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THE COUNTY SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2012 AT 6:00 P.M., IN THE PERSONNEL CONFERENCE ROOM (D & E), HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING, 5303 S. CEDAR, LANSING.

Agenda

Call to Order

Approval of the [October 16, 2012 Minutes](#)

Additions to the Agenda

Limited Public Comment

1. Women's Commission - Interviews
2. Youth Commission - Interviews
3. Facilities - Resolution Awarding a Contract to [Len's Carpet Care & Consultants](#) to Provide Carpet Cleaning Services to Various County Facilities
4. Department of Transportation & Roads - Resolution to Approve the Special and Routine [Permits](#) for the Ingham County Department of Transportation and Roads
5. Human Resources
 - a. Resolution Approving a Collective [Bargaining Agreement](#) with the Michigan Association of Police
 - b. Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of a [MERS Hybrid Plan](#) for Newly Hired Michigan Association of Police Employees (*MERS Resolutions to be Distributed at Meeting*)
6. Zoo - Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Agreement with the [City of Lansing](#) for the Lease and Operations of the Potter Park Zoo
7. Parks Department
 - a. Resolution Approving Amended [User Fees](#) for the Hawk Island Snow Park
 - b. Resolution Approving [Amendment #5](#) to the Hawk Island Tubing Hill Project Agreement
 - c. Resolution Approving the Lake Lansing Park-North [Deer Management Plan](#)

8. Board of Commissioners
 - a. Resolution Congratulating the [FFA Chapter](#) of Webberville
 - b. Resolution Honoring [John Daher](#), Supervisor, Lansing Charter Township
 - c. Resolution Approving the Establishment of a Property Assessed [Clean Energy](#) Program (*Tabled*)

9. Board Referral - Letter from Central Michigan Group Sierra Club Chairman, Mark Muhich, Regarding the Ingham County [Conservation District Funding](#) FY 2013

Announcements
Public Comment
Adjournment

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COUNTY SERVICES COMMITTEE
October 16, 2012
Minutes

Members Present: Dianne Holman, Andy Schor, Mark Grebner, Victor Celentino, Debbie De Leon, and Don Vickers

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Becky Bennett, Board Chairperson Copedge, Mary Lannoye, Travis Parsons, Chuck Gray, Rick Terrill, Jill Rhode, Glen Rocky, Deb Brinson, Teresa Wojitowicz, Rachel Asbury Nakeshwa Jackson, John Groen, Eric Schertzing, Andy Levin, Dave Massaron, Jean Ann Hamlin, Ayanna Jones, Steve Kwasnick and others.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Holman at 6:00 p.m. in the Personnel Conference Room "D & E" of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing.

Approval of the October 2, 2012 Minutes

The October 2, 2012 Minutes were approved as submitted.

Additions to the Agenda

5. Substitute - Health Department - Resolution to Accept Funding from the U.S. Department of Health Resources and Services Administration for the Ryan White Title IV Women, Infants, Children, Youth and Affected Family Members Aids Healthcare Grant
- 6b. Attachment – Resolution to Accept the Recommendation of the Ingham County Health Care Coalition for Employee Benefits for 2013 and Authorizing letters of Agreement with Bargaining Units -*Attachment as Indicated in the Agenda Packet*
- 9b. Substitute – Board of Commissioners - Resolution Approving Annual 2013-2014 Compensation for Non-Judicial County-Wide Elected Officials.
10. Late - Resolution to Authorize Grant Amendment to Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Grant Funds from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority in the Amount of \$300,000 - Resolution #09-262

Limited Public Comment

Jean Ann Hamlin, ICEA, expressed her concerns of not receiving adequate information in a timely manner relating to the Health Care Coalition for Employee Benefits 2013.

(Comm. Schor arrived at 6:07 pm and Board Chairperson Copedge arrived at 6:07 pm)

Chuck Gray, UAW, expressed his understanding of the process and concern relating to the Health Care Coalition for Employee Benefits 2013 noting the math was complicated. He stated he would like input from the Commissioners.

Ayanna Jones, ICEA Ingham County Prosecutors Office, stated she was in attendance for herself and other employees in the Prosecutors Office then expressed their concern that the bargaining process has been lengthy and step increases have not been realized. She gave examples of compensation lost while expenses remain stable or increasing.

Steve Kwasnick, ICEA Ingham County Prosecutors Office, described his duties, lost compensation because of not receiving a step increase, and his expectations when he accepted the position over seven years ago. He also expressed his concern of attracting quality employees.

MOVED BY COMM. VICKERS, SUPPORTED BY COMM. GREBNER, TO APPROVE A CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

3. Sheriff's Department - Request to Waive the Hiring Freeze for an Open Corrections Deputy Position
5. Health Department - Resolution to Accept Funding from the U.S. Department of Health Resources and Services Administration for the Ryan White Title IV Women, Infants, Children, Youth and Affected Family Members Aids Healthcare Grant
6. Financial Services
 - a. Resolution to Authorize Purchase of Life and Long Term Disability Insurance
7. Parks Department - Resolution Approving an Amendment to the 2010 Potter Park Zoo Master Plan
8. Department of Transportation & Roads - Resolution to Approve the Special and Routine Permits for the Ingham County Department of Transportation and Roads
10. Resolution to Authorize Grant Amendment to Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Grant Funds from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority in the Amount of \$300,000 - Resolution #09-262

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY COMM. VICKERS, SUPPORTED BY COMM. GREBNER, TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

1. Women's Commission – Interviews

The Committee interviewed Teresa Wojtowicz, Rachel Asbury and Nakeshwa Jackson for the Women's Commission. Amanda York Ellis, Derrell Slaughter and LaVerne Duncan Mickel were absent from the interview. There are two vacancies.

Comm. De Leon explained that there are only 2 vacant positions and if anyone would be interest in the Equal Opportunity Committee please let Ms. Becky Bennett know.

Chairperson Holman stated the Committee will go through the process and Ms. Bennett will let the applicants know if they have been appointed to the Advisory Board.

2. Zoo Board – Interviews

The Committee interviewed John Groen for the Zoo Advisory Board. There is one vacancy.

MOVED BY COMM. SCHOR, SUPPORTED BY COMM. DE LEON, TO APPOINT JOHN GROEN TO THE ZOO ADVISORY BOARD.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Comm. Grebner questioned if there will be a resolution to reduce the Zoo layers. Comm. De Leon suggested notify the City of Lansing of the Committee’s intent. Comm. Holman will draft a letter to the city of Lansing.

9. Board of Commissioners

- a. Resolution Approving the Establishment of a Property Assessed Clean Energy Program

MOVED BY COMM. SCHOR, SUPPORTED BY COMM. GREBNER, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM.

Presentation by: Andy Levin, Levin Energy Partners and Dave Massaron, Miller Canfield
Handout: The Lean & Green Michigan™ Approach to Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE).

Mr. Levin stated that this program is strictly voluntary for property owners then explained that the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE) became law in 2010 through Public Act 270; furthermore, it is about economic development. Mr. Levin explained the special assessment mechanism runs with the land and contractors are required to guarantee energy savings on projects over \$250,000.

Mr. Levin explained funding is by private resources with flexible financing arrangements up to 100% loan to value (no down payment). While a typical commercial loan is generally 3 to 5 years, a PACE loan is 7 to 20 years that is defined by the useful life of the improvements. He explained that the interest rates are lower because of the stronger lien position and as a result there is a lower debt service, greater cash flow and a reduced risk factor for the lender. Mr. Levin mentioned financial institutions who are participating and overviewed a PACE Loan versus a Traditional Bank Loan.

Mr. Levin informed the Committee that there is no cost for the County to join Lean & Green unlike the traditional model where the County would pay a vendor to create a PACE District. Mr. Levin described how the traditional model worked in Ann Arbor through bonds then cuing projects. He noted that PACE bonds cannot be backed by the full faith and credit of the County.

