



# **Clinton County Republican Party**

**Weekly Newsletter  
March 22, 2025**

**CCRP MONTHLY MEETING— Thursday, April 17, 2025  
Clinton County Courthouse — 7:00 pm**



## **A New Prison in Clinton County?**

The Clinton County Commissioners will be considering the option of replacing or renovating the Public Safety Facility in the near future. An Infrastructure Committee meeting was held on March 17, 2025, to receive the information from Administration and Hobbs + Black Architects regarding a public safety facility project. The meeting addressed the following aspects related to the potential project:

- Overview of historical investment in the existing facility
- Review of necessary improvements and updates
- History of project budget planning
- History of Master Planning process and subsequent updates
- Discussion of project alternatives and development of project cost estimates

The basic conclusion of the best path forward for the Public Safety Facility from the Infrastructure Committee from December 2024 Master Plan Update was the construction of a new PS facility at a cost of \$91,000,000. If this is approved by the Board of Commissioners it will be presented to the people in one of the upcoming elections.

# CLINTON COUNTY PROJECTED PRIORITIES SINCE 2004

BUDGET YEAR	PROJECT	AMOUNT	BUDGETED IN	Priority
2004	Jail Renovation Phase II	\$2,100,000.00	2008	10
2005	Jail Renovation Phase II	\$2,100,000.00	2009	9
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2007	Jail Renovation Phase II	\$2,100,000.00	2011	10
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2009	Jail Renovation Phase II	\$2,100,000.00	2013	10
2010	Jail Renovation Phase II	\$2,100,000.00	2014	12
2011	Jail Renovation Phase II	\$2,100,000.00	2015	10
2012	Jail Renovation Phase II	\$3,083,921.00	2016	12
2013	Jail Renovation Phase II	\$3,176,438.00	2017	11
2014	Jail Renovation Phase II	\$3,271,732.00	2018	11
2015	Jail Renovation Phase II	\$3,369,884.00	2019	16
2016	Jail Renovation Phase II	\$3,470,980.00	2020	13
2017	Jail Renovation Phase II	\$3,575,109.00	2021	9
2018	Jail Booking Renovation	\$770,000.00	2018/2019	4
2019	Jail Renovations - Booking	\$5,400,000.00	2022/2023	4
	Jail Renovations - Training Room	\$2,000,000.00	2023	6
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	Jail Renovations - Training Room	\$2,000,000.00	2024	6
2021	Jail Renovations Booking	\$5,400,000.00	2024/2025	1
	Jail Renovations - Training Room	\$2,000,000.00	2025	3
2022	Public Safety Facility	\$30,100,000.00	2022-2024	1
	Multi Use(Training) Facility	\$3,000,000.00	2026	3
2023	Public Safety Facility	\$71,850,000.00	2024-2026	1
2024	Public Safety Facility	\$79,800,000.00	2025-2028	1
2025	Public Safety Facility	\$91,200,000.00	2025-2028	1

## HOW DID WE GET TO THIS POINT?

1. **August 1987** Millage question for Jail Millage (1.000 mill) **not approved by voters**
2. **June 1990 Issued \$4,300,000** in Building Authority Bonds (Jail)
3. **June 2003 Issued \$2,500,000** in Capital Improvement Bonds – (Jail Expansion Phase I and Renovation)
4. **June 2004 - June 2017** Jail Renovation Phase II included in Capital Plan (**\$2,100,000 — \$3,600,000**)
5. **2004 – 2024** Facility Capital Investments from Public Improvement Fund - **\$1,700,000**
6. **September 2018** Major Projects for jail renovations included in years 2022 & 2023  
(**Booking - \$5,400,000 & Training - \$2,000,000**)
7. **June 2021** Facilities Master Plan discussion included – Public Safety Facility Renovations/New
8. **July 2021** Recommendation to complete Townsend Road Campus Master Plan and analyze options for public safety facility.
9. **September 2021** 20-year plan included an estimated **\$30,000,000 for a project in 2023 -2024**. Amount did not represent a construction estimate, but rather an available resources (Public Improvement & Rescue Plan\*) estimate. \*Subsequent guidance determined construction to be an ineligible use of Rescue Plan funds.

