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THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M., IN CONFERENCE ROOM A, HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING, 5303 S. CEDAR, LANSING AND VIRTUALLY AT <https://ingham.zoom.us/j/83587032242>.

Agenda

Call to Order

Approval of the [February 22, 2024](#) Minutes

Additions to the Agenda

Limited Public Comment

1. Capital Area District Library Board – Interviews
2. Community Health Centers – Discussion
3. Parks Department
 - a. Resolution to Authorize a Contract with [Laux Construction](#) for Improvements to Hawk Island County Park
 - b. Resolution to Approve a [Policy for Supplemental Funding](#) Requests for the Trails and Parks Millage
 - c. Resolution to Authorize a 2-Year Renewal Agreement with [Vermont Systems, Inc.](#)
4. Health Department
 - a. Resolution to Accept the [Michigan Public Health Institute](#) Accreditation Readiness Mini-Grant
 - b. Resolution to [Amend Resolution #23-301](#) for an Agreement with Medical Home Network Health Alliance II, LLC for Participation in a Medicare Shared Savings Program Accountable Care Organization
 - c. Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with [Project Management Institute](#)
 - d. Resolution Honoring [Pamela Flowers](#)
5. Controller's Office
 - a. Resolution to Authorize a Contract with [RIP Medical Debt](#) to Provide Medical Debt Relief for Qualified Ingham County Residents
 - b. Resolution Authorizing Ingham County's Participation in the Equitable Mobility Powering Opportunities for [Workplace Electrification Readiness](#) Project
6. Board of Commissioners – Resolution Supporting Statewide [Water Affordability](#) Legislation (*Referred by the Board of Commissioners*)

Announcements
Public Comment
Adjournment

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HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

February 22, 2024

Draft Minutes

Members Present: Cahill, Morgan, Pawar, Peña, Ruest, Tennis, and Trubac.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Commissioner Maiville, Jared Cypher, Scott Moles, Ginny Rezmierski, Heather Armstrong, Madison Hughes, Anika Ried and others

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Cahill at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room A of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan. Virtual public participation was offered via Zoom at <https://ingham.zoom.us/j/83587032242>.

Approval of the February 5, 2024 Minutes

CHAIRPERSON CAHILL STATED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 5, 2024 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED.

Additions to the Agenda

None.

Limited Public Comment

Scott Moles, Ingham County resident and patient advocate, provided a statement, which was included in the minutes as Attachment A.

Ginny Rezmierski, Stockbridge Area Senior Center Representative, provided a statement that was included in the minutes as Attachment B.

MOVED BY COMM. RUEST, SUPPORTED BY COMM. PEÑA, TO APPROVE A CONSENT AGENDA CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING ACTION ITEMS:

1. Health Department
 - a. Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with Graphic Sciences, Inc. for the Transport, Storage, and Retrieval of Health Department Files
 - b. Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with Michigan Public Health Institute for Provision of the MIPathways Data Management System
 - c. Resolution to Authorize Agreements with Barry-Eaton District Health Department and Mid-Michigan District Health Department for the Region 7 Perinatal Quality Collaborative
 - d. Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with Sparrow Hospital for the Region 7 Perinatal Quality Collaborative

- e. Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with Michigan Public Health Institute Center for Healthy Communities for the Region 7 Perinatal Quality Collaborative
- f. Resolution to Authorize the Acceptance of a Wellbeing Grant from the Michigan Association for Local Public Health
- g. Resolution to Authorize the Creation of a .50 FTE Region 7 Perinatal Quality Collaborative Project Specialist

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Announcements

Commissioner Morgan announced they would be asking the Human Services Committee at the next meeting to release the October 16, 2023 Attorney's Opinion on Use of Senior Millage Funds. Commissioner Morgan stated they did not want to blindsides the Committee with that request and it was a heads up in case they wanted to review it.

