



## Lt. Governor Brian Calley Meets With West Michigan Prosperity Alliance

Lt. Governor Brian Calley praised west Michigan cooperation as a means to serve citizens and get beyond the many artificial borders that exist in our state. The Lt. Governor praised our area as a place where cooperation across political boundaries had a head start over other areas of Michigan.

Speaking Monday to over 70 leaders from the 13 county West Michigan Prosperity Alliance, he talked about the importance of public/private partnerships and the need for governments at all levels to work together to serve residents. The meeting was held in Ludington



Steve Bulthuis of MACC, Allegan County Sheriff Blaine Koops and Lt. Governor Brian Calley

ture state government to more efficiently and effectively serve Michigan citizens.

Also at the luncheon, updates were provided on three of the projects selected by the region as "Projects of Regional Economic Importance". Status reports were presented on The Port of Muskegon Regional Logistics Hub, Regional Watershed Collaborative and Connected Communities Engagement Program.

Immediately following the luncheon, an informal reception was held at the Weiss' home where guests were able to discuss personally with the Lt. Governor their individual concerns for their communities, businesses or organizations. Several GVMC mem-

bers attended the event including GR City Commissioner Elias Lumpkins Jr., Mayors Steve Kepley and Mark Huizenga and Plainfield Township Supervisor Jay Spencer.

Lt. Governor Calley was most gracious to take time from his busy schedule to attend the reception and meet one on one with the guests addressing their individual



Roger Safford of MDOT, Erin Kuhn of WMSRDC and Ben Geiger, Barry County Commissioner and Assistant to the Lt. Governor.

concerns. Many of the participants expressed appreciation for this special and unique opportunity provided by the West Michigan Prosperity Alliance.



The Lt. Governor and Julie Calley discuss an issue with State Representative Holly Hughes. Mrs. Calley is also Chair of the Ionia County Board of Commissioners.

and both the Lt. Governor and his wife Julie attended.

In his presentation, he talked about many of the changes made by the Snyder Administration to restruc-

