

**TOWNSHIP REPORT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DECENNIAL COMMITTEES ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT
(For Townships Only)**

I. Unit of government submitting this report:

NAME OF TOWNSHIP: CHANNAHON TOWNSHIP

II. Information about our Township

- A. We are located in Will County. There are 24 townships in our county.
- B. The population of our Township is 13,383, as of the 2020 census.
- C. We have 2 employees of the Township (not including elected officials).
- D. We have 6 employees in our Road District (not including elected officials).
- E. Our annual budget for 2024 is: \$1,737,244.51.
- F. Our Township's equalized assessed valuation for 2024 is \$307,894,666.00

III. Information about Our Committee

A. Committee Members:

Township Supervisor	Judy Wooten
Township Trustee	Christine Drumm
Township Trustee	Brian Jackson
Township Trustee	David Nelson
Township Trustee	Mike Rittof
Township Resident	Steve Troutman
Township Resident	Rita Duchene-Hughes
Township Resident	Christina McCabe

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B. Dates that our Committee Met (50 ILCS 70/20)

First (Organizational) Meeting: May 22, 2023

Second Meeting: May 20, 2024

Third Meeting: August 26, 2024

IV. Programs Offered by our Township.

A. Our Township offers the following services and programs:

- General Assistance, Youth Sponsorships, Senior Programs, Community Programs, Food Assistance, Christmas Food Boxes with Personal Delivery, Senior Application Assistance

B. Other services/programs we could possibly provide:

- Senior Transportation, Provide Space for Local Social Services, Location for Flag Drop-off, Medical Equipment Closet, Scholarships

V. Social Service Agreements

A. We partner with the following not for profits to offer social services

Entity:

Services Provided:

1. Goldeneers Senior Club	Senior Luncheon
2. Goldeneers Senior Club	Partner with Road District to provide day trips
3. Chanooka Braves Football & Cheer	Grant money for equipment
4. Channahon Baseball	Grant money for equipment
5. Will County Senior Services	Grant money to provide services for Township seniors
6. Three Rivers Festival	Senior Bingo, Parade Participation
7. Will County Medical Clinic	Grant money to provide medical services for residents
8. Will County Center for Community Concerns	Grant money for various services for Township residents
9. Local Food Pantry	Provide location and volunteers for food trucks in coordination with Road District
10. Forgotten Warrior Memorial	Grant money and services for Veteran's Memorial
11. Rotary Club	Grant money for Backpack program for needy children
12. St. Ann's Church	Partner to provide the location for the Senior Luncheon
13. Exxon/Mobile Retirees NFP	Provide meeting space
14. Willard Grove Cemetery Association	Provide meeting space
15. Veteran Organizations	Veteran Breakfast and PTSD Memorial

B. Our residents have benefitted from these agreements in the following ways: Healthcare, Nutrition, Entertainment, Veteran's Mental Health, Youth Recreational Opportunities

C. We have considered possibly offering the following social services or the following additional potential partnerships: Mental health services, K-9 for Veterans to provide a canine service dog for Township residents

VI. Awards and Recognitions

Our Township has received the following awards, distinctions, and recognitions:

Three Rivers Festival Committee, Channahon Park District, Rotary Club, Goldeneers, Will County, Chanooka Booster Club

VII. Intergovernmental Agreements

A. We partner with, or have Intergovernmental Agreements, with the following other Governments:

Entity:	Services Offered:
1. Channahon Park District	Partnered to build an all-inclusive playground
2. Channahon Park District	Funded building and support the Reading Walk at Arroyo Trails Park
3. Channahon Park District	Provides support services for Township programs
4. Channahon Village	Development agreements for industrial properties
5. Will County	Recycling Services
6. Channahon Road District	Provides maintenance
7. Channahon Fire District	Sharing equipment and personnel as the need arises

B. Our Township's efficiency has increased through intergovernmental cooperation in the following way: Services are not duplicated, costs are deferred, reduces tax burdens for Township residents

VIII. Review of Laws, Township Policies, Township Rules and Procedures, Township Training Materials, and other Documents

We have reviewed the following, non-exhaustive list of laws, policies, training materials, and other documents applicable to the Township to evaluate our compliance and to determine if any of the foregoing should be amended. ALL have been reviewed by the board and their attorney recently updated many.

State laws applicable to Townships, including, but not limited to the Township Code (60 ILCS)

Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120)

Policy on public comment

Designation of OMA officer (5 ILCS 120/1.05(a))

All of Elected Officials have completed OMA Training (5 ILCS 120/1.05(b))

Schedule of All Township Regular Meetings for Calendar or Fiscal Year (5 ILCS 120/2.03)

Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)

Designation of FOIA officer (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))

FOIA Officer Training (5 ILCS 140/3.5(b))

Computation and Retention of FOIA Requests (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))

Posting Other Required FOIA Information (5 ILCS 140/4(a); 5 ILCS 140/4(b))

(VIII. continued)

List of Types or Categories of FOIA Records under Township's Control (5 ILCS 140/5)

Periodic Meetings to Review Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2.06(d))

Designation of Whistleblower Auditing Official (50 ILCS 105/4.1)

All of our Elected Officials have filed statement of economic interests (5 ILCS 420/4A-101; 5 ILCS 420/4A-101.5)

Sexual harassment prevention training (775 ILCS 5/2-109(c))

Our Intergovernmental Agreements

Our Social Service Agreements or Contracts

Our budget and financial documents

State Ethics Laws, including, but not limited to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/1-1)

Our budget and financial documents

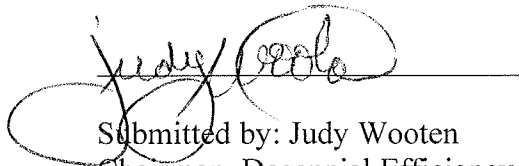
- IX. What Have We Done Well? Prudent management of Township funds maximizing interest returns; Budget constraints to avoid levy increases; Intergovernmental agreements in order to utilize services and facilities that are already available; Provide programs and services for Township youth and/or senior citizens; Capital Improvement Fund is regularly funded to avoid borrowing money when a need or situation arises for a capital expenditure; Partnering with numerous social service agencies to maximize programs and services for residents.
- X. What Inefficiencies Did We Identify/What Are our Next Steps? Based on review, our social services and intergovernmental agreements have proven to be efficient for equipment, personnel and costs. Our auditor ensured accountability by verifying the policies and procedures. The current IGAs and services will be kept in place. The ability to partner with additional agencies in order to save taxpayer's money will be explored.
- XI. What Can We Do Better or More Efficiently? Investing our capital in additional Money Markets, Certificates of Deposit or CDARS to continue to earn higher rates of return.

XII. Studies on Governmental Efficiencies

In preparing this report, we reviewed several studies on local government efficiency. These studies show that:

- The average local government in Illinois serves 1800 residents compared to the national median of 2850 individuals
- Most townships in Illinois have no bonded indebtedness. Together with road districts they are an integral element of local democracy. Township expenditures have grown at a lower rate than those of any other level of government since 1992.
- Townships have lower labor costs and employ mostly part time employees.

XIII. Our committee's recommendations regarding Increased Accountability and Efficiency: Encourage our counties, states, and federal governments to minimize or eliminate unfunded mandates. Many times, they are an unnecessary expenditure and use of resources including - but not limited to - time, money and talents. Questions such as "Is this worthwhile?", "Will it yield tangible results?" and "Who will benefit?" need to be asked prior to any unfunded mandate being put in place.



Submitted by: Judy Wooten

Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee of Channahon Township

Date: August 26, 2024