Commissioner Peña announced that the Cristo Rey Church located at 201 West Miller Road in South Lansing had its annual Lenten Friday Fish Fry and, on behalf of the Church, was inviting those present. Commissioner Peña further stated that Cristo Rey Church had cooperated and coordinated efforts with Ingham County and they had many programs together that included assimilation for new arrivals, language training, housing locations, and legal services navigable to those who were new to the community.

Commissioner Peña announced that Central United Methodist Church had a once every four years Leap Day party on Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and cost of admission was a non-perishable item of food. Commissioner Peña further stated there would be chili, a piñata, and cookies in the shape of a frog for children to decorate, and added if anyone did show up without a non-perishable item, they would still get a cup of chili.

Commissioner Pawar stated, since the last Human Services Committee meeting, one of the liaison committees that she was appointed to, the Ingham Health Plan, had received a request from Meridian Cares, who worked with individuals in the area that had hardship. Commissioner Pawar further stated she spoke with Lori Noyer, Ingham Health Plan Coordinator, who stated they would be going to Meridian Cares for their March 6, 2024 meeting to inform residents in the area of different opportunities available to them, as that was a concern from some constituents about how the Ingham Health Plan worked and who benefited from their services.

Commissioner Pawar stated she also attended Mid-State Health Network meeting alongside Chairperson Cahill and realized the group was very intellectual and working towards the County. Commissioner Pawar further stated they had Inter-County Contracts coming up that Ingham County should be on the lookout for those to get them signed in a timely manner so they did not have to spend a whole year between 23 counties waiting to get those Inter-County Contracts signed and moving.

Chairperson Cahill stated if Ingham County needed the Mid-State Health Network to come in and make a presentation, they would do that.

Public Comment

Commissioner Maiville stated that Rezmierski had mentioned that the Stockbridge Area Senior Center had lost their Director due to their inability to pay, but clarified they actually lost the Director to the Tri-County Office on Aging (TCOA). Commissioner Maiville further stated it was Ingham County's gain, but the Stockbridge Area Senior Centers loss, and was one of the difficulties they were having.

Chairperson Cahill thanked Commissioner Maiville for the clarification.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

ATTACHMENT A: Statement from Scott Moles

County commissioners 2/22/24

I am before this Board again advocating for the many residents of the Dobie road facility. I would like to note my displeasure with the continued lack of adequate staffing. This is an ongoing issue that has been cited by the state as a violation of state and federal requirements. It is my understanding that when the facility is cited, adequate staffing scheduling is presented by Dobie. The state accepts this. My question is this. Is this what is paper scheduled or does this reflect real world staffing. If 15 people are scheduled yet only 7 show is seems that Dobie is 8 people short.

Normally I don't involve personal issues but in this case I will. Approximately 4 wks ago, again a short staffed evening, my wife was left for over an hr in wet clothing. With her history of uti's and a 30% kidney function, this is unacceptable.

Within 4 days she was transported to Sparrow ER via ambulance for a tentative heart attack. Further work up at Sparrow determined is was not a heart but a severe uti. It was treated with a dose of iv antibiotics. After 5 days she was discharged back to Dobie with 2 more days of treatment. Once this was stopped, at no time, that we are aware of, was bloodwork done to verify the infection was gone.

Within 5 days she was again transported to Sparrow ER. This time with stroke symptoms. Further evaluation by 2 neurologists determined this was not a stroke and, based on lab work, it was more than likely another uti. Both recommended another round of iv antibiotics. It took over 17 hrs before this was started. Specialists determine that this was a very difficult infection and she was placed on dialysis to clear the toxins out of her blood. She has just undergone her 6th round of dialysis and will be discharged to Dobie with another 2 wks of outpatient dialysis, hopefully. There is a possibility of lifetime dialysis due to the additional decline in kidney function.

In summary:

- 1) Did lack of staffing at dobie contribute to the 1st uti?

