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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

September 2026

BUILDING PERMITS

Building Division	QTY
Building Permit Applications Received	15
Building Permits Issued	16
Building Inspections Performed TOTAL	49
Building Inspections Performed (County)	30
Building Inspections Performed (Alma)	17
Building Inspections Performed (Saint Louis)	2
Address Division	
Address Applications Received	3
Address Permits Issued	3

Our department was busy this month as it is the end of a quarter, end of the fiscal year, and preparing for the transition of roles for our reorganization. Submitted applications are on the lower end for this time of year in comparison to previous years, but that is partially attributed to the energy projects developed over the past 5-15 years. Staff completed 18 hours of Continued Education to meet State requirements – they’ve successfully renewed all licenses as required.

SOIL EROSION PERMITS

Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Division	QTY
SESC Permit Applications Received	6
SESC Permits Issued	9
SESC Inspections Completed	54

Submitted applications are average for this time of year in comparison to previous years. Inspections are on the higher end for this time of year, but are in line with inspection requirements set forth by the State.

ZONING PERMITS

Zoning Division	QTY
Zoning Permit Applications Received	6
Zoning Permits Issued – Elba Township	0
Zoning Permits Issued – Hamilton Township	1
Zoning Permits Issued – Lafayette Township	1
Zoning Permits Issued – Newark Township	1
Zoning Permits Issued – North Star Township	0
Zoning Permits Issued – Sumner Township	2

Submitted applications are on the higher end for this time of year in comparison to previous years. Requests for information regarding complaints and ordinance violations were increased. Staff provided all the forms, steps, and explained the process.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The monthly Planning Commission meeting was cancelled due to: No Agenda Items. The next meeting is October, 7th, 2026 @ 5:00pm.

CODE ENFORCEMENT—TOWNSHIP BLIGHT PERMITS

Blight Division	
Blight Complaints Received – North Star Township	TBD
Blight Site Inspections Completed	TBD

The Townships, County Admin, and Department Staff are currently working on changes to the ordinance, program, and creating a job description to add a full-time code enforcement position. Following the transition of current staff's retirement, the other staff will review and cover any open complaints as time allows with their regular duties. A more detailed update will be provided in the months to come.