September 11th. Tickets are \$40 each.

I attended this event in the past and will be there again this year. It is a great meal and fun trip down the Grand River.

Please call Alvin Whitfield to purchase tickets at 517-703-9666 if you are interested in attending.

## Spotlight— Meals on Wheels Program

The Tri-County Office of Aging sponsors the Meals-On-Wheels program. The program relies on volunteers that can take an occasional hour during lunch to deliver meals to seniors and others.

My wife and I have been a volunteer for several years and we love it. The people receiving the meals are truly grateful and appreciative.

I encourage you to contact the Meals-On-Wheels program if you are interested in volunteering, or know someone that needs assistance.

You can call them, visit their website, or contact me if you would like more information on volunteering or program eligibility.

Their website is: [www.tcoa.org](http://www.tcoa.org) and click on "Meals-On-Wheels" or call them at:

517-541-2330 or 866-541-5444 (toll free)

## Recipe From a Constituent

Seafood Salad recipe submitted by R. T. Brown

### INGREDIENTS

6-8 oz. Romaine Lettuce - Chopped  
1 14 oz. Can Diced Tomato  
1 Bell Pepper – Cubed (any color)  
6-8 Broccoli Florets  
2 T Feta Cheese  
1 lb. Seafood Blend Calamari-Scallops-Shrimp  
(Prefers Trader Joe's Brand)  
1 T Freeze Dried Parsley  
1 T Freeze Dried Chives  
1 Clove Garlic - Crushed  
1 t Ginger  
1 T Olive Oil  
1 T Extra Virgin Olive Oil (EVOO)  
Balsamic Vinegar

### INSTRUCTIONS

Mix chopped lettuce and feta cheese

Toss thawed seafood blend in medium bowl with ginger, 1 T Extra Virgin Olive Oil, parsley, and chives.

Heat large skillet over medium-high heat with 1 T olive oil, add broccoli, pepper, garlic, and diced tomato. Cook until reduced.

Add shrimp and cook for 3 minutes until shrimp is pink.

Toss seafood blend/vegetable in large bowl with salad mix; add EVOO and balsamic vinegar to taste.

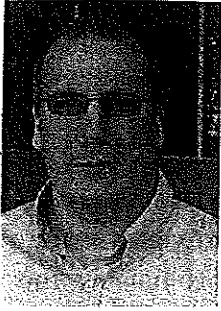
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I mentioned in the past newsletter that the Park Commission is considering asking County Commissioners to approve a request to have a .25 park millage placed on the ballot for citizens to vote on. Based on my request for feedback, I heard from 3 constituents and 1 was for it and 2 opposed it. The request now under consideration is a .5 park millage. At the bottom of this page is the reason for the increase. Let me know your thoughts.

The County Board approved the 2011-12 Budget. This was not an easy process and all departments had to make sacrifices. Due to declining property values, the expected revenues will be almost a million dollars lower than last year and will be around the 2007-08 levels. To balance the budget, we had to make some tough decisions. I have provided additional information about our budget in this newsletter.

My previous newsletters contained topics involving drains, flooding, and special assessments. I receive many calls regarding these issues. I also receive calls about our roads. Many people are unhappy with the road quality. I will discuss the financial challenge of maintaining roads in this newsletter.

### From the Park Commission — Possible .5 Park Millage

The Parks Commission increased the proposed millage during a discussion to consider a long term solution to operate the nine site system, and provide matching funds for future projects. The increase would also permit the 27 governmental units to participate in single or collaborative projects that require matching funds. The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund has a minimum of 25 percent matching funds, while the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act is a 50/50 match. The new DNR local unit Passport sharing program has matching fund requirements, but it could be cash or in-kind.

Over a period of 5-10 years, we could acquire a variety of trails, lake front, natural preserves, Grand River access points and address a 25-50 year old infrastructure of existing facilities at our nine sites.

## County Budget

What is the annual County Budget?

The answer to that question depends on what you consider the budget to be.

When Administrators talk about “balancing the budget” they typically mean balancing the budget for the General Fund.

The General Fund covers all county appropriation, expenditure and receipt transactions, except those for which statutory requirements demand separate fund accounting. Most of the traditional county services are included in the General Fund, and it provides the resources necessary to sustain the day-to-day activities and thus pays for all administrative and operating expenses.

On September 23, 2011, the County Commissioners approved the 2011-12 Budget. This includes the General Fund of \$31,530,168, which is almost one million dollars less than last year’s fund of \$32,505,935. This difference represents a 3.09 percent decrease.

As a result of the declining revenue, it was necessary that we cut positions, primarily through employee attrition and departmental cuts. The decisions we made were not easy, but we were able to develop a balanced budget without increasing fees or raising taxes - a goal of mine.

There are two other funds that are part of the budget. We adopted a Special Revenue fund of \$20,422,660 and a Debt Service fund of \$8,997,247 by line-items, for a total 2011-2012 budget of \$60,950,075.

The Special Revenue fund is an account established to collect money that must be used for a specific project. Special Revenue funds provide an extra level of accountability and transparency to taxpayers that their tax dollars will go toward an intended purpose.

Special Revenue line items include the Jail Millage, Juvenile Millage, and Veterans’ Trust Fund.

The Debt Service Fund provides for the annual repayment of bonded debt principal and interest.

Debt Service line items include the Building Authority Jail, Dental Clinic, and Health Clinic.

Administrators have limited authority to transfer funds in the General Fund in order to balance the budget, and there are statutory restrictions on the other funds.

In addition to these three funds, the budget also contains personnel counts by department and other useful information.

For your convenience, I placed a copy of the budget on my website and I have asked the County to do so as well. If you are interested in knowing the anticipated revenue and expenditure in detail, take time to review the budget and do not hesitate to provide me feedback or suggestions.

## Roads Conditions

A few months ago I attended a presentation by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and they provided an overview of the Michigan’s Roads and Bridges 2010 Annual Report. The report was eye-opening.

The percentage of roads rated in “good” pavement conditions has steadily dropped from 24 percent of the roads having a good road rating in 2004 to 18 percent having the same rating in 2010. The percentage of roads with a “fair” rating has steadily dropped from 62 percent in 2004 to 47 percent with the same rating in 2010.

Based on these numbers it should be no surprise that the percentage of roads in “poor” condition increased during this same period. Roughly 12 percent of the roads were in poor condition in 2004, and it increased to 33 percent in 2010.

I placed a copy of the entire 2010 Annual Report on my website for you to review. You can find it under the “**Miscellaneous**” tab.

## **Road Conditions — (continued)**

While the MDOT 2010 Annual Report provides quantitative data showing our roads are in poor condition, we don't need a report to tell us this. All we need to do is drive on our roads. It is even more apparent once we cross the state line and travel through other states.

The main problem is a lack of funding. Monies for the state's transportation system comes from state, local, and federal sources. State-generated revenue supplies the majority of the income and is collected primarily through Michigan's fuel taxes (19 cents per gallon on gasoline and 15 cents per gallon on diesel fuel), motor-vehicle registration fees, and sales tax collected on vehicles.

Michigan has been in the bottom 10 of all states for local transportation funding since 1960. In addition, fuel tax revenues have dropped in recent years because cars are more fuel efficient and people are driving less, which has caused transportation funding to decline even further while asphalt and other construction costs have risen.

County Road Commissions are struggling to maintain local roads, and have focused efforts on the primary roads.

There are high-level state discussions to address this problem.

## **EATRAN is Hiring Part-Time Drivers**

EATRAN is currently accepting applications for part-time bus drivers. You must have a good driving record and no criminal history. Holding a Commercial Driver License (CDL) is a plus, but not a requirement because you can earn one as part of your training process.

These are part-time jobs, but those that do well receive strong consideration when a full-time position becomes available.