- 2) Did the lack of follow-up to the clearing of the infection contribute to the second uti.
- 3) Did the delay in treatment at Sparrow result in the need for dialysis?
- 4) Will long term dialysis be an outcome?
- 5) Could this all been avoided with a timely response to a need for a brief change at Dobie?

Scott Moles 2/22/2024

ATTACHMENT B: Statement from Ginny Rezmierski

2/22/24

Good evening. My name is Ginny Rezmierski.

I have spoken with you previously in support of the August 2023 funding request for the Stockbridge Area Senior Center in the amount of ~~\$87,464~~.

1) We agree that:

individuals 60 years of age and older benefit from regular nutritious meals, opportunities for socialization with others, physical exercise and planned activities, and mental stimulation and challenge.

There is evidence that such opportunities are **critical**, even life-saving, and have significant impact on happiness, mental and physical health and longevity of life.

"The Board of Commissioners believes that providing elder persons access to free or low-cost activities and services will improve the social, legal, health, housing, educational, emotional, nutritional, recreational, and mobility status of elder persons residing within Ingham County."

2) We have previously noted that monies collected from the Ingham County Elder Millage should be distributed to start, build, and stabilize elder services whether they be through the TCOA organization or more directly, through high functioning local senior centers.

3) We have recognized that some funding has been collected by the County and gone undistributed while some local senior centers are in dire need of financial support as they struggle to grow their own local sources of sustainable funding, meet the fast-growing demand for services which result in **wait lists**, and address the **critical needs** of local seniors.

4) The request from the Stockbridge Area is for a portion of that already, but undistributed, funding, which was collected for the purpose of **"planning, coordinating, evaluating, and providing activities and services to elder persons, being individuals sixty years of age and older residing in Ingham County"**

It is simply short-sighted thinking to believe that only a large centralized organization can serve all of the existing senior needs. Such a centralized organization, in partnership and shared funding with local senior centers, can exponentially increase the number and kind of services available to

Michigan seniors and can even serve as a model for other states struggling to serve this growing population. Together they can more effectively reduce wait-lists, provide critical services, and ensure that nutritional, social, physical and emotional needs are being met for many more seniors.

5) The Stockbridge Area Senior Center is a new center. It is struggling to meet the existing demand for services in this six-township rural area. In August, 2023 it had surpassed its first-year membership goal of fifty-by already reporting 120 members. In the past 6 months, continuing to experience high demand, it has grown by 38% --to a current membership of 165.

6) We have argued that new and quality local senior centers should receive a portion of financial support from the elder millage for a period of time so that they can concentrate more of their leadership attention on establishing self-sustainable funding from local sources to meet the critical needs of their area seniors.

Specifically, the Stockbridge Area request asks for funding ~~in the amount of \$57,164~~ to: "stabilize the leadership and the non-personnel essential elements that are legal, health, and safety best practice requirements for operating a senior center." To expand critical services and meet demand, funding is needed to redirect efforts of the leadership and new programs.

The SASC, as a new center, has not yet been able to compensate the part-time leader of the center at a rate of even the median of director salaries, thus jeopardizing the leadership stability of the center and causing the loss of its current director.

7) The SASC is geographically located in Ingham County. SASC serves seniors in six townships, three of which are in Ingham County: White Oak, Bunkerhill and Stockbridge Townships. 65% of the current membership of 165 are residents of these three Ingham County townships.

8) Please grant the request from the Stockbridge Area Senior Center for funding from the current reserve and ALSO for a regular portion of the funding from each annual millage collection. Residents of these townships have paid into this millage since its inception and deserve more services for their area seniors.

