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To: Board of Supervisors, Muskegon County

INTRODUCTION

The following pages contain valuable information relative to the operation of Muskegon County Government in the year 1955.

The various department heads are to be commended for their cooperation in supplying much of the financial and statistical data.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

From a financial standpoint, 1955 was a better year than 1954. For the third straight year no money was borrowed to finance operations. The General Fund deficit was reduced from \$106,732.37 to \$80,155.40. The Direct Relief account had a balance of \$166,712.30 to offset the General Fund deficit.

The General Fund budget record was encouraging. Total expenditures were \$2,013,189.55 out of an appropriation of \$2,038,264.67 showing a saving of \$25,075.12.

The following table shows the record of budget performance during the past five years. Over-expenditure of the budget is shown in parenthesis:

COMPARISON OF EXPENDITURES WITH BUDGET

<u>Year</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Difference</u>
1951	\$1,664,891.00	\$1,746,720.72	(\$81,829.72)
1952	1,676,819.00	1,646,347.02	30,471.98
1953	1,624,999.96	1,581,715.97	43,282.99
1954	1,595,553.62	1,790,214.47	(194,660.85)
1955	2,038,264.67	2,013,189.55	25,075.12

In 1954 Welfare Department expenditures for direct relief exceeded the budget by \$250,000.00 which wiped out a budget saving of \$55,339.15 and left a net deficit in the General Fund of \$194,660.85.