Please contact EATRAN at 517-543-3040 or 517-371-3312 for more information.

## **Veteran Services**

The process of finding, applying for, receiving, and maintaining veteran's benefits can be confusing and frustrating.

The Eaton County Veterans Services office helps veterans and their families obtain and maintain all veterans related benefits from federal, state and local government agencies.

Veteran Services is dedicated to ensuring that the sacrifices of our nation's veterans are recognized and that they and their families receive all veterans benefits to which they are entitled.

Feel free to call the Veterans Services office at 517-543-3740 if you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment.

In addition to the county Veteran Services, many American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) posts offer veterans assistance.

## **Eaton County Dental Clinic**

I want to remind everyone that we have an Eaton County Dental Clinic in Charlotte.

The target populations served by the clinic are adults and children on Medicaid (including Health Kids Dental and MICHild), as well as low income, uninsured individuals whose income is below 200% of the Federal poverty level.

There is a \$50 non-refundable application fee for the non-insured that will be credited to the first visit.

Call the Contact Center at 877-313-6232 to enroll, or complete an application that can be obtained on the Michigan Community Dental Clinics website at [www.midental.org](http://www.midental.org).

## **Spotlight Moved to Back Page**

I decided to remove the recipe from the newsletter and utilize that space for the spotlight. It was difficult to properly recognize fine businesses or charities in a small space.

## Spotlight — Eaton Community Hospice

Margaret Kyser is one of the kindness individuals in our community. Margaret is the Executive Director of the Eaton Community Hospice. We are very fortunate to have Margaret here.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** *"Eaton Community Hospice is a volunteer organization providing, at no cost, physical, emotional and spiritual care for the terminally ill, their families and/or significant others, enabling the terminally ill to die with dignity in their home or with 24-hour care at the Eaton Community Hospice House."*

The hospice operates at no cost to families because of Margaret's leadership, community donations, and strong fundraising. However, it is unable to meet everyone needs. In spite of caring for 248 patients last year, they still turned away 210 because of no available space.

They are planning to build a second hospice house in order to provide service to more people, but they need help. I encourage you to consider making a donation to the hospice when selecting the charities you support this year. You can support them with a cash donation, an annual membership, visiting their thrift store, donation to the thrift store, or volunteering to help.

The hospice is located at 2675 South Cochran, Charlotte, MI 48813. Feel free to write, call 517-543-5310, or visit their website at <http://www.echospice.org> for more information.

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## Puzzle Time — Can you find the months of the year

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This newsletter contains information about a bond refunding we recently authorized that will save the County Medical Care Facility an impressive \$651,494 over the remaining life of the bonds.

It also contains a follow-up article on the Road Commission. We recently held a public hearing to seek citizen input on whether or not we should reduce the size of the board from five to three. You may recall the size of the board was increased in 2007.

I tried to eliminate the excessive Road Commission healthcare benefits for good, but was unable to muster enough votes to do so and they will have to sunset out in a few years. I discuss this in more detail.

Finally, I have served as your County Commission for a year and I again want to express my appreciation to everyone that voted for me. I am truly honored to be your representative. I strive to listen to your concerns and to make decisions that are in the best interest of the citizens. I recognize the tough economic conditions and the struggles everyday citizens have just to get by financially, and I take that into consideration when making all decisions.

## What's Coming Up

There are three millages coming up for renewal that will be on the August or November ballot this year. They are the Juvenile Millage at a rate of .35, the 911 Millage at .95, and EATRAN at .25 of a mill.

The Parks Commission is also seeking a millage. They asked the Public Works and Planning Commission, which I am a member of, to move a .5 parks millage to the full Board of Commissioners for consideration. It was clear to all that there was not enough support for this request and the motion was tabled. The Parks Commission will reconsider their request.

EATRAN has done a lot of work developing a new business model and transportation plan that will include fixed routes. I will provide you with an update in the next newsletter.



## **Saving Money Through Refinancing**

I have some great news to share with you.

County Commissioners recently approved the refinancing of bonds that were used to fund the original 100-bed medical care facility. The refunding results in an impressive savings of \$651,494 over the remaining life of the bonds.

I am very proud of this and commend everyone for working together to ensure we take advantage of this opportunity.

## **Road Commission**

In my past newsletter I discussed the lack of road funding and how it presented challenges for the Road Commission to properly maintain our roads.

Some responded and said they agreed that we need to find a better way to fund our roads, and others responded saying they were satisfied with our roads and we should not expect perfect roads.

I concur that we should not expect perfect roads, but we should expect them to be safe and maintained properly. Many of our primary roads are in poor condition, and some of the side roads and subdivisions are in even worse condition.

While the core problem is lack of funding, there are steps we can take to ensure we are spending our dollars as efficiently as possible.

The 2007-08 County Commissioners Board held a public hearing October 17, 2007 on whether or not to increase the number of Road Commissioners from three to five. Many people attended this hearing and everyone that addressed the Board stated they were against increasing the number of Road Commissioners. Their main argument against increasing the size is that it was an unnecessary expansion of government and a poor use of monies intended for road maintenance.

Despite the strong unanimous public opposition, the County Commissioners at that time increased the size of the Road Commission.

At the time the resolution was approved, the Road Commissioners received full healthcare benefits. The cost of the healthcare benefits cost approximately \$20,000 for each commissioner. This cost is in addition to their salary and Per Diem of approximately \$4,000 annually.

Thus, the cost of increasing the Road Commission by 2 members was about \$48,000 annually.

In my opinion, paying for Road Commissioners health insurance with money intended for maintaining roads is a poor use of taxpayer dollars.

I am not alone. Largely due to public pressure and criticism, the County Commissioners passed a resolution on December 16, 2009 requiring all Road Commissioners to pay 25 percent of their healthcare costs, and required any new or reappointed commissioner to pay 100 percent of the cost if they choose to participate in the program.

While this was a big improvement, it is my belief that this resolution did not go far enough. Three of the Road Commissioners were eligible for the 75 percent matching costs last year, and all three took advantage of this benefit by participating in the program. The Road Commission's share was approximately \$45,000 last year for the three.

Two of the Road Commissioners are eligible for the 75 percent healthcare coverage this year, and one of them in 2013. Assuming they continue to take advantage of the program, the Road Commission's cost will be approximately \$45,000 until the healthcare benefit sunsets on January 1, 2014.

Recognizing this, I introduced a resolution to end the 75 percent matching for Road Commissioner healthcare benefits effective January 1, 2012 so the money could be used for road repairs, but unfortunately the resolution failed to achieve enough votes to pass at the November 16, 2011 County Commissioner Board Meeting.

While I wish the resolution would have passed, I am satisfied with my effort to eliminate these excessive benefits.

## **Road Conditions — (continued)**

As I mentioned, everyone that spoke out at the 2007 public hearing was against increasing the size of the board, but the County Commissioners voted to increase it anyway.

The current County Commissioners held a public hearing on December 21, 2011 to seek public input on reducing the size of the Road Commission Board to three, where it had always been up until the 2007 increase.

While it was not unanimous, the majority of people that spoke at the hearing wanted us to reduce the size of the road commission. Many of them stated they attended the first public hearing in 2007 and were upset the Commissioners did not listen to them at that time.

We listened to the public and took other factors into consideration. For example, almost 75 percent of the counties with a road commission only have 3 commissioners, and Larry Adams who is one of the current commissioners stated that he saw no reason for having 5 road commissioners, and felt having 5 was not using money efficiently.

We passed the resolution to reduce the number of Road Commissioners from 5 to 3 on a split vote. I voted in favor of reducing the size of the Road Commission Board.

Because County Commissioners do not have the authority to remove Road Commissioners, the board will be reduced by not filling appointments in 2012 and 2013. We will have four Road Commissioners in 2012 and in 2013 the board will be officially reduced to three.