Mr. Levin explained if the County is interested in the partnership the County is required to hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution to join PACE. Mr. Levin mentioned other Counties partnering or considering partnering. He explained the Michigan statute allows jurisdictions to create shared PACE districts and the statewide impact for companies in multiple jurisdictions.

Mr. Levin explained that all traditional energy efficiency improvements, renewable energy and water improvements including new manufacturing equipment that saves energy or water can be financed or refinanced with lender approval. The program does not cover single family properties, incinerators, digesters amongst others listed in the resolution.

Comm. Grebner questioned if the bonds issued have a federal tax advantage. Mr. Massaron stated the bonds generally do not qualify for a federal tax advantage; however, there are a couple of programs under ARRA that may qualify. The bonds do qualify for a state tax advantage which makes some difference to certain banks. Mr. Massaron stated, in summary, the bonds are not federally tax exempt. Comm. Grebner questioned if the bonds are exempt from state tax. Mr. Massaron answered from both the state income tax and Michigan business tax.

Comm. Grebner asked if there was recourse against the County in the event the bonds are dishonored by a particular project since there is a lien against the property. Mr. Massaron answered no, pointing to the resolution and explaining the documents are being reviewed by the County Attorney noting this is an “at will” program for Miller Canfield. He also referenced the professional rules of conduct.

Comm. Grebner asked when the first PACE District was adopted. Mr. Levin stated in 2008 the first PACE district was adopted in California and since 27 states have followed. He noted the state of Connecticut has a statewide PACE statute. Mr. Massaron clarified that this is not only bonds because the statute allows private financing agreements similar to a bank loan and the payments are handled outside the County. Comm. Grebner asked in the event of a default Lean & Green Michigan acquires interest in the property further questioning if Lean & Green Michigan guarantees the payments. Mr. Massaron stated that is correct.

Comm. Grebner asked if this is available for agricultural projects. Mr. Levin answered yes with the exclusion of incinerators and digesters. Comm. Grebner asked if this can be used for water reclamation projects. Mr. Levin answered yes. Comm. Grebner questioned if the contractor who guarantees the project is liable based on a continued use of the building and does the guarantee cease when the use is discontinued. Mr. Massaron explained that is the responsibility of the contractor to define the guarantee through language in the agreement because the statute states the contractor has to guarantee the project. The guarantee is not defined in the statute rather left open. Mr. Massaron provided an example of a project where the contractor is allowed to continuously oversee the guaranteed items established in the agreement to ensure there have not been changes, for example thermostats and lights. Mr. Levin stated the great thing about public policy is the real market fairness that the guarantee is now state law. All parties involved sit down and negotiate a guarantee.

Comm. Grebner questioned if the special assessments would be a new duty for the County Treasurer. Mr. Schertzing provided the example of the Drain Office assessments through ad valorem taxes; however, he does not have a special assessment role with the County to date. Comm. Grebner asked who would establish the assessment, the local municipality. Mr. Massaron explained that is part of the agreement the property owner creates and in turn is imposed by the County Treasurer.

Comm. Grebner gave the example of a lot split redeveloped for another project questioning which part is burdened by the assessment and who is keeping track of the assessment. Mr. Massaron explained the projects are financed, market driven and there are built in protections for the lien holder. Comm. Grebner stated his interest is not with the lien holder but the County because now there is a department keeping maps of which parcel is burdened. Mr. Massaron agreed there is an administrative aspect to this for the County; however, it is project specific parcel. Comm. Grebner stated that is the point, it starts as a parcel which is burdened for the term of the loan say 20-25 years and the purpose of the property could change within that time. Mr. Levin stated that would be part of the business negotiations at that time. Comm. Grebner stated that happened 20-25 years ago and someone has had to keep track of the burden on the specific parcels. Mr. Massaron stated that language can be written into the agreement that an annual administrative fees will be charged to the property owner in order to compensate the burden to the County.

Comm. Grebner asked if this agreement bars the County from using another firm to establish PACE districts. Mr. Massaron stated the County has the ability to fire the administrators and bring in new administrators. Comm. Grebner asked if another administrator can work in a district that has been created. Mr. Massaron answered yes; however, the County would need to act through resolution. Mr. Massaron clarified that as administrators they are "at will". Comm. Grebner questioned the limitation of the district giving the examples of companies with multiple facilities or a facility that straddles jurisdictional border. Mr. Massaron explained the County is limited to the improvement located in the County unless there is an agreement between the jurisdictions. Mr. Levin clarified it is not based on the domicile of the company it is based on the location of the property. Mr. Schertzing stated there should be some clarification regarding 425 agreements.

Board Chairperson Copedge asked who guarantees energy savings. Mr. Levin explained the contractor guarantees the project and Lean & Green is not part of that guarantee. Mr. Levin provided the example that the County may not use Lean & Green as their administrator in three years; nonetheless, by law the contractor still holds that guarantee regardless of the administrator.

Comm. Vickers asked how Levin Energy Partners receive their compensation. Mr. Levin stated at the closing cost of each transaction between the financier and the property owner based on negotiations. He noted it is a small part of the financing. Mr. Massaron stated it is the same for the law firm; however, the private entity pays and the fiduciary duty and liability are to the County.

Comm. Vickers questioned why Mr. Schertzing is billing for the assessment when this is funded with private money Mr. Levin explained this is allowing the property owner to use this assessment mechanism for financing by legally taking on a special assessment, a duty to pay the county money, as an additional line item on their taxes. This is legally different than a bank loan. Comm. Vickers question what happen if a property owner goes bankrupt. Mr. Massaron stated if there is no minimum bid through the foreclosure process, saying there is no value to the special assessment, the lender would have a right to purchase the property or the property would go back to the County Treasurer. Comm. Vickers expressed his concern that there is a commitment from the County through the assessment process and questioned how much more the County Treasurer can take on. Mr. Schertzing explained the County does participate in economic development and the question is does this fit into the tapestry of what the County is doing and if the Commissioners say it does then he will do it. Mr. Levin estimated 10 or 20 projects a year would be done and that is a fraction of the tax roll. Comm. Vickers questioned what is done at the local level. Mr. Schertzing stated that he is uncertain if precedence has been set in Michigan but there are special assessments at the local level and if it is unpaid then it goes to the County. Comm. Vickers asked if the all the assessments would come through the Treasurer's Office. Mr. Schertzing stated he could see it being done like that. Mr. Massaron reminded the Committee an annual administrative fee may be charged during negotiations.

Chairperson Holman asked who establishes the term of the assessment and is it based on the project. Mr. Levin explained it is based on the energy measures of the project which sets the outer limit. Chairperson Holman asked who determines the energy measure. Mr. Levin explained that the administrator would require an investment grade audit to approve the financing period and would be less than the useful life of the equipment on a weighted average that is based on the cost of the equipment. Mr. Massaron stated it is also approved by the County Treasurer and in theory driven by the market. Chairperson Holman asked how long the program will be available. Mr. Levin stated there is no sunset. Comm. Grebner asked if the County has the ability to set the administrative fees. Mr. Levin answered yes. Mr. Schertzing suggested 1% collection similar to other collection fees.

The Committee discussed who has the ability to benefit from this program, credit, burdening the land and capital projects. Mr. Levin stated those with bad credit will not be approved. Comm. Schor clarified that the County has the ability to identify certain limitations in the resolution.

MOVED BY COMM. VICKERS, SUPPORTED BY COMM. GREBNER TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION UNTIL AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING NEXT WEEK.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Animal Control - Request to Waive the Hiring Freeze and Delay on a Vacant Animal Control Veterinarian Part-time Position

MOVED BY COMM. GREBNER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. CELENTINO, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO WAIVE THE HIRING FREEZE AND DELAY ON A VACANT ANIMAL CONTROL VETERINARIAN PART-TIME POSITION.