10. **January 2022** Update on architectural programming tabulation and timeline for requesting construction estimates.
  11. **May 2022** Master Plan Update ~ Construction of new facility **recommended (\$71,000,000)**
  12. **2023/2024** PLANNING PROJECT
    - Updated Townsend Campus Master Plan
      - Updated Public Safety Facility space use program
      - Updated Public Safety Facility new construction concept floorplan with additional detail
    - Updated Public Safety Facility construction cost estimates:
      - **New Construction: \$91,000,000**
      - **Renovation/Addition: \$79,000,000**
    - Developed Juvenile Services Facility space use program
    - Developed Juvenile Services Facility new construction concept floorplan
    - Developed Juvenile Services Facility existing Jail renovation/addition concept floorplan
    - Developed Juvenile Services construction cost estimates:
      - **New Construction: \$26,000,000**
      - **Renovation/Addition of existing Jail into Juvenile Facility: \$20,000,000**
- December 2024 Master Plan Update*
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***Evaluated alternative uses of existing facility.  
Construction of new PS facility recommended  
\$91,000,000***

## **HOW WILL YOU VOTE?**

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***CLINTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
Tuesday, March 25, 2025 — 9:00 a.m.***

***LIVE STREAM AND VIDEO LINK:***

 ***<https://www.youtube.com/@clintoncounty-mi>***

***LINK TO MEETING AGENDAS:***

***<https://www.clinton-county.org/AgendaCenter/Search/?term=&CIDs=all&startDate=03/14/2025&endDate=03/25/2025&dateRange=&dateSelector=>***

 ***<https://www.ccrpmi.com/>***

# GET OUT AND VOTE ON THE SJ SCHOOL BOND

## EARLY ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINNING IN LATE MARCH

If you are an Automatic Early Absentee Voter you will be receiving your absentee ballot on or around March 25, 2025, in your mailbox. If you live in the St. Johns Public School District you need to do all you can to make sure that the St. Johns School Board is doing what is in the best interest of the students and of the taxpayers. Fiscal responsibility on the part of the board should be one of their most important objectives. The current bond issue **MUST BE DEFEATED** and all aspects reevaluated.

## DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ON WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE NO?

For more information on what the issues are regarding the passage of this bond please go to this Facebook page for more information.


 <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=stop%20the%20st%20johns%20bond>

## VOTING INFORMATION!

1. Last day for voters to register by mail is **April 21, 2025**.
2. Voters may register in person through **May 6, 2025 (election day)**.
3. Absentee voter ballots are available as early as **March 22 until May 6, 2025 (election day)**.
4. Saturday, **March 22, 2025** - Absentee voter ballots must be available to be sent to voters serving in the military or living overseas. **(PLEASE VOTE AND RETURN YOUR BALLOT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!)**
5. Absentee voter ballots must be available by **Thursday, March 27, 2025** to be sent to the general public.
6. Questions on where to vote should be directed to your city/township clerk's office. **Polls open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, May 6, 2025.**

## LOOKING FOR DOOR WALKERS TO GET THE BOND MESSAGE OUT!

If you would be willing to help out by spreading the word door-to-door about why the St. Johns Bond needs to be defeated please contact Chris DeLiso for more information and/or to volunteer to walk.

 [cell: 989-640-6881](tel:989-640-6881) or [email: cmdeliso@charter.net](mailto:cmdeliso@charter.net)

## DO YOU WANT TO HELP FINANCIALLY?

The "Stop the 2025 St. Johns Bond" group is looking for support to defeat the May 6, 2025, **\$99 MILLION Bond** issue that will be on the ballot. If you would be interested in helping in that effort you can use this link to donate.

 <https://www.nostjohnsbond2025.com/home>

# VOTE NO ON THE ST JOHNS BOND

 <https://www.ccrpmi.com/>



# 2025 Clinton County Republican Party Michigan Gubernatorial Candidate Aric Nesbitt

Thursday, May 8, 2025  
(VIP reception 6:00- 7:00 pm — Dinner 7:00-9:00 pm)  
Royal Scot Banquet Center  
4722 W Grand River Ave, Lansing, MI

The Clinton County Republican Party is excited to announce that Senate Republican Leader, and 2026 Gubernatorial Candidate, Senator Aric Nesbitt has accepted our invitation to be our 2025 Annual Lincoln Day Dinner keynote speaker.

Senator Nesbitt has hit the road running by expressing his intent to reverse the destructive agenda of the Whitmer administration we have experienced over the last six years.

Aric's resume includes being raised and nurtured on a sixth generation family dairy and grape farm where the values of having a work ethic, patriotism and conservatism were instilled in him by his parents and family. Aric paid his way to attend Hillsdale College, earning an Economics degree and a master's degree in international business. He was the recipient of Hillsdale College's "Distinguished Alumnus" award for his efforts to advance conservative reforms in Michigan.

His core principles led him to run for elected office to serve Southwest Michigan in the State House. His election helped him to work to balance budgets, lower taxes, slash regulations and defend family values. His efforts have produced conservative results for hard-working taxpayers, limiting government and bringing good-paying jobs back to Michigan.