## **Is the Road Commission Needed**

The State Legislature is deliberating a Bill that will allow County Commissioners the authority to eliminate Road Commission Boards and to take over the responsibility of the Road Commission.

This is a bi-partisan Bill. I will provide you with an update if the legislation moves forward.

## **Free Computer Programming Training**

Microsoft Developer Network (MSDN) has a website called "channel 9" that offers many free online training courses.

One of the things I like about the site is that it offers a series of training courses targeted toward the absolute beginner as well as experience programmers.

The courses include topics on many of the most marketable skills including C# and Visual Basic .NET programming languages, and SQL database programming.

The courses also provide you with options to download free (limited) software development tools so you can work interactively.

I encourage you to view the website if you are interested in learning computer programming or databases.

The home page is: <http://channel9.msdn.com/>

Direct link to C# Training

<http://channel9.msdn.com/Series/C-Sharp-Fundamentals-Development-for-Absolute-Beginners>

Direct link to VB.NET Training

<http://channel9.msdn.com/Series/Visual-Basic-Development-for-Absolute-Beginners>

## **Extra Social Security Benefits for Veterans**

Veterans that served on active duty service from January 1957 to December 31, 2001 may qualify for a higher social security payment because of their military service, for active duty any time from 1957 through 2001.

The program provides up to \$1,200 per year of earnings credit credited at time of application. Be sure to check with the Social Security Office if you believe you qualify.

You can call toll free 1-877-512-5944, or visit the Social Security website <http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm> for additional information.

## Spotlight — Hydranencephaly Foundation

I received an email from Conrad Malloy with a question and noticed the signature line on the email.

**A child born with HYDRANENCEPHALY, is one of life's little miracles. They live, laugh & love ALL WITHOUT A BRAIN**  
— (Jeanene Headlee)

I responded to his question, and asked him about the signature line. Conrad informed me that hydranencephaly is a rare neurologic disorder in which the cortex, the upper most section of the brain is missing, and that his grandson Zion has this condition.

Conrad explained that he helped setup a non-profit with the a goal of educating the medical profession to give these children the same medical treatment other children receive.

I was touched by the love and devotion he has for his great grandson, and his passion to educate others.

It is people like Conrad that help make our community great. I appreciate his work and that he shared his experience. You may contact him if you have more questions. His email is [cmalloy38@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cmalloy38@sbcglobal.net)

If you wish to help you can donate locally. The Hydranencephaly Foundation is a tax deductible not for profit Foundation. Contributions may be sent to:

*HYDRANENCEPHALY FOUNDATION*

*506 Stone Ridge Drive, Lansing, MI 48917-2478*

## Puzzle Time — Inside the Shape of the car are many GM Brands

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Once again I want to thank the citizens for allowing me to represent you as your County Commissioner. I am truly humbled and honored to represent you.

This newsletter contains many updates that I hope you find helpful.

There are 3 millages up for reconsideration and the millage dates have been set. I will provide you with information about the millages and the ballot schedule.

The newsletter provides you with a brief update on the Michigan Avenue Extension from Creyts Road to Canal Road.

County Commissioners recently completed a 2 day long-range strategic planning session. This is just the beginning of our formalized planning. I will provide an update in this newsletter.

Finally, it is election season and door knocking will begin soon. If you do not want candidates knocking on your door to talk to you then I suggest placing a "NO SOLICITING" sign on your door. I have included one in this newsletter for your convenience. All you have to do is cut it out and tape it on your door.

## What's Happening in Delta Township

**Independence Day Fireworks** is on Tuesday, July 3rd at Sharp Park. A live concert by PowerLight (Motown) will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the amphitheater. Limited parking is available at the park. A concession stand will be open for purchasing refreshments or you may bring your own picnic lunch, grill, or cooler. A permit is required for alcoholic beverages and one can be obtained at the Parks and Recreation Department at no charge. Fireworks begin at 10:00 p.m.

**Touch-A-Truck** is a great event for kids to see, climb on, and learn about many different types of trucks. It is Saturday, August 11th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Sharp Park.

**FREE Concert at Sharp Park**—Bring your lawn chair or blanket as the Capital City Grove (Rock, POP, Motown) are scheduled to perform Tuesday, August 21st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## Strategic Planning

County Commissioners recently participated in 2 full days of strategic planning. The primary objective of the formalized planning session was to formulate a vision of where we want the County to be, ensure the County is fiscally strong even during hard times, and develop a plan to help us get there.

I am happy to report that all 15 Commissioners and representatives from county departments attended the planning sessions. The group demonstrated great teamwork in order to identify the many challenges we face.

We are working on the final document, but as you can image, it contains an in-depth list of issues. The topics include the budget, public safety, roads, drains, parks, economic development, senior services, as well as health and human services.

The plan is fluid. We will review and update it often. As your Commissioner, I seek your input. What is your vision of the County? What areas do you think we should focus on the most?

Feel free to call or email me with your input and I will share it with the County Board and leadership so we can review your suggestions.

## Strategic Planning—Committee Level

As the Chairperson of the Information Technology and Communications Committee I plan to take the strategic planning to the committee level. I have many ideas to help us operate more efficiently, save money, increase citizen involvement, and improve communication. I will keep you informed as we move forward.

## Parks Millage Request

The Park's Commission asked the Public Works and Planning Committee, which I am a member of, to approve a .5 mill increase to help maintain services and future expansion.

I am a past board member and a lifetime member of Woldumar Nature Center. I have a passion for

nature and our parks, but we must look at the whole picture.

Some asked the Public Works Committee to forward the request to the full Board, so the full Board could approve the request and let the citizens decide, but I believe that this approach shirks my responsibilities of representing you.

I walked door-to-door and met many of you and listened to your concerns. I hear those that are struggling to make ends meet and fighting to keep their home. Therefore, I am not voting to approve a ballot request for a non-essential tax increase, especially during hard economic times.

Most politicians list home foreclosures at the top when asked what are their primary concerns. We are not helping people keep their homes if we authorize a millage ballot request that ultimately increases property taxes and rent if approved.

The request to place this millage on the ballot failed in the Public Works Committee and the Parks Commission instead applied for a grant through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. The royalties in this fund are derived from the sale and lease of state-owned mineral rights and is intended for this purpose.

The County Board supported this application on the condition no that public funds were used, and any matching funds come from private sources.

## EATRAN Planning Changes

EATRAN is working on a plan to adjust routes so they can provide service to more people.

This plan involves offering direct routes from the large communities such as Delta Township, Grand Ledge, and Charlotte.

A separate plan is also being discussed for CATA to extend their service from the Lansing Mall to Market Place, where Wal-Mart and the other big box stores are located.

Both plans are in early the stages of development and are independent of each other.

## Upcoming Millage Renewals

There are three County Millages that will be on the August or November ballots this year. All three are for a continuation of services and there is no property tax increase if they pass.

Here is a list of the millages:

**911 Millage** is for .95 mills and is scheduled for the August primary election. The purpose is to provide continued funding for a comprehensive county-wide 911 service.

**Juvenile Justice Millage** is for .35 mills and is scheduled for the August primary election. The purpose is to provide continued funding for preventive and treatment programs for abused, neglected, delinquent, and at-risk Juveniles.

**EATRAN Millage** is for a .25 mills and is scheduled for the November general election. The purpose is to provide continuous support for the countywide bus transportation.

The millage vote is critical for EATRAN because they will run out of operating funding and cease operations if the millage fails. This is because EATRAN relies on State and Federal grant dollars and these grants require local matching funds. The millage is used for operations and meets the requirement for matching funds.

There is not enough time to place the millage back on the ballot if it fails, and the county budget, which has its own challenges, cannot afford the annual matching funds of approximately \$800,000.

## Michigan Avenue Update

The Michigan Avenue Extension from Creyts Road to Canal Road is underway.