Comm. Vickers asked how many veterinarians are in the Animal Control Department. Ms. Lannoye answered one employed by the County. Mr. Parsons confirmed one employee. Comm. Vickers asked if this would come back to the Committee before the person is hired. Ms. Lannoye stated only if the person starts above a Step 1. Comm. Vickers stated he does not agree with starting employees above a Step 1.

Comm. Vickers asked if the County is being affected by the shortage of hay. Ms. Lannoye will ask Ms. McAloon Lampman and get back with the Committee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Financial Services

- b. Resolution to Accept the Recommendation of the Ingham County Health Care Coalition for Employee Benefits for 2013 and Authorizing Letters of Agreement with Bargaining Units (*Attachment to be Distributed at Meeting*)

MOVED BY COMM. GREBNER TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE INGHAM COUNTY HEALTH CARE COALITION FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FOR 2013 AND AUTHORIZING LETTERS OF AGREEMENT WITH BARGAINING UNITS.

MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT.

Ms. Rhode described the series of events beginning with the new Health Care consultant through the bid process, consideration of eliminating the high plan, creating a trust, the cost of a trust, risk and projected savings.

Ms. Rhode stated there were presentations to the Coalition explaining all the costs and savings and although the numbers were estimates they changed very little. Ms. Rhode agreed the math was complicated; however, in the weeks following the last meeting she did not receive anyone calling with questions.

Comm. Vickers stated that Jean had emailed him with her concern of running out of money in the prescription plan. Ms. Rhode explained that is part of the trust and the County is committed to ongoing funding. She overviewed the savings and risk to the County and Employee. Ms. Lannoye explained that the vote was 11 to 10 on which carrier to use and not one union agreed to the elimination of the high plan. Ms. Rhode stated that she had also asked if more time was needed to hold discussions with employees and there was no response. Comm. Celentino expressed his concern that an 11 to 10 vote seems to be more of a split than a decision questioning if the Unions had more time to absorb the information there would be a change in opinion. He asked if there was time to take this back to the Coalition for a revote. Ms. Lannoye reminded the Committee the Unions all agreed not to give up the high cost plan. Comm. De Leon asked what it would hurt to ask for a reconsideration and bring this back in two weeks. There was a discussion if that could be done, union by-laws, and the timeframe needed to get individuals their insurance cards. Chairperson Holman questioned what would be gained by having a revote. Ms. Lannoye asked if the concern is the plan, plan carrier or savings. Comm. De Leon answered savings and changing carriers.

MOVED BY COMM. DE LEON TO REQUEST THE HEALTH CARE COALITION RECONSIDER THIS ISSUE.

MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT.

The Committee discussed how to proceed in the most effective manner between the meeting dates of the Board of Commissioners, Unions and the Coalition. There was discussion of a substitute, tabling, introducing a late at the regular meeting, and reconsideration by the Coalition.

MOVED BY COMM. GREBNER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SCHOR, TO DIRECT STAFF TO REVISE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING UNDERSTANDING THE COMMITTEE HAS REQUESTED THE HEALTH CARE COALITION MEET AGAIN FOR RECONSIDERATION.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Board of Commissioners

- b. Resolution Approving Annual 2013 and 2014 Compensation for Non-Judicial County-Wide Elected Officials

MOVED BY COMM. GREBNER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SCHOR, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL 2013 AND 2014 COMPENSATION FOR NON-JUDICIAL COUNTY-WIDE ELECTED OFFICIALS.

Comm. Vickers asked if anyone is entitled to per diem fees or other payments not included in the resolution. Ms. Lannoye pointed out the first Be It Further Resolved in the resolution. The Committee discussed elected official per diem and other payments acknowledging the “foregoing” statement.

Comm. Vickers expressed his concern that some newly elected officials will be compensated at a higher rate than, say, the Register of Deeds. He acknowledged the work of Mr. Hertel over the past years questioning how a new individual can make more.

Chairperson Holman stated that elected officials are not like employee. Comm. Grebner stated that salaries are set by the Commissioners.

MOVED BY COMM. VICKERS TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION CHANGING THE COUNTY CLERK’S COMPENSATION TO \$82,812.

MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT.

The Committee discussed how the current salaries were set. Comm. Grebner provided examples of compensation packages for elected officials over the years. The Committee agreed that Mr. Hertel has gone above and beyond.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Announcements

The next meeting will be held on November 8, 2012 instead November 6, 2012 (Election Day). Comm. Schor stated he is uncertain if he can attend and will let Chairperson Holman know.

Public Comment

Chuck Gray, UAW, responded to the motion made regarding the Health Care Coalition stating he will be pleased to meet again; however, he does have a prior commitment out of town and would like to work around that. There was a discussion of the employee's concerns.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Buckmaster

NOVEMBER 8, 2012 COUNTY SERVICES AGENDA STAFF REVIEW SUMMARY

ACTION ITEMS

The Controller recommends approval of the following action items:

3. Facilities -*Resolution Awarding a Contract to Len's Carpet Care & Consultants to Provide Carpet Cleaning Services to Various County Facilities.*

The resolution authorizes awarding a contract to Len's Carpet Care & Consultants to provide carpet cleaning services to several county locations. A contract was previously awarded to Camelot Services, Co. only to find that the vendor mistakenly quoted the county for services which included wall to wall cleaning only once per year. The county is in need of wall to wall cleaning twice per year and when that second cleaning was added to their proposed contract price, it increased by \$30,000.00 and exceeded Len's Carpet Care & Consultants proposed contract price. After going through a competitive bidding process, both the Purchasing and Facilities Departments agree that a contract be awarded to Len's Carpet Care & Consultants who submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid of \$123,250.00 for a three year contract beginning September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2015 with an optional two (2) year renewal.

4. Department of Transportation & Roads - *Resolution to Approve the Special and Routine Permits for the Department of Transportation and Roads.*

The resolution authorizes 10 permits.

5(a). Human Resources - *Resolution Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Michigan Association of Police.*

On Friday October 26, 2012, the MAP ratified a collective bargaining agreement with the County. Highlights of the agreement include the following:

- Hybrid pension plan for new hires—1.5 DB multiplier and a 1% employer DC contribution. The plan also includes a rider whereby an employee can retire at age 55 with 25 years of service.
- A new vesting schedule for new hires for retiree health. They will, however, be eligible at age 55. (We had originally proposed 60 years of age).
- Reduced sick leave payouts and accumulations for new hires.
- 1.2% increase in current employee's pension contribution, which is the equivalent of a 1% salary reduction.
- Longevity bonuses will be frozen at 2011 levels. New hires will not be eligible.
- Step increases will resume immediately for those individuals moving from step 1 to 2. All others will resume on their anniversary date in 2013.
- Wage reopener in 2014.
- Reopener for the Hybrid pension plan DC contribution in 2014.

5(b). Human Resources - *Resolution Establishing a MERS Hybrid Pension Plan for New Hires in MAP.*

The resolution establishes a Hybrid plan for new hires in the MAP unit with a 1.5 DB multiplier, a 1% DC employer contribution, and a 2% DC employee contribution.

6. Potter Park Zoo - *Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Existing Contract with the City of Lansing for the Lease and Operation of the Potter Park Zoo.*

This resolution was discussed at the September 18 committee meeting and would authorize a contract amendment that would remove all references that the Zoo will operate under the direction of the Ingham County Parks and Recreation Commission. The resolution directs the Controller and the County Attorney to contact the City and request approval of the contract amendment. Upon execution of the amendment the Potter Park Zoo will no longer operate under the direction and control of the Parks Commission and instead will be established as a separate County department reporting to the County Controller. The resolution also acknowledges that the Potter Park Zoo Board would continue to monitor the Zoo operations and provide advice and recommendations to the Board of Commissioners.

