



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

APRIL 25, 2022

VAN BUREN COUNTY BROADBAND EXPANSION EFFORT:

Van Buren County Board of Commissioners voted to allocate \$7million dollars of its American Rescue Plan Funds to support the expansion of broadband access in the County. They have contracted the services of DCS Technology Design to develop a GIS-based map that will identify individual parcels that are served, underserved, or unserved in terms of internet access and speeds. The mapping project began on April 4, and will continue until the end of June. A final report will be presented early July.

FISCAL YEAR 2021 ADULT-USE MARIJUANA PAYMENT:

The State just made the distribution of the taxes and fees collected in the fiscal year 2021 under the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (Initiated Law1 of 2018).

As a part of the Act, after funding the first earmarked distributions, revenue is distributed as follows:

- 15% to municipalities in which a marihuana retail store or a marihuana microbusiness is located, allocated in proportion to the number of marijuana retail stores and marijuana microbusinesses within the municipality.
- 15% to counties in which a marijuana retail store or a marihuana microbusiness is located in proportion to the number of marijuana retail stores and marijuana microbusiness within the county.
- 35% to the School Aid Fund to be used for K-12 education.
- 35% to the Michigan Transportation Fund to be used for the repair and maintenance of roads and bridges

Cities, villages, townships and counties received over \$42.2 million under the act. The distribution rate for FY2021 adult-use marijuana payments is slightly over \$56,450 per licensed marijuana retail store and microbusiness.

Hartford received \$112,906.88 from the distribution; this is over 75% more than received in the 2020FY allocation.

PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A REZONING REQUEST:

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing during the April 11, 2022 regular meeting to consider the rezoning of Parcel#80-52-816-024-10 from R-1 residential to CF Community Facility for the construction of a Church and a Playground for children. Everyone in the community will have access to the Playground even if they are not members of the church.

The recommendation to approve the rezoning request is contingent on the following:

- The Sanitary Sewer lines along the property in question is very low, therefore will require a lift station or supplementary pump to assist the sewer flow.
- The use of the rest of the property cannot conflict with current use.