The road commission has informed me that they expect the project to be completed by October.

Residents have complained about the large amount of dust so I have been working with Delta Township and the road commission to try to control it and keep the area clean as possible.

## Budget Process Begins

County Commissioners are working with the comptroller and other departments to create a sound balanced budget for the upcoming fiscal year of 2012-13.

I provided you an overview of the current year budget in the Volume 5, October 2011 newsletter and discussed the challenges of creating a balance budget without increasing taxes or cutting core services. This update is available on my website at [www.jim4c.com](http://www.jim4c.com) - click on the newsletter tab.

The budget challenges are even greater this year. Overall assessment amounts are estimated to drop by 3.41 percent this year. This is the fourth year in a row of declining assessment values, and that means less money for county operations.

## Campaign Season

There are many elections this year and the door knocking will likely be heavier than normal.

It my experience that most people appreciate candidates taking time to visit them to introduce themselves and discuss the issues, but others prefer not to be bothered.

Therefore, I included a "NO SOLITICTING" sign in this newsletter for those that prefer privacy.

If you tape the sign on your door I will not knock. If you want to see me, but not candidates, write "Except Jim O" on it.

## Looking for a Job or Someone to Hire

The State of Michigan created a Pure Michigan Job connection website designed to help people find a job, and employers to find people to hire, as well as providing training opportunities.

I encourage you to visit the website whether you are seeking a job or hiring at this time so you know this valuable resource is available.

The website is: <http://www.mitalent.org>

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(Including Politicians)

**Puzzle Time — Find the 10 Colors in the Word Search**

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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
RUTH JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF STATE  
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October 15, 2012

Jeanne Pearl-Wright  
531 Rapidan Drive  
Lansing, Michigan 48917

Dear Ms. Pearl-Wright:

The Department of State received a response to the complaint you filed against Jim Osieczonek, which concerns an alleged violation of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA), 1976 P.A. 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq.* A copy of the response is provided as an enclosure with this letter.

If you elect to file a rebuttal statement, you are required to send it within 10 business days of the date of this letter to the Bureau of Elections, Richard H. Austin Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 430 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48918.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori A. Bourbonais".

Lori A. Bourbonais  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Department of State

c: Jim Osieczonek



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316 N Creyts Road  
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October 8, 2012

Lori A. Bourbonais  
Bureau of Elections  
430 W. Allegan  
Lansing MI 48918

REF: Letter dated October 2, 2012 – Jeanne Pearl-Wright

Dear Bourbonais,

Contrary to the complaint and to the best of my knowledge all of my expenditures have been reported.

The complaint alleges that I did not report the following expenses:

1. Website
2. Newsletters

Item 1 - The website cost is listed under the 10/20/2008 Pre-election – General. The website runs through 2012.

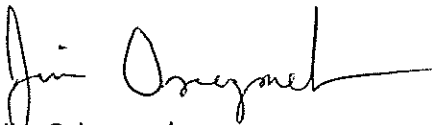
Item 2 – Printing, folding, and mailing of newsletters was contracted with Gladstone Printing and all are listed on the 09/12/2012 Post Primary Statements dated from 03/08/11 to 08/27/12.

These statements are online and available to the public.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Unless I hear otherwise, I will consider this matter closed.

Sincerely,



Jim Osieczonek  
517 896 5580

PS. I believe in handling issues at the lowest level. If Ms. Pearl-Wright has any further questions she is welcome and encouraged to contact me directly.



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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LANSING

October 26, 2012

Jim Osieczonek  
316 North Creyts Road  
Lansing, Michigan 48917

Dear Mr. Osieczonek:

This letter concerns the complaint that was recently filed against you by Jeanne Pearl-Wright, which relates to purported violations of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq.* The Department of State has received a rebuttal statement from the complainant, a copy of which is enclosed with this letter.

Section 15(10) of the MCFA, MCL 169.215(10), requires the Department to determine within 60 business days from the receipt of the rebuttal statement whether there is a reason to believe that a violation of the Act has occurred. Ms. Pearl-Wright's complaint remains under investigation at this time. At the conclusion of the review, all parties will receive written notice of the outcome of the complaint.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori A. Bourbonnais".

Lori A. Bourbonnais  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Department of State

c: Jeanne Pearl-Wright

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430 W. Allegan  
Lansing, MI 48918

REF: Letter dated October 15, 2012 – Campaign Finance Complaint against Jim Osieczonek

October 20, 2012

Dear Ms. Bourbonais,

Thank you for your timely delivery of the rebuttal letter sent by Jim Osieczonek regarding his campaign finance violations. I strongly believe that the information Mr. Osieczonek provided further clarifies how he did indeed violation the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA), 1976 P.A. 366, MCL 169.201 regarding his failures to report.

In regards to Mr. Osieczonek's response of "Item 1 – The website cost is listed under the 10/20/2008 Pre-election – General" it is important to note that per domain registrar whois search results the website in question ([www.Jim4C.com](http://www.Jim4C.com)) has the following domain registration data:

Domain Name: JIM4C.COM  
Registrar: REGISTER.COM, INC.  
Whois Server: whois.register.com  
Referral URL: <http://www.register.com>  
Name Server: NS1.DISCOUNTASP.NET  
Name Server: NS2.DISCOUNTASP.NET  
Status: clientTransferProhibited  
Updated Date: 26-sep-2012  
Creation Date: 08-jul-2006  
Expiration Date: 08-jul-2014

Please note the Creation Date listed as July 8, 2006 meaning that a domain registration and hosting fee would have been paid on that date in 2006 yet Mr. Osieczonek does not list any domain registration, web hosting fees, or website design expenses until the 2008 Pre-Election report and there is no additional filing of website expenditures after 2008. But we can tell by this domain whois that there has been activity in domain renewals given the "Updated Date" information. And with most domain registrations and hostings payment is typically monthly, yearly, or every other year. The only listing that can be found for this is in his 2008 Pre-Election report.

Turning to the matter of newsletters, by his own admission his campaign did spend significant dollars on newsletters beginning on 3/8/2011 and failed to adhere to campaign finance law in doing so. By all accords the expenses should have been filed in a 2011 Annual Report due in

January of 2012 after he exceeding the \$1,000 reporting waiver threshold. No filing was made by his campaign for that report. He likewise acknowledges by default that he failed to submit a Pre-Primary 2012 campaign finance report despite having expenses as late as 8/27/2012. Again, no Pre-Primary 2012 report was filed by his campaign despite exceeding the reporting waiver expenditure exemption. Further he acknowledges that he was six days delinquent in posting a Post-Primary 2012 campaign finance report by providing his filing date of 9/12/2012 when the report was due on 9/6/2012.

Using the data Mr. Osieczonek provides in his belated Post Primary 2012 report we find the following expenditures in 2011:

1. March 8, 2011 – a Newsletter via Gladstone Printing for \$559.15
2. May 9, 2011 – a Newsletter via Gladstone Printing for \$400.00
3. May 9, 2011 – a repeated Newsletter expenditure via Gladstone Printing for \$400.00
4. May 12, 2011 – a Newsletter via Gladstone Printing for \$170.93
5. July 18, 2011 – a Newsletter via Gladstone Printing for \$450.00
6. July 21, 2011 – a Newsletter via Gladstone Printing for \$520.72
7. September 2, 2011 – a Newsletter via Gladstone Printing for \$900.00
8. November 17, 2011 – a Newsletter via Gladstone Printing for \$1,052.66

By his own account then, Mr. Osieczonek's campaign reporting waiver (spend of under \$1,000) was exceeded by May of 2011. This would have required Mr. Osieczonek to report all of his contributions and expenditures in the 2011 Annual Report due at the end of January 2012. He failed to meet this requirement as he did not file that report.