MARCH 4, 2024 HUMAN SERVICES AGENDA

STAFF REVIEW SUMMARY

ACTION ITEMS:

The Deputy Controller is recommending approval of the following resolutions:

3. Parks Department

a. *Resolution to Authorize a Contract with Laux Construction for Improvements to Hawk Island County Park*

This resolution authorizes a contract with Laux Construction for making improvements to Hawk Island County Park. The general scope of work includes, but is not limited to 1) removing existing boardwalk, 2) stairway and path along the eastern edge of the pond and installing a new accessible floating boardwalk, 3) fishing docks, 4) replacing the existing path with a 10-foot wide path extending to the docks, and 5) native plant restoration, interpretive signage, a recycling bin, and a new park entrance sign. The project is not to exceed \$1,841,816.92. The resolution also authorizes a contingency not to exceed \$92,090.85 to cover any additional work items to be completed by staff in-house and/or expenditure by Laux Construction. Funding for this project is available in the Parks Department budget.

b. *Resolution to Approve a Policy for Supplemental Funding Requests for the Trails and Parks Millage*

This resolution adopts a policy governing supplemental funding requests related to the Trails and Parks Millage. The primary objective of this policy is to establish clear guidelines for municipalities when seeking additional funding, especially in cases where the community's reimbursement exceeds approved contractual terms.

c. *Resolution to Authorize a 2-Year Renewal Agreement with Vermont Systems, Inc.*

This resolution authorizes entering into a two-year renewal contract with Vermont Systems, Inc. for point of sale systems at Potter Park Zoo and Ingham County Parks as listed below:

Parks

Year	Annual Maintenance & Support Paid to Vermont Systems	Card Connect Lease fees Paid to Vermont Systems	Cradle Point Service Fee Paid to Verizon	Total
Year 6	\$8,758	\$6,600	\$6,239	\$21,597
Year 7	\$9,196	\$6,600	\$6,239	\$22,035

Zoo

Year	Annual Maintenance & Support Paid to Vermont Systems	Card Connect Lease fees Paid to Vermont Systems	Cradle Point Service Fee Paid to Verizon	Total
Year 6	\$8,163	\$6,900	\$480	\$15,543
Year 7	\$8,571	\$6,900	\$480	\$15,951

4. Health Department

a. *Resolution to Accept the Michigan Public Health Institute Accreditation Readiness Mini-Grant*

This resolution accepts funding from the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) for an Accreditation Readiness Mini-Grant, effective March 1, 2024 through August 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. This funding will support the hiring of a consultant to provide guidance in Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) reaccreditation activities, including the reinstallation of ICHD's Performance Management systems.

b. *Resolution to Amend Resolution #23-301 for an Agreement with Medical Home Network Health Alliance II, LLC for Participation in a Medicare Shared Savings Program Accountable Care Organization*

This resolution amends the agreement with Michigan Primary Care Association (MPCA) and Michigan Community Health Network (MCHN) authorized by Resolution #23-301, to enter into an agreement with the Medical Home Network (MHN) Health Alliance II, LLC to participate in a Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) Accountable Care Organization (ACO), effective upon approval. The MSSP ACO is a group of medical providers who collaborate to give coordinated high-quality care to people with Medicare. MSSP ACO focuses on delivering the right care at the right time while avoiding unnecessary services and medical errors. When an ACO succeeds in both delivering high-quality care and spending health care dollars more wisely, the ACO may be eligible to share in the savings it achieves for the Medicare program. ICHD's CHCs provide care for 1,000 Medicare beneficiaries. The MSSP ACO would provide a per-member, per month (PMPM) payment of between \$6 to \$10, which will amount to annual revenues between \$60,000 and \$100,000.

c. *Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with Project Management Institute*

This resolution authorizes an agreement with Project Management Institute (PMI) for the professional development of Americorps VISTA Program members to enhance their project management capabilities and support the successful implementation of service projects, effective upon approval through September 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$8,700.

d. *Resolution Honoring Pamela Flowers*

This resolution honors Pamela Flowers on the event of her retirement.