7(a). Parks Department - *Resolution Approving Amended User Fees for the Hawk Island Snow Park.*

This resolution amends the fee structure currently in place for the Hawk Island Snow Park. It is the desire of Park staff to continue to provide good customer service and to have reasonable user fees. Ingham County has contracted with SUPERPARKS, LLC for the operation of the Snow Park and the professional staff at SUPERPARKS has worked closely with Parks Department staff to create a fee structure that is low cost for park users. The Parks & Recreation Commission supported this amendment of the Hawk Island Snow Park fee structure with a resolution passed at their October meeting. The proposed changes in fees are included in the packet before the resolution.

7(b). Parks Department - *Resolution Approving Amendment #5 to the Hawk Island Tubing Hill Project Agreement.*

The resolution authorizes an amendment to the grant agreement with the Department of Natural Resources. The amendment would eliminate the need for a permanent fencing structure and instead follow industry standards and replace with "break-away" fencing.

7(c). Parks Department - *Resolution Approving the Lake Lansing Park-North Deer Management Plan.*

The resolution adopts a deer management plan. Please refer to Mr. Bennett's memorandum for additional details.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

8(a). Board of Commissioners - *Resolution Congratulating the FFA Chapter of Webberville.*

8(b). Board of Commissioners - *Resolution Honoring John Daher, Supervisor, Lansing Charter Township.*

8(c). Board of Commissioners - *Resolution Approving the Establishment of a Property Assessed Clean Energy Program.*

On October 23, 2012, the Board held a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed PACE program. This resolution would actually authorize the PACE program. Representatives from Levin Energy Partners, LLC, the PACE Administrator will be available at the meeting for a presentation and to answer any questions. I am in receipt of a 37 page PACE Program Report that is available upon request.

MEMORANDUM

TO: County Services and Finance Committees

FROM: Richard Terrill, Facilities Director

DATE: October 18, 2012

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH LEN'S CARPET CARE & CONSULTANTS TO PROVIDE CARPET CLEANING SERVICES TO SEVERAL COUNTY LOCATIONS

The resolution before you authorizes awarding a contract to Len's Carpet Care & Consultants to provide carpet cleaning services to several county locations.

A contract was previously awarded to Camelot Services, Co. only to find that the vendor mistakenly quoted the county for services which included wall to wall cleaning only once per year. The county is in need of wall to wall cleaning twice per year and when that second cleaning was added to their proposed contract price, it increased by \$30,000.00 and exceeded Len's Carpet Care & Consultants proposed contract price.

After going through a competitive bidding process, both the Purchasing and Facilities Departments agree that a contract be awarded to Len's Carpet Care & Consultants who submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid of \$123,250.00 for a three year contract beginning September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2015 with an optional two (2) year renewal.

Funds for this contract are available within the appropriate operating budgets, 931100 Maintenance Contractual.

I recommend approval of this resolution.

MEMORANDUM

TO: County Service and Finance Committees
 FROM: Jim Hudgins, Director of Purchasing
 DATE: October 24, 2012
 SUBJECT: Proposal Summary for Carpet Cleaning Services

Project Description:

Proposals were sought from qualified and experienced firms for the purpose of providing carpet cleaning at various County facilities for a period of three (3) years with an option to renew for two (2) additional years.

Proposal Summary:

Vendors contacted: 13 Local: 5
 Vendors responding: 4 Local: 3

Company Name	1st Year Cost	2nd Year Cost	3rd Year Cost	Grand Total	Local
Len's Carpet Care & Consultants	\$39,616	\$39,616	\$44,018	\$123,250	Yes – Lansing
Seelye Group	\$40,576	\$41,831	\$43,575	\$125,982	Yes – Lansing
Camelot Service Co.	\$29,653	\$33,359	\$37,071	\$132,054	Yes – Lansing
Modernistic	\$50,800	\$53,120	\$55,340	\$159,260	No – Lansing (Eaton)

Recommendation:

The Evaluation Committee recommends awarding a three-year contract with a two-year renewal option to Len's Carpet Care & Consultants in an amount not-to-exceed \$123,250.

In addition to submitting the lowest cost proposal, Len's Carpet Care & Consultants is a local vendor, has been in business for thirty years, and has many references including Dart Container and Delta Dental.

Advertisement:

The RFP was advertised in the Lansing State Journal, City Pulse and posted on the Purchasing Department Web Page.

Introduced by the County Services and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO LEN'S CARPET CARE & CONSULTANTS TO PROVIDE CARPET CLEANING SERVICES TO VARIOUS COUNTY FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the current carpet cleaning contract, which included a two (2) year renewal option, is due to expire August 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Well Child and Willow Clinic are also in need of carpet cleaning services; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Department solicited proposals from qualified, and experienced vendors who are familiar with providing carpet cleaning services for office buildings and medical facilities; and

WHEREAS, the contract term would be for three (3) years, starting September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2015, the contract will include an option to renew for an additional two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, the funds for said services are located within the appropriate 931100 Maintenance Contractual budgets; and

WHEREAS, after review, both the Purchasing and Facilities Departments recommend that a three (3) year contract be awarded to Len's Carpet Care & Consultants, who submitted the lowest responsive bid, for a not to exceed cost of \$123,250.00, with a two (2) year renewal option for the following listed annual costs:

Year 1 – 2012 – 2013	\$ 39,616.00
Year 2 – 2013 – 2014	\$ 39,616.00
Year 3 – 2014 – 2015	\$ 44,018.00
Total cost for 3 years	\$ 123,250.00

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes entering into a three (3) year contract with Len's Carpet Care & Consultants 3436 Franette Road, Lansing, MI 48906 starting September 1, 2012 through August 1, 2015, with a two (2) year renewal option, to provide carpet cleaning services for various county facilities, for a not to exceed cost of \$123,250.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Board Chairperson and the County Clerk to sign any necessary documents that are consistent with this resolution and approved as to form by the County Attorney.

Introduced by the County Services Committee of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL AND ROUTINE PERMITS FOR THE INGHAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ROADS

WHEREAS, as of June 1, 2012, the Ingham County Road Commission becomes the Ingham County Department of Transportation and Roads per Resolution #12-123; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Road Commission periodically approved Special and Routine permits as part of the their roles and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, this will now be the responsibility of the Board of Commissioners to approve these permits as necessary.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners approves the attached list of Special and Routine Permits dated October 25, 2012 as submitted.

Agenda Item 5a and 5b

October 30, 2012

To: County Services & Finance Committees
From: Mary Lannoye
Subject: Michigan Association of Police (MAP)—Collective Bargaining Agreement

On Friday October 26, 2012, the MAP ratified a collective bargaining agreement with the County. Highlights of the agreement include the following:

- Hybrid pension plan for new hires—1.5 DB multiplier and a 1% employer DC contribution. The plan also includes a rider whereby an employee can retire at age 55 with 25 years of service.
- A new vesting schedule for new hires for retiree health. They will, however, be eligible at age 55. (We had originally proposed 60 years of age).
- Reduced sick leave payouts and accumulations for new hires.
- 1.2% increase in current employee's pension contribution, which is the equivalent of a 1% salary reduction.
- Longevity bonuses will be frozen at 2011 levels. New hires will not be eligible.
- Step increases will resume immediately for those individuals moving from step 1 to 2. All others will resume on their anniversary date in 2013.
- Wage reopener in 2014.
- Reopener for the Hybrid pension plan DC contribution in 2014.

Also included in this packet is a resolution establishing the new MERS Hybrid pension plan.

If you should have any questions please let me know.