Likewise, Mr. Osieczonek further offers that an additional \$1971.34 was paid on newsletters in the first half of 2012, yet he did not file a 2012 Pre-Primary Election campaign finance report.

Mr. Osieczonek advises in his rebuttal letter that "all are listed on the 9/12/2012 Post Primary Statements." Enclosed you will find print outs of that report with highlights for the newsletter expenses. In essence by making such a response he is actually clearly articulating that he failed to correctly file either the 2011 Annual Report, 2012 Pre-Primary report, and was six days late in filing his 2012 Post-Primary report.

Finally, while the expenditures are clearly over \$6,000 in total, Mr. Osieczonek's report gives no indication of who paid the expenses. The sole report he did file makes no mention of contributions, loans, or in-kind contributions to the campaign committee. Mr. Osieczonek is not publically disclosing the very information that is required by the Michigan Campaign Finance Act of 1976. Currently he is showing a negative balance for his candidate committee of more than \$8,000 and there is absolutely no indication of who made contributions to his campaign that allowed him to acquire over \$8,000 worth of goods and services. Even the single \$500 donation received on 8/15/2008 shown in his 2008 Pre-General Election report is improper as by date it should have been disclosed in the 2008 Pre-Primary report where he shows zero contributions.

With those specific details, I do hope that you will take further action investigating and making appropriate sanctions for his omissions of the following:

1. 2011 Annual Report – as his reporting waiver was exceeded in May, 2011
2. 2012 Pre-Primary Report – as his reporting waiver was exceeded in July, 2012
3. Six days late on filing a 2012 Post-Primary Report
4. Failure to report campaign loans or contributions (in-kind or otherwise) for expenditures of over \$6,000 in 2011 / 2012.
5. Showing a negative balance of \$8,299.84 on his latest campaign finance report

Additionally, given the erratic reporting of the website expense and delayed reporting of contribution in the 2006 and 2008 cycles, I would ask that further inquiry be made into his adherence to Michigan Campaign Finance law.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Enclosed please find a printed copy of his delayed 2012 Post-Primary report which has the evidence to back this complaint.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeanne Pearl-Wright". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and address.

Jeanne Pearl-Wright  
531 Rapidan Drive.  
Lansing, MI 48917



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CANDIDATE COMMITTEE  
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Report must be legible, typed or printed in ink and signed by the treasurer (or designated record keeper) and candidate.

3. This Statement covers From: <u>8 26 08</u> to <u>10 22 08</u> Mo Day Year Mo Day Year	
1. Committee I.D. Number <u>029265</u>	4. Candidate Last Name <u>OSIECZONEK</u> First Name <u>James</u> M.I. <u>R</u>
2. Committee Name <u>Citizens to elect Jim Osieczonek</u>	4a. Office Sought Including District # or Community Served (If applicable) <u>County Commissioner, #5</u>
	4b. County of Residence <u>EATON</u>
5. Committee's Mailing Address <u>316 N. Cleyts Rd</u> <u>Lansing MI 48917</u> Area Code and Phone <u>517 323 9714</u>	6. Treasurer's Name & Residential Address <u>Self</u> Area Code & Phone ( ) STATE of MICHIGAN, COUNTY of EATON <b>FILED</b>
If the address in this box is different from the committee mailing address on the Statement of Organization, mail may be sent to this address by the filing official.	
7. Treasurer's Business Address <u>Item 5</u> Area Code and Phone ( )	8. Designated Record keeper's Name and Mailing Address (If different from Designated Record keeper) <u>M. FRANCES FULLER</u> <u>EATON COUNTY CLERK</u> Area Code and Phone ( )
9. TYPE OF STATEMENT	
9a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-Election OR 9b. <input type="checkbox"/> Post-Election	
Pre-Election or Post-Election Statement relates to:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Convention <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Special <input type="checkbox"/> Caucus	
Date of Election, Convention or Caucus <u>11 4 - 08</u> Month Day Year	
9c. <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Statement ( ) Coverage Year)	
9d. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment to Campaign Statement (Complete Item 9a, 9b, 9c or 9e to indicate which Statement is being amended)	
9e. <input type="checkbox"/> Dissolution of Candidate Committee	
Effective Date of Dissolution Month Day Year	
By checking this item, I/We certify that the committee has no assets or outstanding debts, including late filing fees. Further, I/We request that if the dissolution cannot be granted, that this be considered a request for the Reporting Waiver.	
Note: The disposition of residual funds must be reported on Schedule 1B and the Summary Page.	
A committee that does not have a Reporting Waiver must file all required Campaign Statements. The Campaign Statements must include all applicable Schedules. Direct contributions, in-kind contributions, loans, expenditures, and outstanding debts count against the \$1,000 Reporting Waiver threshold. If any of the information listed in Items 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 has changed since the information was shown on the committee's Statement of Organization, an amendment to the Statement of Organization should accompany this Campaign Statement. If a request for a Reporting Waiver is not received on or before the filing deadline of a required campaign statement, that campaign statement cannot be waived.	
10. Verification: I/We certify that all reasonable diligence was used in the preparation of this statement and attached schedules (if any) and to the best of my/our knowledge and belief the contents are true, accurate and complete.	
Current Treasurer or Designated Record keeper <u>James Osieczonek</u> Type or Print Name	Signature <u>[Signature]</u> Date <u>10 23 08</u> Mo Day Year
Candidate <u>James Osieczonek</u> Type or Print Name	Signature <u>[Signature]</u> Date <u>10 23 08</u> Mo Day Year



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1. Committee I.D. Number

029265

2. Committee Name

CITIZENS to Elect  
Jim Osieczzonek

**SUMMARY PAGE  
CANDIDATE COMMITTEE**

RECEIPTS		Column I This Period	Column II Cumulative this election cycle
<b>3. Contributions</b>			
a. Itemized (Schedule 1A - Column 6)	(3a.) \$	500 —	
b. Unitemized (less than \$20.01 each - no Schedule)	(3b.) \$	NOT APPLICABLE	
c. Subtotal of "Contributions"	(3c.) \$	0	(18.) \$ 0
4. Other Receipts (Schedule 1A -1, Column 6)	(4.) \$	0	(19.) \$ 0
5. TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHER RECEIPTS (Add Line 3c + Line 4)	(5.) \$	500 —	(20.) \$ 500
<b>IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS &amp; EXPENDITURES</b>			
6. In-Kind Contributions (Schedule 1-K, Column 7)	(6.) \$	0	(21.) \$ 0
7. In-Kind Expenditures (Schedule 1B-1K, Column 6)	(7.) \$	0	(22.) \$ 0
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>8. Expenditures</b>			
a. Itemized (Schedule 1B, Column 6)	(8a.) \$	4,359.99	
b. Itemized Get-Out-the-Vote (Schedule 1B-G)	(8b.) \$		
c. Unitemized (less than \$50.01 each - no Schedule)	(8c.) \$		
9. TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Add Line 8a + Line 8b + Line 8c)	(9.) \$	4,359.99	(23.) \$ 4359.99
<b>INCIDENTAL EXPENSE DISBURSEMENTS (Officeholders Only)</b>			
10. Disbursements			
a. Itemized (Schedule 1C, Column 6)	(10a.) \$	0	
b. Unitemized (less than \$50.01 each - no Schedule)	(10b.) \$	0	
11. TOTAL INCIDENTAL EXPENSE DISBURSEMENTS (Add Line 10a + Line 10b)	(11.) \$	0	(24.) \$ 0
<b>DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS</b>			
<b>12. Debts and Obligations</b>			
a. Owed by the Committee (Schedule 1E)	(12a.) \$	0	
b. Owed to the Committee (Schedule 1E)	(12b.) \$		
<b>BALANCE STATEMENT</b>			
13. Ending Balance of last report filed (Enter zero if no previous reports have been filed.)	(13.) \$	0	
14. Amount received during reporting period (Line 5, Total Contributions & Other Receipts)	(14.) + \$	500	
15. SUBTOTAL Add lines 13 and 14	(15.) = \$	0	
16. Amount expended during reporting period (Add lines 9 and 11)	(16.) - \$	4359.99	
17. ENDING BALANCE (Subtract line 16 from line 15)	(17.)	(3,859.99)	

