The Benefits of County Tax Dollars

Where they come from, where they go, and who uses `em

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County Services

- Mandated
  - 17th Circuit & Probate Court
  - County Prosecutor
  - Friend of the Court
  - 63rd District Court
  - Sheriff’s Department
  - County Clerk/Clerk of the Court
  - County Treasurer
  - Bureau of Equalization
  - Drain Commissioner
  - DHS
  - Health Department
  - Medical Examiner
  - Soldier & Sailor's Relief

- Discretionary
  - John Ball Zoological Gardens
  - Cooperative Extension
  - Parks
  - Community Development/Housing Commission
  - Economic Development
  - Property Description & Mapping
  - Enhanced Services
    - Jail beds for ordinance violators
    - Road Patrol Services
General Property Tax Levy

- General Property Tax Levy = $72,118,005
  - Less than ½ of 1% of total taxable value (.0042803 or 4.2803 mills)
  - Excludes $6.2 million captured by DDA and other TIFA

- General Property Tax Levy supports 57.8% of General Fund
General Fund Expenditures

- **Functional Areas**
  - Judicial: 21%
  - Cultural & Rec.: 4%
  - Health & Welfare: 3%
  - Other: 1%
  - Gen. Gov't: 28%
  - Public Safety: 43%

- **Total GF = $120,660,607**
General Fund Expenditures Cont..

- Additional $31.8 million “Transferred Out”
  - Child Care Fund (DHS & 17th CC) – $15.1 million
  - Health Department – $9.4 million
  - Friend of the Court – $2.1 million
  - Parks – $3.2 million
  - Other programs (Fire Commission, DHS Social Welfare, & Special Projects) – $2 million
2005 General Fund Expenditures & Transfers Out

- General Gov't: 23%
- Cultural & Rec: 3%
- Health & Welfare: 1%
- Other: 2%
- Transfers Out: 18%
- Public Safety: 36%
- Judicial: 17%
62% of the population resides within the “Core-Six”
2005 Total Taxable Value Dist.

- Grand Rapids: 23%
- Twps & Villages: 46%
- Wyoming: 11%
- East GR: 2%
- Kentwood: 10%
- Grandville: 3%
- Walker: 5%
General Fund Expenditures

- Public Safety: 43%
- Judicial: 21%
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- Gen. Gov't: 28%
- Health & Welfare: 3%
- Other: 1%
General Government

28% of General Fund = $34.1 Million

- Facilities: 39%
- IT: 17%
- Fiscal: 10%
- Clerk: 5%
- Drain: 2%
- Treas.: 4%
- BoE: 5%
- Policy & Admin: 12%
- HR: 6%
Public Safety
43% of General Fund

- Corrections
  - $32.7 million
- Admin & Road Patrol
  - $14.4 million
- Dispatch, Emergency Mgmt, Parks, Marine, Enhanced Twp Enforcement
  - $5.6 million
Corrections
$32.7 million or 62% of Sheriff’s Dept Budget

**Arrests by Agency**
- "Core-Six": 63%
- Sheriff: 21%
- All Others: 16%

**Arrests by Home Address**
- "Core-Six": 66%
- Rural: 18%
- All Others: 16%
**Corrections Continued**

- **County Provides Access**
  - Actual Cost
    - $81/Day/Inmate
  - Per-Diem Fee $52.97
    - Supplemented by C & D Millage
  - 11% of inmates have at least one ordinance violation = 120 jail beds/day

**Correctional Facilities Revenues**

- General Fund 45%
- C & D Millage 37%
- Other Fees 11%
- Per Diem 7%

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Road Patrol
$17.4 million or 27% of Sheriff’s Dept. Budget

- Provides seamless enforcement
- Enhanced Services
  - Twps Pay Salary & Benefits
  - County outfits Deputy
    - Uniform
    - Gun/vest/baton, etc.
    - Patrol Car/Maintenance
    - Administration

Road Patrol and Township Law

- Twp. 17%
- County 83%
Judicial

21% of General Fund

- CC and Probate Ct. provide mandated services to all Kent County Residents.
- 63rd provides mandated services for Rural Residents & EGR.
Judicial
21% of General Fund

Probate
Prosecutor
FOC

Core Six  Twps  All Others
Cultural and Recreation
4% of General Fund

- Services
  - MSU Extension
  - Kent County Parks
  - John Ball Zoological Garden

- Supplemented by User Fees, memberships, & passes.

![Bar chart showing MSU Ext. Park Reservations, Park Reservations, Zoo Visitors with categories "Core-Six" and "All Others".]
Health & Welfare

3% of General Fund & $29.2 million “Transfers Out”

- Major Public Health Services
  - Immunizations
  - Maternal Infant Services
  - STI

![Bar chart showing expenditures for Maternal Immunizations and STI's with categories "Core-Six" and "All Others".]
Health & Welfare Continued

Environmental Health

Well Permits  Septic Permits  W & S Insp.

Food Service Activities

"Core-Six"  Others

All Others  32%

"Core-Six"  68%

"Core-Six"  All others
Public Safety

Arresting Agency

Offender Home Address

"Core-Six" Twps Others
Users of County Services

Arresting Agency
Offender Home Address
Victims rep. by Prosecutor
Probate Court Cases
Friend of the Court
Cooperative Ext.
Zoo Educ. Prog
Zoo Attendance
Maternal Infant Serv
Immunizations
STD
Well Permit Apps
Septic Permit Apps
Well & Septic Insp.
Food Service

Core-Six
Twps & Villages
Conclusions

- County services are primarily mandated by Statute.

- Residents of the “Core-Six” are the majority users of County services but **ALL** County residents benefit from base-level service
  - Enhanced Quality of Life
  - Economies of Scale
  - Risk Sharing
Conclusions Cont...

- Senior Millage & Corrections & Detention Millage
  - Without renewal County could reduce services

- Collaboration & Consolidation
  - Amend: Urban Cooperation Act & Intergovernmental Transfers of Function Responsibilities
Final Thoughts...

Economic and social health of a community and its quality of life depend on a healthy urban core and healthy suburban and rural neighbors.