Introduced by the County Services and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE
MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF POLICE**

WHEREAS, an agreement has been reached between representatives of Ingham County and the Michigan Association of Police (MAP) for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the agreement has been ratified by the employees within the bargaining agreement; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of the agreement have been approved by the County Services and Finance Committees.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the contract between Ingham County and the Michigan Association of Police for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract includes 2014 reopeners for wages and the employer defined contribution in the Hybrid pension plan for new hires.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners and the County Clerk are authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the County, subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney.

Introduced by the County Services and Finance Committee of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MERS HYBRID PLAN FOR
NEWLY HIRED MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF POLICE EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners has recognized the escalating cost of the current MERS Defined Benefit Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Police ratified a new collective bargaining agreement that includes the establishment of a Hybrid pension plan for new hires.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the attached resolutions establishing the MERS Hybrid Pension Plan for MAP employees hired on or after January 1, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board is authorized on behalf of the County to sign and execute all documents to effectuate and finalize this transaction, subject to approval as to form, by the County Attorney.

Introduced by the County Services and Finance Committees:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LANSING FOR THE LEASE AND OPERATIONS OF THE POTTER PARK ZOO

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners authorized an agreement with the City of Lansing for the lease and operation of the Potter Park Zoo and Potter Park in Resolution #07-058; and

WHEREAS, the agreement is still in effect today; and

WHEREAS, the agreement with the City contains references that the Zoo and Potter Park will both operate and be maintained under the direction and control of the Ingham County Parks & Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners would like to remove the Potter Park Zoo and Potter Park from under the control of the Parks & Recreation Commission and establish it as a separate county department reporting to the County Controller.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes an amendment to the contract with the City of Lansing for the lease and operations of the Potter Park Zoo and Potter Park that would eliminate all references that the Zoo and Park will operate under the direction of the Ingham County Parks and Recreation Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Controller and the County Attorney are hereby authorized to contact the City of Lansing and request approval of the contract amendment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board and the County Clerk are authorized to sign the amendment subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon execution of the contract amendment the Potter Park Zoo and Potter Park will no longer operate and be maintained under the direction and control of the Ingham County Parks and Recreation Commission, and instead will be established as a separate county department reporting to the County Controller.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Potter Park Zoo board would continue to monitor Zoo operations and maintenance and provide advice and recommendations to the Board of Commissioners.

INGHAM COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT

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MEMO

DATE: October 24, 2012
TO: County Services and Finance Committees
FROM: Willis Bennett, Director
RE: Resolution Approving Amended User Fees for the Hawk Island Snow Park

This resolution amends the fee structure currently in place for the Hawk Island Snow Park. User fees were developed for the Hawk Island Snow Park and approved by the Ingham County Board of Commissioners in Resolution #12-158 Updating Various Fees for County Services.

It is the desire of Park staff to continue to provide good customer service and to have reasonable user fees. Ingham County has contracted with SUPERPARKS, LLC for the operation of the Snow Park and the professional staff at SUPERPARKS has worked closely with Parks Department staff to create a fee structure that is low cost for park users.

The Parks & Recreation Commission supported this amendment of the Hawk Island Snow Park fee structure with a resolution passed at their October meeting.

The chart on the attached page shows the current fee structure along with the proposed fee structure.

FEES SET BY COUNTY RESOLUTION #12-158 UPDATING VARIOUS FEES FOR COUNTY SERVICES

Rates During Operational Hours	Snow Tubing Hill	Ski/Snowboarding Hill
Adult (age 13 and up)	\$7/2 hours	\$7/day
Child (age 12 and under)	\$5/2 hours	\$5/day
Family (2 adults and 2 children)	\$20/2 hours \$3 for each additional child	\$20/day \$3 for each additional child
Group (20 – 100 people)	\$5/person/2 hours	\$5/person/day
Season – Adult (age 13 and up)	\$99	
Season – Child (age 12 and under)	\$59	
Rates During Non-Operational Hours (By Reservation Only)		
Group – 1 – 50 people	\$250/2 hours	
Group – 50 + people	\$350/2 hours	
Each additional hour	\$100	

PROPOSED CHANGES

Rates During Operational Hours	Tubing Hill	Ski/Snowboarding Hill	
		1 p.m. to close	Open to close
Adult (age 13 and up)	\$7/2 hours	\$10	\$15
Child (age 12 and under)	\$5/2 hours	\$8	\$10
Family (2 adults and 2 children)	\$20/2 hours \$3 for each additional child	\$30 \$4 for each additional child	\$40 \$5 for each additional child
Group (30 – 100 people)	\$5/person/2 hours	\$8/each	\$13/each
		Prior to 12/15	After 12/15
Season Pass – Adult (age 13 and up)	\$85	\$99	
Season Pass – Child (age 12 and under)	\$60	\$74	
Rates During Non-Operational Hours (By Reservation Only)			
Group (1 – 50 people)	\$299/2 hours		
Group (50 + people)	\$399/2 hours		
Each additional hour	\$99		

Introduced by the County Services and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDED USER FEES FOR THE HAWK ISLAND SNOW PARK

WHEREAS, user fees were developed for the Hawk Island Snow Park and approved by the Ingham County Board of Commissioners in Resolution #12-158 Updating Various Fees for County Services; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Park staff to continue to provide good customer service and to have reasonable user fees; and

WHEREAS, Ingham County has contracted with SUPERPARKS, LLC for the operation of the Snow Park and the professional staff at SUPERPARKS has worked closely with Parks Department staff to create a fee structure that is low cost for park users.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hawk Island Snow Park fees be amended as shown below:

Rates During Operational hours	Tubing Hill	Ski/Snowboarding Hill	
		1 p.m. to close	Open to close
Adult (age 13 and up)	\$7/2 hours	\$10	\$15
Child (age 12 and under)	\$5/2 hours	\$8	\$10
Family (2 adults and 2 children)	\$20/2 hours \$3 for each additional child	\$30 \$4 for each additional child	\$40 \$5 for each additional child
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MEMO

DATE: October 24, 2012
TO: County Services and Finance Committees
FROM: Willis Bennett, Director
RE: Resolution Approving Amendment #5 to the Hawk Island
Tubing Hill Project Agreement

This resolution approves Amendment #5 of the Agreement with the Department of Natural Resources removing fencing from the list of scope items.

Board of Commissioner Resolution #08-063 authorized the acceptance of a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to fund a snow tubing hill at Hawk Island Park. Parks staff has determined a permanent fencing structure is unnecessary and industry standards recommend “break-away” fencing be used.

The Parks Department petitioned the Department of Natural Resources for approval of an amendment to the Hawk Island Park Tubing Hill grant to remove fencing from the grant list of scope items.

The Parks & Recreation Commission supported this amendment with a resolution passed at their October meeting.

Introduced by the County Services and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT #5
TO THE HAWK ISLAND TUBING HILL PROJECT AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, Board of Commissioner Resolution #08-063 authorized the acceptance of a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to fund a snow tubing hill at Hawk Island Park; and

WHEREAS, Parks staff has determined a permanent fencing structure is unnecessary and industry standards recommend “break-away” fencing be used; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department has petitioned the Department of Natural Resources for approval of an amendment to the Hawk Island Park Tubing Hill grant to remove fencing from the grant list of scope items.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment #5 of the Agreement with the Department of Natural Resources removing fencing from the list of scope items be approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Board Chairperson and the County Clerk to sign any necessary contract/placement documents that are consistent with this resolution and approved as to form by the County Attorney.

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MEMO

DATE: October 24, 2012
TO: County Services and Finance Committees
FROM: Willis Bennett, Director
RE: Resolution Approving the Lake Lansing Park-North Deer Management Plan

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that a municipality develop a Deer Management Plan before approving a special deer hunt. This resolution approves the Lake Lansing Park-North Deer Management Plan.