EXPENSES OF OVER \$4,000  
ONLY LISTED \$500.00 OF CONTRIBUTIONS  
- NO TRANSPARENCY ON HOW/WHO PAID  
OR CONTRIBUTED THE GOODS/SERVICES



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ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS  
SCHEDULE 1A  
CANDIDATE COMMITTEE

1. Committee I.D. Number

029265

2. Committee Name

Citizens to Elect Jim Osieczonik

Enter contributor's name and address. If contribution is from an individual, enter last name, first name, middle initial. Check box to indicate if contribution is from a Political Committee or an Independent Committee. (PAC) Report <u>all</u> contributions from committees regardless of amount.		6. Amount	7. Cumulative for Election Cycle for Each Contributor (Through date of receipt)
<p>3. Contribution #1 PAC Receipt? <input type="checkbox"/> YES 4. Date of Receipt <u>8/15/68</u></p> <p>Name: <u>Tim Tarry</u></p> <p>Address: <u>8479 W. GATON Hwy</u> <u>Gruntledge 48837</u></p> <p>5. If over \$100.00 cumulative, please provide:</p> <p>Occupation _____ Employer _____</p> <p>Business Address _____</p> <p>Type of Contribution: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Loan from a person <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser</p>		500—	500—
<p>3. Contribution #2 PAC Receipt? <input type="checkbox"/> YES 4. Date of Receipt _____</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>5. If over \$100.00 cumulative, please provide:</p> <p>Occupation _____ Employer _____</p> <p>Business Address _____</p> <p>Type of Contribution: <input type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Loan from a person <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser</p>			
<p>3. Contribution #3 PAC Receipt? <input type="checkbox"/> YES 4. Date of Receipt _____</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>5. If over \$100.00 cumulative, please provide:</p> <p>Occupation _____ Employer _____</p> <p>Business Address _____</p> <p>Type of Contribution: <input type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Loan from a person <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser</p>			
<p>3. Contribution #4 PAC Receipt? <input type="checkbox"/> YES 4. Date of Receipt _____</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>5. If over \$100.00 cumulative, please provide:</p> <p>Occupation _____ Employer _____</p> <p>Business Address _____</p> <p>Type of Contribution: <input type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Loan from a person <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser</p>			
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**ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES  
SCHEDULE 1B  
CANDIDATE COMMITTEE**

1. Committee I. D. Number

029265

2. Committee Name

Citizens to Elect Jim Osieczonok

3. Name and address of person or vendor to whom paid	4. Purpose (Describe specific purpose and you may assign an Expenditure Code)	5. Date	6. Amount
Expenditure #1 Name Veith Consulting Address 11973 Sweetwater Dr. A3 Grand Ledge MI 48839 <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser	Purpose: WEBSITE <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous statement	8/7 08	100.00
Expenditure #2 Name Skinner Advertising Address 4108 Old Lansing Rd Lansing MI 48901 <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser	Purpose: Signs & magnets <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous statement	10/7 08	650.67
Expenditure #3 Name Gladstone Printing Address 517 S. Waverly Lansing MI 48917 <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser	Purpose: Printing material to handout / mail <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous statement	9/11 08	1087.56
Expenditure #4 Name See item #3 Address <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser	Purpose: Sealing & Mailing <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous statement	9/29	532.19
Expenditure #5 Name See item #3 Address <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser	Purpose: Cards to handout <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous statement	10/17	255.46

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Grand Total of all Schedules 1B  
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2,625.88

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SCHEDULE 1B  
CANDIDATE COMMITTEE**

1. Committee I. D. Number

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Citizens to Elect Jim Osieczonuk

3. Name and address of person or vendor to whom paid	4. Purpose (Describe specific purpose and you may assign an Expenditure Code)	5. Date	6. Amount
Expenditure #1 Name Gladstone Printing Address 517 S. Waverly Rd Lansing MI 48917 <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser	Purpose: Printing & mailing letters and cards. <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous statement	10/21 08	839.63
Expenditure #2 Name Grand Lodge Independent Address 239 S. Cochran Charlotte MI 48913 <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser	Purpose: News paper Advertisement <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous statement	10/10 08	894.48
Expenditure #3 Name Address <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser	Purpose: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous statement		
Expenditure #4 Name Address <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser	Purpose: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous statement		
Expenditure #5 Name Address <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser	Purpose: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous statement		

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1734.11

4359.99

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1. Committee I.D. Number <b>29265</b>		3. This Statement covers From: <b>03/08/11</b> to <b>08/27/12</b>	
2. Committee Name <b>Citizens to Elect Jim Osieczonek</b>		4. Candidate Last Name <b>Osieczonek</b> First Name <b>James</b> M.I. <b>R</b> 4a. Office Sought Including District # or Community Served (If applicable) <b>Eaton County Commissioner 05</b> 4b. County of Residence <b>Eaton</b>	
5. Committee's Mailing Address <b>James Osieczonek</b> <b>316 N Creyts Road</b> <b>Lansing MI 48917</b>  Area Code and Phone <b>(517) 896-5580</b> <small>If the address in this box is different from the committee mailing address on the Statement of Organization, mail may be sent to this address by the filing official.</small>		6. Treasurer's Name & Residential Address <b>James Osieczonek</b> <b>316 N Creyts Road</b> <b>Lansing MI 48917</b>  Area Code & Phone _____  <b>STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY of EATON</b> <b>FILED</b> <b>SEP 12 2012</b> <b>M. FRANCES FULLER</b> <b>EATON COUNTY CLERK</b>	
7. Treasurer's Business Address <b>316 N Creyts Road</b> <b>Lansing MI 48917</b>  Area Code and Phone _____		8. Designated Record keeper's Name and Mailing Address (If the committee has a Designated Record keeper) <b>N/A</b>  Area Code and Phone _____	
<b>9. TYPE OF STATEMENT</b> 9a. <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Election OR 9b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post-Election  Pre-Election or Post-Election Statement relates to:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Convention <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Special <input type="checkbox"/> Caucus  Date of Election, Convention or Caucus <b>08/07/12</b>			
9c. <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Statement ( _____ Coverage Year) 9d. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment to Campaign Statement (Complete Item 9a, 9b, 9c or 9e to indicate which Statement is being amended) 9e. <input type="checkbox"/> Dissolution of Candidate Committee  Effective Date of Dissolution _____  By checking this item, I/We certify that the committee has no assets or outstanding debts, including late filing fees. Further, I/We request that if the dissolution cannot be granted, that this be considered a request for the Reporting Waiver. Note: The disposition of residual funds must be reported on Schedule 1B and the Summary Page.			
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10. Verification: I/We certify that all reasonable diligence was used in the preparation of this statement and attached schedules (if any) and to the best of my/our knowledge and belief the contents are true, accurate and complete.			
Current Treasurer or Designated Record keeper <b>James Osieczonek,</b> Type or Print Name		Signature _____ Date <b>09/06/2012</b>	
Candidate <b>James Osieczonek</b> Type or Print Name		Signature _____ Date <b>09/06/2012</b>	



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1. Committee I.D. Number 29265

