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News from the County Commissioners (Gail Patterson-Gladney, Kurt Doroh, Richard Godfrey, Mike Chappell, Randall Peat, Donald Hanson, Paul Schincariol)

Sheriff's Department: Commissioners approved the purchase of **Tru-Narc** for use by the Sheriff's Narcotics Team. This device will allow deputies to safely detect narcotics without physically handling an unknown substance. Substances such as fentanyl may be detected with minimal exposure to the deputies. Cost of the device is \$30,835.99.

Commissioners approved the purchase of **Active Shooter Kits** for the Sheriff Department patrol cars. Each vehicle will have a ballistic helmet, a ballistic vest, and carry a ballistic shield. This will provide protection to deputies who are responding to active shooter incidents. Cost \$83,811.25.

Commissioners approved \$160,000.00 to be used for the replacement of five **patrol vehicles** for the Sheriff's Department.

Bangor Sheriff's Substation: Commissioners approved the transfer of the Bangor Substation Property back to the City of Bangor.

MSU Extension Agreement: Commissioners approved the continuation of the contract between the County and MSU Extension Services. Total cost of the contract is \$194,465.00. These services include 4-H, agriculture and agribusiness educator, and consumer horticulture/Veterans Liaison.

Drain Assessments: The Drain Commissioner will levy assessments totaling \$556,316.80. Local governments will be assessed a total of \$136,201.48; landowners \$345,988.78; VB County \$62,301.54; Berrien County and others \$11,825.00. (Individual drain, township, and community details available on-line)

Domestic Violence Coalition: Commissioners received the Domestic Violence Coalition's Annual Report and approved the 2021-22 service agreement contract. The DVC assists eligible clients with initial personal protection orders and filings for hearings. DVC also provides crisis intervention, supportive counseling, criminal justice advocacy, hospital response and preventative education in the community.

Appointment: Commissioners appointed Lisa Imus to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a 3-year term ending on June 1, 2024,