In their ongoing efforts to determine the damage done to plant life by over browsing by deer at Lake Lansing Park-North Ingham County Parks staff has built four deer exclosures. In addition, to assist with public education Ingham County Parks staff has planted a deer resistant garden at Lake Lansing Park-North. Ingham County Park staff has also been monitoring local municipalities and their successes/failures to control the local deer populations.

This resolution additionally encourages the Parks & Recreation Commission to continue to work in cooperation with Meridian Township on solutions to deer overpopulation.

Ingham County Park staff is further directed to continue working with local ecologists to monitor deer exclosure sites to determine if over browsing is present. Staff will also continue to work with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources staff to implement the Lake Lansing Park-North Deer Management Plan if it is deemed necessary to control the Lake Lansing Park-North deer carrying capacity.

The Parks & Recreation Commission supported the Lake Lansing Park-North Deer Management Plan with a resolution passed at its October meeting.

Introduced by the County Services Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE
LAKE LANSING PARK-NORTH DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that a municipality develop a Deer Management Plan before approving a special deer hunt; and

WHEREAS, in their ongoing efforts to determine the damage done to plant life by over browsing by deer at Lake Lansing Park-North Ingham County Parks staff has built four deer exclosures; and

WHEREAS, in order to assist with public education Ingham County Parks staff has planted a deer resistant garden at Lake Lansing Park-North; and

WHEREAS, Ingham County Park staff has been monitoring local municipalities and their successes/failures to control the local deer populations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the Lake Lansing Park-North Deer Management Plan.

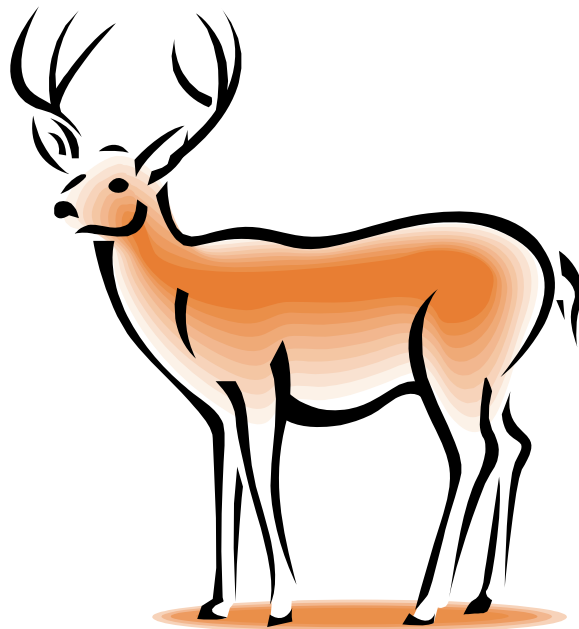
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Commissioners encourages the Parks & Recreation Commission to continue to work in cooperation with Meridian Township on solutions to deer overpopulation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ingham County Park staff continue working with local ecologists to monitor deer exclosure sites to determine if over browsing is present.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ingham County Parks staff be directed to continue to work with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources staff to implement the Lake Lansing Park-North Deer Management Plan if it is deemed necessary to control the Lake Lansing Park-North deer carrying capacity.

Lake Lansing Park-North

Deer Management Plan



LAKE LANSING PARK-NORTH DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN

INTRODUCTION

Located in the northeast corner of Meridian Township, Lake Lansing Park-North is comprised of 530 acres of diverse habitat, rich with wildlife and unique flora. Lake Lansing Park-North is a part of the Ingham County Parks system. It is used year round by visitors for nature hikes, trail running, picnicking, and cross country skiing. Efforts from park staff, the Mid-Michigan Stewardship network, volunteers, and other organizations help keep the parks clean, operational, and natural. It has become increasingly apparent that all of these efforts will be in vain, however, if we do not do something to keep the deer population in check.

The whitetail deer is common across all parts of Michigan, and many Michiganders thoroughly enjoy watching the deer recreationally in nature. When deer populations grow out of control however, deer become looked upon as pests. This takes away from the enjoyment of nature. In most parts of the Lower Peninsula the deer have no natural predators. A coyote may take a young fawn or sickly deer, but there is nothing to keep the healthy adult population in check. For many years this has helped the deer population continue to grow, but the deer are not the only thing growing. Our cities have been growing as well, pushing deer back out of the newly developed land into what remains of their natural habitat. The growth of our cities, lack of natural predators, and the fact that there is no hunting within park property has made Lake Lansing Park-North essentially an ideal shelter for the local deer population.

We are very proud of the natural beauty of our parks. Deer are certainly a part of the natural wildlife that we are proud of and want to preserve; however, it is important we make sure they are in balance with the rest of nature. When one side becomes too much, it can have devastating effects on everything else. We wish to create equilibrium so that our parks remain “exceptional in nature” for everyone to enjoy.

HOW WE KNOW OUR AREA IS OVER POPULATED WITH DEER

- Increased deer crash accidents in our area
 - o 1,076 total deer crashes in Ingham County in 2009
 - o From 2006-2011 there was a 5% increase in deer crashes in Meridian Township. That’s an average of 1% each year.
- Negative effects on vegetation in the park
 - o According to a study done by state biologist Chris Reidy, many of our native plants are being grazed on and destroyed by the deer.
 - o Since deer have a browsing preference for native plants, many of them are in recession, while invasive, non-native plants are flourishing and invading the forest.
 - o Reduction in biodiversity
- Increased complaints from neighbors about deer browsing on gardens and other landscaping and many residents are demanding the park take action
- Neighboring communities are also dealing with the same high deer volume problems

PROBLEMS WITH DEER

- Too many deer in a certain area causes greater competition for food, leading to smaller, more underweight, and malnourished deer.
- Being underweight and malnourished make deer more susceptible to diseases and less likely to survive the harsh winter months
- A high number of deer facilitates and accelerates the spreading of diseases, including Eastern Equine Encephalitis, Lyme's Disease, Bovine TB, Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), and the recent epidemic of Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD). Some of these diseases pose a potential threat to livestock and humans.
- Due to a high concentration of deer in the forest, many deer wander into local neighborhoods and cause problems for area residents by eating plants in gardens and landscaping.
- Over browsing of native plants causes abatement or even extinction of those plants, while allowing invasive, non-native plants to flourish.
- Deer help facilitate the dispersal of invasive plants by browsing native plants and becoming a conduit for invasive seed transportation
- Destruction of native plant communities has cascading effects on associated wildlife species and ecosystems
- Increased deer populations causes increased deer/car crashes

WHAT ARE OUR OPTIONS

There are different ways of going about reducing and controlling our deer population. We wanted to weigh our options to see which would be the most practical, effective, and cost efficient. We have also looked into what other local communities have done to see what has worked the best and what problems they may have encountered.

Fencing Pro's:

- Environmentally friendly
- Site specific would help homeowners

Fencing Con's:

- Expensive and labor intensive for the park to put up fencing around perimeter
- Would not alleviate problems effectively as deer would still brows vegetation inside park
- Would do nothing to reduce size of deer population

Trap and Transfer:

The Wildlife Division of the MDNR does not allow removal of live deer. The trapping and converting of deer to private ownership is also prohibited.

Contraceptives and Sterilization:

The Wildlife Division prohibits use of contraceptives and sterilization. There is currently no method of contraceptives that is approved by the FDA. These methods are impractical and unaffordable. Furthermore, deer are susceptible to traumatic injury during handling, and moving deer has the potential for spreading disease.