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## 2025 Clinton County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner

Couple ..... \$100.00  
Single ..... \$ 60.00

Questions should be directed to **Nancy Bareham** at: **517-202-4719** or to — **nbareham@yahoo.com**

Attendee #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Attendee #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(Confirmations will be sent to the email address given above)

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:** Please enclose your registration form and a check payable to:

**Clinton County Republican Party** and MAIL to:

**Steve Willis, 4789 Drumheller Road, Bath, MI 48808 (Payment is due April 15, 2025)**

**You can also register and pay online with a credit card at our website at:**



**<https://www.ccrpmi.com/2025-lincoln-day-dinner-registration.html>**

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**350 Club Sponsor** — Admission for two to the Lincoln Day Dinner, Summer and Fall events. VIP reception with Senator Nesbitt. Recognition as \$350 Sponsor in the Lincoln Day Dinner Program and other CCRP promotional materials.

**250 Club Sponsor** — Admits two to the Lincoln Day Dinner and Admission for two to either the Summer or Fall event. VIP reception with Senator Nesbitt. Recognition as \$250 Sponsor in the Lincoln Day Dinner Program and other promotional materials.

**150 Club Sponsor** — Admits two to the Lincoln Day Dinner. VIP reception with Senator Nesbitt. Recognition as \$150 Sponsor in the Lincoln Day Dinner Program and other promotional materials.

**SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE FROM MIGOP CHAIR STATE SENATOR JIM RUNESTAD!**

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**2025 CLINTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY CLUB SPONSORSHIP**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Employer/Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate which Club Sponsorship level you wish to join for 2025. PAYMENT IS DUE ON OR BEFORE April 15, 2025 — (Check one)**

**\$350 Club Sponsorship**

*(2 people at Lincoln Day Event, Summer BBQ, & Fall Fest)*

**\$250 Club Sponsorship**

*(2 people at Lincoln Day Event & one other event)*

**\$150 Club Sponsorship**

*(2 people at Lincoln Day Event & Reception)*

***(All 2025 CCRP Club Sponsors are invited to the VIP Reception with Senator Aric Nesbitt from 6:00- to-7:00pm)***

**Please return this form, including a check payable to the Clinton County Republican Party (CCRP) to:**

**Steve Willis, 4789 Drumheller Road, Bath, MI 48808. — (Payment is due by April 15, 2025).**

**You will receive an email acknowledgment of your payment at the email address you provided above.**



**<https://www.ccrpmi.com/2025-club-sign-up-registration.html>**

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# MARCH 2025 Government & School Board Meeting Schedules

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Bath Twp Board -6:00 pm Westphalia Twp -6:00 pm Westphalia Village -7:00 pm	<b>4</b> Riley Twp -7:00 pm	<b>5</b> Maple Rapids Village -7:30 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Bingham Twp -7:00 pm Dallas Twp -2:00 pm DeWitt Twp -7:00 pm Olive Twp -7:30 pm DeWitt City -7:00 pm City of Ovid -7:00 pm	<b>11</b> Victor Twp -7:00 pm Village of Elsie -7:00 pm Village of Fowler -7:00 pm	<b>12</b> CC Planning -6:00 pm Bengel Twp -7:00 pm Duplain Twp -7:30 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Bath Twp Board -6:00 pm Watertown Twp -7:00 pm <b>Ovid/Elsie SB - 6:30 pm</b> <b>PW SB - 7:00 pm</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Essex Twp -7:00 pm	<b>20</b> CCRP Monthly -7:00 pm BOC Ways/Means -9:00 am Eagle Twp -7:00 pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> DeWitt Twp -7:00 pm Greenbush Twp -7:00 pm DeWitt City -7:00 pm City of St. Johns -7:00 pm <b>Bath SB - 6:30</b>	<b>25</b> BOC Monthlys -9:00 am	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Ovid Twp -7:00 pm	<b>28</b>	

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS IN CLINTON COUNTY

Bath -6:30 pm (4th Monday)  
 Laingsburg - 7:00 pm (Meetings vary)  
 St. Johns - 6:30 pm (Meeting dates vary — see website <https://www.sjedwings.org/our-district/boardofeducation/>)

DeWitt - 6:00 pp (2nd Monday)  
 Ovid/Elsie - 6:30 pm (3rd Monday)

Fowler - 7:00 pm (Normally 2nd Monday)  
 Pewamo/Westphalia - 7:00 pm (normally 3rd Monday)

Grand Ledge 6:00 pm (Normally Second Monday)