



Devon Doucette: Patrol Division Sergeant



Sergeant Devon Doucette is a Bellaire High School and NMC graduate. In 2015, he started part time at the Sheriff’s Office in the Recreation Division and went full time with the Road Patrol in 2018 after completing the Police Academy.

Sgt. Doucette supervises the Sheriff’s Road Division. In addition, he works to improve daily functions of the Sheriff’s Office by assisting administration. Sgt. Doucette works directly with men and women on the road, and said he enjoys “being in a position where I get to work and assist on both ends of the field.”

MSUE & Master Gardeners: Native Plants at the County Building

During the renovations of the County Building, staff at the Antrim County Michigan State University Extension office brought forward the idea of creating native plant gardens.

This idea was welcomed, and in short order, a volunteer landscape architect drafted a plan. On June 24, numerous volunteer Master Gardeners assisted with planting, spreading mulch, and watering. Many thanks to all!



Grand Traverse County: Local Impact of Ransomware Attack

On June 12, a ransomware attack hit Grand Traverse County, interrupting services and shutting down court proceedings. There has been no impact to Antrim County’s computer systems. However, since Antrim County shares the 13th Circuit Court and the 86th District Court with Grand Traverse County, some court business in our county has slowed.

Proposed Public Safety Center (PSC): Another Step Taken

On June 20, the Board of Commissioners took an action that had been many years in the making: approving ballot language regarding construction of a Public Safety Center (PSC). If voters approve the bond proposal at the polls on November 5, construction should begin in late 2025 or early 2026, with a move-in date 12-18 months later.

The preparation of many informational outreach materials is underway. Entering tinyurl.com/AntrimPSC into a web browser will bring you to the County’s official PSC webpage, which already includes PSC information.

Informational presentations are expected to start in early August. Contact us at countyadmin@antrimcountymi.gov or 231-533-6265 if your group would like a PSC presentation.

Demolition Coming Soon: 110 Grove Street

The preliminary stages of demolishing the building at 110 Grove, aka “The Annex,” have been completed. The building itself will be removed after DTE disconnects the gas line. That date is currently unknown.

County Building Open House

After almost a year of safety-oriented renovations, the public was invited to attend a June 20 open house of the Antrim County Building.

County Administrator Jeremy Scott gave short remarks, Followed by a flag-raising and a ribbon cutting ceremony with the Board of Commissioners (see photo below).



L to R: Commissioner Bill Hefferan, Comm. Jason Helwig, Board Chair Terry VanAlstine, and Comm. Dawn LaVanway
(Not pictured: Comm. Jarris Rubingh)

The Commission on Aging provided light snacks, and over fifty people took advantage of the jail tours offered by the corrections staff of the Sheriff’s Office.

Project construction began in July 2023 and is finishing under budget. Funding was primarily through the Federal ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) grant.