**SUMMARY PAGE  
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2. Committee Name Citizens to Elect Jim Osieczonek

RECEIPTS		Column I This Period	Column II Cumulative this election cycle
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a. Itemized (Schedule 1A - Column 6)	(3a.) \$		(18.) \$
b. Unitemized (less than \$20.01 each - no Schedule)	(3b.) \$	NOT APPLICABLE	
c. Subtotal of "Contributions"	(3c.) \$		
<b>4. Other Receipts (Schedule 1A -1, Column 6)</b>			
(4.) \$			(19.) \$
<b>5. TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHER RECEIPTS</b> (Add Line 3c + Line 4)			
(5.) \$			(20.) \$
<b>IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS &amp; EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>6. In-Kind Contributions (Schedule 1-IK, Column 7)</b>			
(6.) \$		579.18	(21.) \$
<b>7. In-Kind Expenditures (Schedule 1B-IK, Column 6)</b>			
(7.) \$			(22.) \$
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>8. Expenditures</b>			
a. Itemized (Schedule 1B, Column 6)	(8a.) \$	6,424.80	
b. Itemized Get-Out-the-Vote (Schedule 1B-G)	(8b.) \$		
c. Unitemized (less than \$50.01 each - no Schedule)	(8c.) \$		
<b>9. TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Add Line 8a + Line 8b + Line 8c)</b>			
(9.) \$		6,424.80	(23.) \$
<b>INCIDENTAL EXPENSE DISBURSEMENTS</b> (Officeholders Only)			
<b>10. Disbursements</b>			
a. Itemized (Schedule 1C, Column 6)	(10a.) \$		
b. Unitemized (less than \$50.01 each - no Schedule)	(10b.) \$		
<b>11. TOTAL INCIDENTAL EXPENSE DISBURSEMENTS</b> (Add Line 10a + Line 10b)			
(11.) \$			(24.) \$
<b>DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS</b>			
<b>12. Debts and Obligations</b>			
a. Owed by the Committee (Schedule 1E)	(12a.) \$		
b. Owed to the Committee (Schedule 1E)	(12b.) \$		
<b>BALANCE STATEMENT</b>			
<b>13. Ending Balance of last report filed</b> (Enter zero if no previous reports have been filed.)			
(13.) \$		-1,875.04	
<b>14. Amount received during reporting period</b> (Line 5, Total Contributions & Other Receipts)			
(14.) + \$		0.00	
(15.) = \$		-1,875.04	
<b>15. SUBTOTAL Add lines 13 and 14</b>			
<b>16. Amount expended during reporting period</b> (Add lines 9 and 11)			
(16.) - \$		6,424.80	
<b>17. ENDING BALANCE</b> (Subtract line 16 from line 15)			
(17.) \$		-8,299.84	



ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES  
SCHEDULE 1B  
CANDIDATE COMMITTEE

1. Committee I. D. Number 29265  
2. Committee Name Citizens to Elect Jim Osieczonek

3. Name and address of person or vendor to whom paid	4. Purpose (Required Information)	5. Date	6. Amount
Expenditure #1 Name Gladstone Printing Address 517 S. Waverly Road Lansing MI 48917 <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser	Purpose: <u>Newsletter</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous statement	<u>03/08/11</u> Date	\$ <u>559.15</u>
Expenditure #2 Name Gladstone Printing Address 517 S. Waverly Road Lansing MI 48917 <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser	Purpose: <u>Newsletter</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous statement	<u>05/09/11</u> Date	\$ <u>400.00</u>
Expenditure #3 Name Gladstone Printing Address 517 S. Waverly Road Lansing MI 48917 <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser	Purpose: <u>Newsletter</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous statement	<u>05/09/11</u> Date	\$ <u>400</u>
Expenditure #4 Name Gladstone Printing Address 517 S. Waverly Road Lansing MI 48917 <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser	Purpose: <u>Newsletter</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous statement	<u>05/12/11</u> Date	\$ <u>170.93</u>
Expenditure #5 Name Gladstone Printing Address 517 S. Waverly Road Lansing MI 48917 <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser	Purpose: <u>Newsletter</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous statement	<u>07/18/11</u> Date	\$ <u>450.00</u>

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Grand Total of all Schedules 1B  
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1. Committee I. D. Number 29265  
2. Committee Name Citizens to Elect Jim Osieczonek

3. Name and address of person or vendor to whom paid	4. Purpose (Required Information)	5. Date	6. Amount
<b>Expenditure #1</b> Name <u>Gladstone Printing</u> Address <u>517 S. Waverly Road</u> <u>Lansing MI 48917</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser	Purpose: <u>Newsletter</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous statement	<u>07/21/11</u> Date	<u>\$ 520.72</u> Click Here for Memo Itemization Type
<b>Expenditure #2</b> Name <u>Gladstone Printing</u> Address <u>517 S. Waverly Road</u> <u>Lansing MI 48917</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser	Purpose: <u>Newsletter</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if this expenditure is payment of debt or obligation reported on previous statement	<u>09/02/11</u> Date	<u>\$ 900.00</u> Click Here for Memo Itemization Type
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Jim Osieczonek  
316 N Creyts Road  
Lansing MI 48917  
October 30, 2012

Lori A. Bourbonais  
Bureau of Elections  
430 W. Allegan  
Lansing MI 48918

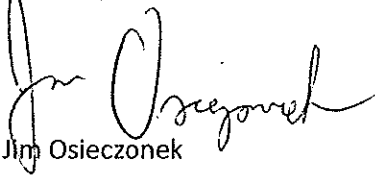
REF: Letter dated October 26, 2012 – Jeanne Pearl-Wright

Dear Bourbonais,

Since Ms. Pearl-Wright has introduced new items in her complaint, I am requesting 15 business days to reply to these allegations as was given with the original complaint. Please wait for my response before making any final determination.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,



Jim Osieczonek  
517 896 5580

BUREAU OF ELECTIONS  
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NOV 16 10:59

Jim Osieczonek  
316 N Creyts Road  
Lansing MI 48917  
November 13, 2012

Lori A. Bourbonais  
Bureau of Elections  
430 W. Allegan  
Lansing MI 48918

REF: Letter dated October 26, 2012 – Jeanne Pearl-Wright

Dear Ms. Bourbonais,

Ms. Pearl-Wright has introduced new allegations in her follow-up complaint. Out of respect for all parties and to properly manage this complaint, I am requesting that your office freeze this complaint and limit it to the items currently submitted.

My response to the original complaint by former County Commissioner Pearl-Wright adequately addressed the following allegations:

1. The August 7 2012 Post Primary dated 03/08/11 to 08/27/12 was filed and is online.
2. The Newsletters are accounted for in the August 7 2012 Post Primary.
3. The website is listed under the 10/20/2008 Pre-election – General

However, Ms. Pearl-Wright is also questioning the domain registration cost related to item 3. The domain name was registered 9/15/2006 for multiple years and is listed on my 2006 Pre General Election form. The highlighted date (26-Sep-2012) on the printout is the date that I changed the domain network settings (DNS) to point to my new website that is hosted by Discount ASP and has nothing to do with payment. It is a simple account update similar to updating one's address. The new website hosting company is listed on my 2012 Pre General and is now online.

All campaign contributions are listed on my reports. All expenses made in excess of the contributions were made by me. If my expenditures should be listed on the forms a contribution or loan then I can amend the statements.

Initially, I did not believe I would spend or receive more than \$1,000 for my 2008 and 2010 campaigns, but it soon became apparent that I would so I submitted a modification. However, now that I review the statements, it appears that I did the opposite. In other words, I thought I requested the waiver on the original campaign registration when I did not and I later submitted an amended statement which inadvertently stated I am requesting a waiver. This is a simple administrative mistake and can be easily fixed with an amended form.



What is most important is that all expenses and donations to my campaign are listed. Again, the expenditures beyond donations were paid for by me.

Contrary to the complaint, the newsletters, website, web-hosting and other expenses are listed on my reports and each individual or PAC contribution is listed as well. I am happy to work with your office to Cross the T's and Dot I's to ensure the statements meet expectations.

