# Antim County BULLETIN



#### Antrim County Sheriff: Kevin Hoch



On Sept. 8, Sheriff Kevin Hoch took office upon the retirement of Sheriff Dan Bean.

An employee of the Sheriff's Office since 1996, Sheriff Hoch has served as a corrections officer, road patrol officer, detective, road patrol sergeant, administrative sergeant, and undersheriff. Prior to Antrim Co.,

Sheriff Hoch worked in law enforcement with the Village of Mancelona and with Grand Traverse Co. as a marine deputy.

Per state statute, an interim Sheriff is appointed by a committee of the Probate Judge, Prosecuting Attorney, and County Clerk to complete a departing sheriff's term.

"This is a great county to work in," Sheriff Hoch said, adding that he is grateful for all the help and support he's received since taking office.

## Antrim County Undersheriff: George Lasater



Undersheriff George Lasater brings more than 30 years of law enforcement experience to Antrim County. Most recently East Jordan's Police Chief, the Undersheriff has worked for Charlevoix Co. as a bailiff, a corrections officer, and as an administrative lieutenant.

Undersheriff Lasater was also once a road deputy with the Antrim County

marine deputy and a road deputy with the Antrim County Sheriff's Office. "It's good to be back," the Undersheriff said.

#### Public Safety Center: Survey Postcards Are Being Mailed

GVSU is mailing survey postcards the last week of September. The survey's intent is to determine support for the public funding of a new Public Safety Center.

Once the results of the **voluntary and anonymous** survey have been reviewed,
the next forward step would be for the
County to start proceedings to finalize the
vacation of Grove Street, a months-long legal process.



Meanwhile, we're adding more FAQs to the <u>County's</u> website. One of our most commonly asked questions is:

Q: The current inmate count is around 20 a day. Why do we need 56 inmate beds in the proposed Public Safety Center?

A: County jails are required to separate inmates into over 16 populations, e.g. violent/non-violent, adult/juvenile, male/female. The design of the proposed Center would bring us into compliance with state and federal segregation requirements and would provide flexibility for holding different types of inmates. A flexible building design is critical for a building with a lifespan of at least 50 years.



### MyID Bracelets: For Seniors & Others

MyID allows people to create medical profiles that are linked to a bracelet or other types of devices. Anyone with a smart phone can find contact info for the bracelet-wearer by scanning the

QR code on its back. For more information, call the COA at 231-533-8703 and ask about "Miles for Memories."

#### **County Building Exterior Renovations: September 2023 Update**

Concrete panels have been removed, framing and insulation installed, and entrances shifted. Check out the Antrim County Facebook page for photos—and for the most up-to-date information about entrance changes.

The project is running on schedule, with an expected completion date of early 2024. Funding for this safety-oriented project is primarily though the Federal ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) grant awards.



Rendering of Renovated County Building from Hickory Lane