Road Signs and Determent Pro's:

- Could reduce number of deer/car collisions by keeping deer away from the roads
- Many options for deterrents
- Ability to safeguard specific high volume sites

Road Signs and Determent Con's:

- Potential high cost for signs and deterring instruments
- Will not decrease the herd size and may actually help increase herd size by limiting deer fatalities
- Deterrents not proven 100% effective
- Signs and deterrents become less effective over time as people become accustomed to the signs and deer to the deterrents

Bow/Gun Hunt Pro's:

- Instant reduction in deer population
- Reduction in deer crashes and property damage
- A more balanced ecosystem
- Hunt to be executed by skilled and experienced hunters, which will be selected by park staff
- Deer meat will be made available to the needy

Bow/Gun Hunt Con's:

- Conflicts with pro-deer contingency
- Special permits and paperwork must be arranged
- Safety concerns are raised when weapons are permitted on park property

PRECEDENT FOR DEER MANAGEMENT

In 2010 the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) released a deer management plan, in which their goals, objectives and actions are outlined. The six principle goals of the MDNR are:

1. Manage deer populations at levels that do not degrade the vegetation upon which deer and other wildlife depend
2. Promote deer hunting to provide quality recreational opportunities, as the primary tool to achieve population goals, and as an important social and cultural activity
3. Manage habitat to provide for the long-term viability of white-tailed deer in Michigan while limiting negative impacts to the habitats of other wildlife species
4. Reduce conflict between humans and deer
5. Reduce the threats and impacts of disease on the wild deer population and on Michigan's economy
6. Enhance public engagement in and awareness of deer management issues and knowledge of deer ecology and management

Aside from directly promoting managed deer hunts as the best means for population control (see #2 above), the MDNR acknowledges that non-lethal means of population control, including habitat modification, feeding bans, repellants, fencing, roadside deterrents, hazing and frightening the deer, and others, are relatively unsuccessful. Furthermore, the MDNR also acknowledges that if properly done, a managed hunt can be very safe.

Meridian Township

- Executed a managed hunt in October 2011 and extended it through February 2012 ~ Future hunts are scheduled at the end of 2012 with extended hunting locations and more hunters

Mt. Pleasant

- Executed a 3-year special hunt program with assistance of the USDA Wildlife Services from 2010-2012

Hillsdale

- Have a 3-year special hunt program that finalized in 2012

Ella Sharp Park in Summit Township

- Have had 5 consecutive special deer hunts as of 2012

Two Harbors

- Special deer hunt in January 2012

Independence Park

- Has held special hunts for the past 10 years

Addison Park

- Has held special hunts for the past 8 years

Rochester Hills

- Proposed special deer hunt

Beaver Island

- Proposed special deer hunt

Grand Haven

- Proposed special deer hunt

CONSIDERATIONS FOR A SPECIAL DEER HUNT (OUTSIDE OF REGULAR DEER SEASON)

- Top priority of a special deer hunt will be to protect the safety of hunters, neighboring residences, and the general public
- All meat will be donated to Sportsmen Against Hunger
- Antlerless deer only
- Trails will remain open during hunts, with appropriate signs indicating hunt is in progress
- Hunting will be during the week to avoid the busier weekend days
- General public and neighborhood notification

PRE-HUNT

- Park staff will pick 8 locations for deer stands that allow maximum safety for the public and are also prime hunting spots
- No hunting will occur within 450' of an occupied dwelling
- Hunters will be interviewed by staff and will have a background criminal record check prior to being accepted
- Park staff will assist hunters in site preparation
- Park will acquire up to 50 deer tags
- Hunters will be brought on location for training and to go over rules. They will check the blinds and become familiar with the area
- Signage will be placed at park entrances and along trails to inform the public about the future hunt
- Hunters are required to provide proper hunting licenses
- All sites will be baited 1-2 weeks prior to the hunt
- Map of Lake Lansing Park-North will be provided and will include labeled trails and blind locations

DURING HUNT

- Hunters will hunt only at designated days, times, and at pre-determined locations
- There shall be only one hunter per blind
- All hunting will be per state laws and regulations and per Township regulations according to the deer management hunt guidelines
- Firearm hunting, shotgun only per MDNR regulations
- Hunters may be escorted to and from designated blind locations by staff
- Hunters must remain within 50 feet of the blind at all times
- Hunters will check in with park staff when they arrive each day and check out when they leave
- When hunters arrive they will be given a two-way radio and required to remain in radio contact with park staff at all times
- Hunters will wear hunter orange
- When a deer is shot it is the hunters responsibility to immediately contact park staff and then dress the deer away from hiking trails and out of public view
- It will be the Parks responsibility to remove the deer, record proper measurements as required by the DNR and transport to processor
- This will be a doe only hunt

POST HUNT

- Park staff will transfer deer to processing location
- Blinds will be taken down to discourage further hunting
- Browsing, resident complaints, deer/car crash info will continue to be monitored
- Hunt should be a multi-year event

ACCOMPANYING EFFORTS

- Informational kiosks are located through out the park to notify park patrons of the concerns with deer the park is facing
- A deer resistant garden was planted at the neighborhood entrance to our trails to help local residents determine which plants they should and should not plant in their landscapes
- Efforts are being made by Mid-Michigan Stewardship Initiative and volunteers to rid the park property of invasive species, including garlic mustard, Japanese knotweed, phragmites, buckthorn, and autumn olive to create greater biodiversity
- Prescribed burns have been done to help reduce invasive plant growth and allow for native plants to regenerate
- Park staff has constructed fenced-in deer exclosures, which keep a small area inaccessible to the deer, so we can monitor the vegetative growth in a deer free environment and compare it to the vegetative growth in the rest of the park

Introduced by the County Services Committee of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE FFA CHAPTER OF WEBBERVILLE

WHEREAS, the National FFA (Future Farmers of America) Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 540,379 student members in grades seven through twelve to one of 7,489 local FFA chapters throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, FFA members have the opportunity to excel in one of three areas – student, chapter or community development, each year FFA chapters are recognized as having earned a one, two, or three-star rating on their applications, the three-star rating is the highest level of accomplishment an FFA chapter may achieve; and

WHEREAS, the National FFA Organization recently selected the FFA Chapter of Webberville from a pool of 660 candidates nationwide, as a three-star winner in the National FFA Chapter Award Program; and

WHEREAS, the award program is sponsored by John Deere as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, the National FFA Award program recognizes FFA chapters for developing and conducting and detailed program of activities; and

WHEREAS, Chapter members were recognized for this honor at the 2012 National FFA Convention and Expo October 24-27 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners hereby congratulates the FFA Chapter of Webberville on being a three-star winner in the National FFA Chapter Award Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board recognizes the effort and work involved to implement a Program of Activities worthy of receiving such a prestigious award and extends its sincere appreciation to the FFA Chapter of Webberville and its alumni.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board wishes them continued success in all of their future endeavors.

Introduced by the County Services Committee of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION HONORING JOHN DAHER, SUPERVISOR,
LANSING CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, John Daher has resided in the Lansing area his entire life, he has been a resident of Lansing Charter Township since 1976; and

WHEREAS, John, a former teacher and real estate broker, was elected as Supervisor of Lansing Charter Township in January of 1984; and

WHEREAS, as a regional leader John joined former Mayor David Hollister and former Delta Township Supervisor Joe Drolett on the Save GM Committee, in 1996 he signed Mutual Aid Pact with Delta Township, City of Lansing and East Lansing for fire service, and in 2012 he was active in the Shared Public Services Initiative Capital Area Fire for collaboration of fire services in the region; and

WHEREAS, under John's leadership the Township experienced many improvements and growth such as the Eastwood Towne Center Development, regional shopping entertainment destination, which opened in 2002 and The Heights at Eastwood which opened in 2012; and

WHEREAS, John pursued recreation grants to improve the Township parks, as a result, four of the parks now have playground equipment and one has hiking trails; and

WHEREAS, in December of 1998, the Township launched its ambulance service to better serve the community; and

WHEREAS, John continued to balance the Lansing Charter Township budget, even after undergoing a \$500,000 tax loss due to GM plant closings, these budgets were balanced with no employee layoffs; and

WHEREAS, John is one of the area's longest serving leaders of a local government and is admired for the work he has done in bringing unity to a Township that is geographically separated; and

WHEREAS, after 28 years of dedicated service as Supervisor of Lansing Charter Township, John Daher is retiring.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners hereby honors John Daher for his many years of public service, his countless contributions and for improving the quality of life for the citizens of Ingham County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board extends its sincere appreciation to John and wishes him continued success in all of his future endeavors.