I wish to restate my point in the prior letter that I believe in handling issues at the lowest level. As a former county commissioner Ms. Wright should know frivolous complaints are costly and exhaust valuable government resources. While she states on her LinkedIn account she is a "problem solver" and "bridge builder" her actions do not support these claims.

I believe Ms. Pearl-Wright's motive for making this a big issue is to use your office and the press to make this a campaign issue.

Ms. Pearl-Wright contacted Mr. Alan Miller, a reporter from the Lansing State Journal, and provided him with details of the complaint. Mr. Miller contacted me prior to your office contacting me and that is how I first learned about the complaint. Mr. Miller quickly determined there was no story here.

Additionally, Ms. Pearl-Wright in a desperate attempt to win her seat back mailed negative literature that attacked me with numerous false claims under the heading of "Failures of Jim Osieczonek" and the first one on the list is "Faces investigation for campaign Finance Reporting violations." I have included a portion of this postcard that shows this.

I am confident your office will recognize this as a politically charged complaint and take this into consideration whenever Ms. Pearl-Wright submits a complaint of any nature.

I look forward to working with your office to correct any discrepancies.

As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Osieczonek", with a stylized, cursive script.

James Osieczonek

Eaton County Commissioner, District 5  
517 896 5580

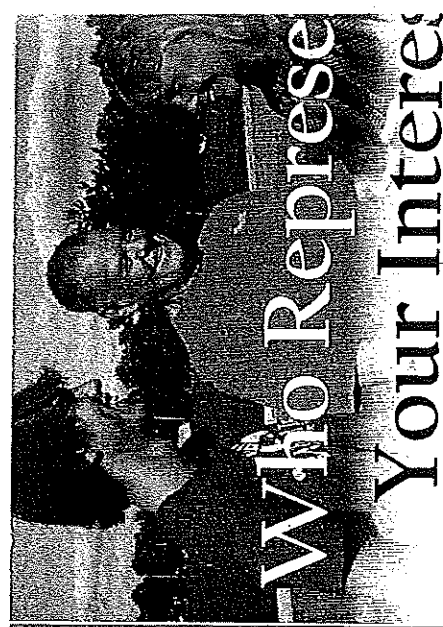
Enclosure: Ms. Pearl-Wright negative flyer

## ***Accomplishments Delivered by Jeanne Pearl-Wright***

- ☒ Balanced six county budgets without raising county taxes.
- ☒ Removed Lifetime Health benefits for politically appointed Road Commissioners in place since 1978.
- ☒ Passed Juvenile Justice millage to protect prevention funding.
- ☒ Kept residents informed with routine newsletters and evening office hours at Delta Township Hall.
- ☒ Expanded Eaton County Medical Care Facility to save 42 Medicare/Medicaid beds within the county.
- ☒ Created Eaton County Dental Clinic public/private partnership to help those without dental insurance.
- ☒ Reduced county costs by merging departments, closing vacant positions and reducing staff positions.
- ☒ Instituted Time of Sale and Transfer (TOST) to protect our groundwater.
- ☒ Created the Prescription & Over the Counter drug take back program.
- ☒ Approved funding for counseling for children of Domestic Violence.
- ☒ Funded the Truancy Intervention Program (TIP) per our judges wishes to keep our children ages 8 – 15 in school and learning.
- ☒ Supported county funding of the Tri-County Office on Aging to support senior programs and services.
- ☒ Returned Veteran's Services to Eaton County.

## ***Failures of Jim Osieczonek***

- ☒ Faces investigation for campaign finance reporting violations.
- ☒ Diverted voter prevention program to juvenile justice millage dollars to county operating fund to cover county's obligation for foster care payments.
- ☒ Questionably approved a Parks director without publicly posting the vacancy.
- ☒ Promised bi-monthly newsletters and coffee hours but failed to deliver both.
- ☒ Reduced representation on Road Commission.
- ☒ Allowed Eclair's operating funding to expire (2nd time ever) while also serving on the Eclair board.
- ☒ Failed to represent interests of Delta Township residents on Michigan Avenue expansion.



# Who Represents Your Interests

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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
LANSING

January 25, 2013

Jim Osieczonek  
316 North Creyts Road  
Lansing, Michigan 48917

Dear Mr. Osieczonek:

The Department of State (Department) has completed its initial investigation of a complaint filed against you by Jeanne Pearl-Wright, which alleged that you violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq.* This letter concerns the disposition of Ms. Pearl-Wright's complaint.

The MCFA requires a committee that receives or expends more than \$1,000.00 during any reporting period to file periodic campaign finance reports in compliance with the Act. MCL 169.233(6). The failure to file a single campaign statement may trigger the assessment of late filing fees, while the failure to file two or more campaign statements is a misdemeanor offense. MCL 169.233(7)-(8).

The Act also requires the Department to "endeavor to correct the violation or prevent a further violation by using informal methods[.]" if it finds that "there may be reason to believe that a violation ... has occurred[.]" MCL 169.215(10). The objective of an informal resolution is "to correct the violation or prevent a further violation[.]" *Id.* If the Department is unable to correct or prevent additional violations, it may convene an administrative hearing or ask the Attorney General to prosecute if a crime has been committed. *Id.*

The complaint was filed by Ms. Pearl-Wright on September 25, 2012. You filed a written response on October 11, 2012, and Ms. Pearl-Wright filed a rebuttal statement on October 25, 2012. You provided additional information to the Department on November 15, 2012 and received guidance from the Department on January 23, 2013 regarding your committee and your filed statements.

Ms. Pearl-Wright alleged that you failed to file your 2011 Annual campaign finance statement, your 2012 pre-election primary campaign finance statement, and your 2012 post-election primary campaign finance statement. Ms. Pearl-Wright further alleged that you failed to report funds used to maintain a website and to produce and distribute newsletters. In support of her complaint, Ms. Pearl-Wright provided newsletters, a screen shot of a website, and copies of newsletters printed from a website.

In response, you stated that the website cost is listed on your October 28, 2008 pre-election general campaign finance statement and that your costs for newsletters from March 8, 2011 through August 27, 2012 are listed on your September 12, 2012 post-election primary statement.

After reviewing your filed campaign finance statements, the Department contacted the Eaton County Clerk on January 15, 2013. The Eaton County Clerk is the appropriate filing official for your statements. MCL 169.236(6).

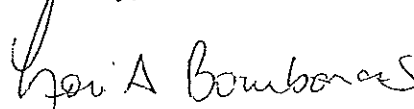
After carefully reviewing all of the evidence provided by both parties, conferring with the Eaton County Clerk, and reviewing your filed statements, the Department finds that the evidence supports a reason to believe that a violation of the MCFA has occurred. The Department is advising that you owe an Annual 2011 campaign finance statement and a 2012 pre-election primary campaign finance statement. Additionally, the Department notes that you have met with a campaign finance specialist in the Department to correct any errors in reporting that may have occurred in statements that have already been filed.

The Act requires the Department to use informal methods correct the violations or prevent further violations. MCL 169.215(10). At this time, the Department is engaging in this informal process and you are endeavoring to correct the violations. You have advised the Department that you expect to file the outstanding reports and make any amendments necessary by January 30, 2013.

The Department notes that a late-filing fee may be assessed by the Eaton County Clerk for any statement that is not timely filed. MCL 169.233(7). Late-filing fees are assessed and collected by the filing official with whom the statements are filed. MCL 169.217(1). Any questions regarding these late-filing fees should be directed to the Eaton County Clerk.

Once the Department reviews your outstanding statements and any amendments necessary, the Department will determine whether proper disclosure has been made and the violations corrected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lori A. Bourbonais". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lori" being more prominent.

Lori A. Bourbonais  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Department of State

c: Jeanne Pearl-Wright