



Animal Control Director: Heather Belknap



Ms. Belknap has been working with animals for almost 20 years, first as a veterinary tech, then as an animal control officer, both in Florida. She started working at Antrim County in 2019 and was appointed Animal Control Director in 2022.

“I like to research ways that we can improve,” Ms. Belknap said. She has already started a volunteer program for people who can help with the animals, and is working on many more improvements.

“Working with Animal Control is so rewarding and I love my job!” Ms. Belknap can be reached at 231-533-6421 or animalcontrol@antrimcounty.org.

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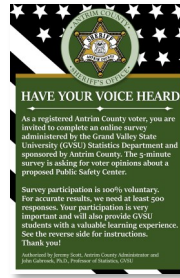
We are seeking Interest Notification Forms for positions on a number of boards, commissions, and committees. These include the Commission on Aging Advisory Board, the Construction Code Board of Appeals, and many more.

More information can be found through the County’s home page (www.antrimcounty.org). Completed forms must be received before October 31.

County Building Exterior Renovations: October 2023 Update

Demolition of the exterior panels, which had been showing signs of severe wear, is fully complete. “With the panels removed, the immediate concerns over safety have been dealt with,” said Jeremy Scott, Antrim County Administrator. “We are thankful for the patience of both the public and staff as the exterior is reconstructed.” The project remains on track for completion in early 2024.

Public Safety Center: Survey in Progress



The survey postcards were mailed in late September. If you received a postcard and haven’t yet responded, please do so! GVSU will tally the results soon. Results will be made available to the public.

While we wait for the survey results, we are adding to our list of FAQs about the proposed Public Safety Center. This list is available on the County website under the “How Do I” at the top menu. The FAQ page also has a link to an Up North Live video tour of the existing jail.

How will a Public Safety Center help the community?

A key element of the proposed design is a mental health unit. The unit would have a safe and secure space for up to four individuals who can then access existing programs such as Stepping Up, CMH, etc. Other benefits include:

- Training room space for local fire departments and EMS units.
- Increased and simplified access to the Sheriff’s Office and deputies.
- Bringing all of County law enforcement under one roof would increase staff efficiency and improve communications, which can lead to increased safety for the entire County.



Renovated County Building Rendering: View from Cayuga St.