Introduced by the County Services Committee of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Ingham County, Michigan (the "County"), held on the _____, at 6:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

PRESENT: Commissioners _____

ABSENT: Commissioners _____

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Ingham County, Michigan previously has adopted a Resolution of Intent to authorize the establishment of a property assessed clean energy program ("PACE Program") and create a PACE district pursuant to Act No. 270, Public Acts of Michigan, 2010 ("Act 270"), for the purpose of promoting the use of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements by owners of certain real property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that financing energy projects is a valid public purpose because it stimulates economic development, improves property values, reduces energy costs, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and increases employment in the County; and

WHEREAS, the types of energy projects, either energy efficiency improvements or renewable energy systems, that may be financed under the PACE Program include, but are not limited to: insulation in walls, roofs, floors, foundations, or heating and cooling distribution systems; storm windows and doors; multi-glazed windows and doors; heat-absorbing or heat-reflective glazed and coated window and door systems; and additional glazing, reductions in glass area, and other window and door system modifications that reduce energy consumption; automated energy control systems; heating, ventilating, or air-conditioning and distribution system modifications or replacements; caulking, weather-stripping, and air sealing; replacement or modification of lighting fixtures to reduce the energy use of the lighting system; energy recovery systems; day lighting systems; installation or upgrade of electrical wiring or outlets to charge a motor vehicle that is fully or partially powered by electricity; measures to reduce the usage of water or increase the efficiency of water usage; any other installation or modification of equipment, devices, or materials approved as a utility cost-savings measure by the Board of Commissioners; a fixture, product, device, or interacting group of fixtures, products, or devices on the customer's side of the meter that use one or more renewable energy resources to generate electricity. Renewable energy resources include, but are not limited to: biomass (includes a biomass stove but does not include an incinerator or digester); solar and solar thermal energy; wind energy; geothermal energy and methane gas captured from a landfill; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners conducted a public hearing on _____, 2012, at 341 S. Jefferson, Mason, MI 48854 to receive comments on the proposed PACE Program, including the Report referenced in Section 9(1) of Act 270 (the "PACE Report"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners intends to establish a PACE Program as described in the PACE Report, so as to provide a property owner based method of financing and funds for energy projects, including from the sale of bonds or notes which shall not be a general obligation of the County, amounts advanced by the County from any other source permitted by law, or from owner-arranged financing from a commercial lender, which funds and financing shall be secured and repaid by assessments on the property benefited, with the agreement of the record owners, such that no County moneys, general County taxes or County credit of any kind whatsoever shall be pledged, committed or used in connection with any project as required by, and subject to Act 270.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The PACE Program for the County is established and approved.
2. The PACE district, having the same boundaries as the County's jurisdictional boundaries, is established.
3. The PACE Program constitutes a valid public purpose because it stimulates economic development, improves property values, reduces energy costs, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and increases employment in the County.
4. The PACE Report is incorporated herein in full by reference, and is approved and adopted.
5. The County formally joins Lean & Green Michigan™ and Levin Energy Partners, LLC is designated as PACE administrator to administer the PACE Program.
6. In accordance with the PACE Report, amendments to the PACE Program shall not require a public hearing, with the exception of amendments regarding property eligibility parameters found in paragraph 11 of the PACE Report.
7. In accordance with Act 270, an assessment imposed under the PACE Program, including any interest on the assessment and any penalty, shall constitute a lien against the property on which the assessment is imposed until the assessment, including any interest or penalty, is paid in full. The lien runs with the property and has the same priority and status as other property tax and assessment liens. The County has all rights in the case of delinquency in the payment of an assessment as it does with respect to delinquent property taxes. When the assessment, including any interest and penalty, is paid, the lien shall be removed from the property. The County Treasurer is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any special assessment agreement, document or certificate necessary or appropriate to create, establish and record an assessment under the PACE Program.
8. In accordance with Act 270, installments of assessments due under the PACE Program may be included in each summer and winter tax bill issued under the General Property Tax Act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.155 ("Act 206"), and may be collected at the same time and in the same manner as taxes collected under Act 206. Under owner-arranged financing, the County may impose an assessment and forward payments to the commercial lender or the record owner may pay the commercial lender directly. In all projects where the property owner will pay the installments of assessments through periodic payments to the County, the PACE

special assessment agreement will provide for the County to be reimbursed for the actual costs of administering the billing and payment process.

9. The County may join with any other local unit of government, or with any person, or with any number or combination thereof, by contract or otherwise as may be permitted by law, for the implementation of the County's PACE Program, in whole or in part, and the County Treasurer is authorized to execute and deliver such documents, agreements or certificates as may be necessary or advisable to permit the cooperative implementation of the PACE Program as provided by Act 270 or other applicable law.

10. The County Treasurer is authorized to sign necessary documents, agreements or certificates, and to take all other actions necessary or convenient to implement a PACE Program consistent with the PACE Report.

11. All resolutions and parts of resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

YEAS: Commissioners _____

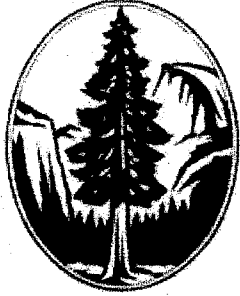
NAYS: Commissioners _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Mike Bryanton
County Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Ingham County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on _____, 2012, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976 and that minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Mike Bryanton
County Clerk



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Honorable Dale Copedge, Chairperson
Ingham County Board of Commissioners
PO Box 319
Mason MI 48854

Mark Muhich, Chairman
Central Michigan Group Sierra Club
2466 Emmons Rd
Jackson MI 49201

October 11, 2012

RE: Ingham County Conservation District funding FY 2013

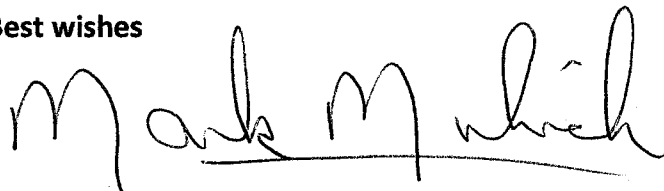
Dear Commissioner Copedge,

The Ingham County Conservation District has been serving the Ingham County agricultural community for more than 70 years. Along with 80 other conservations districts across Michigan, and 3,000 conservation districts in the U.S. the Ingham County Conservation District has promoted good agricultural practices and improved soil and water quality in our area.

Unfortunately there is no conservation district that receives less funding from its home county than does the Ingham County Conservation District. With a modest expenditure of \$20,000. The Ingham County Board of Commissioners would assist its Conservation District in leveraging millions of dollars in state and federal grants, coordinate with many other governmental agencies, and aid Ingham County farmers with best agricultural practices.

The Ingham County Conservation District has recently hired a new, energetic, young director, Michelle Beloscur. This would be a most excellent time for the Ingham County Board of Commissioners to refund the Conservation District and support the many valuable programs the District can offer Ingham County farmers and private land owners. Both Michelle and I would be glad to discuss the opportunities available to Ingham County in committee, and before the full Board.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Muhich". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mark Muhich, chairman

Central Michigan Group Sierra Club

cc: Diane Holman
Becky Bennet
Teri Morton
Michelle Beloskur