5. Controller's Office

a. *Resolution to Authorize a Contract with RIP Medical Debt to Provide Medical Debt Relief for Qualified Ingham County Residents*

This resolution authorizes a contract with RIP Medical Debt in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to provide medical debt relief for qualified Ingham County Residents. RIP Medical Debt is a 501(c)(3) national charity that acquires and abolishes medical debt for people burdened by financial hardship.

b. *Resolution Authorizing Ingham County's Participation in the Equitable Mobility Powering Opportunities for Workplace Electrification Readiness Project*

This resolution authorizes the County's participation in the EMPOWER Workplace Charging Project in partnership with Michigan Clean Cities.

OTHER ITEMS:

1. Capital Area District Library Board – Interviews

2. Community Health Centers – Discussion

6. Board of Commissioners – Resolution Supporting Statewide Water Affordability Legislation (Referred by the Board of Commissioners)

TO: Board of Commissioners Human Services & Finance Committees

FROM: Brian Collins, Parks Deputy Director

DATE: February 20, 2024

SUBJECT: Contract with Laux Construction

For the meeting agenda of March 4, 2024 Human Services and March 6, 2024 Finance

BACKGROUND

The Purchasing Department solicited proposals from qualified and experienced general contractors to enter into a contract for the purpose of making improvements to Hawk Island County Park. The general scope of work includes, but is not limited to, 1) removing existing boardwalk 2) adding stairway and path along the eastern edge of the pond and installing a new accessible floating boardwalk 3) fishing docks 4) replacing the existing path with a 10-foot wide path extending to the docks 5) native plant restoration, interpretive signage, a recycling bin, and a new park entrance sign. The evaluation committee recommends that the contract be awarded to Laux Construction.

ALTERNATIVES

This project would be in line with the Parks Department 5-year Master Plan for capital improvements that improve accessibility and enhance the user experience. The alternative is to not complete the project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The bid was evaluated by the consultant (Rowe PSC) and within the budgeted amount, reviewed and accepted by the DNR and is in agreement with the Parks Department. It is the recommendation to award the contract to the local vendor Laux Construction for the base bid Sections 1 & 2 (\$1,748,374.52), in addition to Alternates #1 (\$46,721.20) & #2 (\$46,721.20) for a grand total not to exceed: \$1,841,816.92. Funding has been established as follows:

FUNDING SOURCES	
Trust Fund Grant #22-0077	300,000.00
Trust Fund Grant #21-0118	300,000.00
Land & Water Grant #26-01857	430,400.00
Millage TR084	923,500.00
Millage TR111	362,600.00
TOTAL FUNDING	2,316,500.00

COSTS	
Prime Commitment (Rowe)	-56,603.00
Construction	-1,841,816.92
Construction Contingency 5%	-92,090.85
Permit Fees (EGLE & COL)	-5,000.00
TOTAL COSTS	-1,995,510.77

TOTAL REMAINING	320,989.23
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STRATEGIC PLANNING IMPACT

This resolution supports the overarching long-term objective of striving to make facilities and services user-friendly, specifically Section A. 1(g) of the Action Plan - Work to improve accessibility for visitors of all ages and abilities.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The Ingham County Park Commission will review this resolution at their March 11, 2024 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information presented, I respectfully recommend approval of the attached resolution authorizing Ingham County enter into a contract with Laux Construction.

Agenda Item 3a

TO: Timothy Morgan, Director, Parks Department

FROM: James Hudgins, Director of Purchasing

DATE: February 6, 2024

RE: Memorandum of Performance for RFP No. 13-24 Improvements to Hawk Island County Park -
Rebid

Per your request, the Purchasing Department sought proposals from qualified and experienced general contractors to enter into a contract for the purpose of making improvements to Hawk Island County Park, according to the specifications and scope of work prepared by the County's Prime Professional Rowe Professional Services Company.

The general scope of work includes, but is not limited to, removing the existing boardwalk, stairway, and path along the eastern edge of the pond, and installing a new accessible floating boardwalk, fishing docks, and replacing the existing path with a 10-foot wide path extending to the docks. The project also includes native plant restoration, interpretive signage, a recycling bin, and a new park entrance sign.

The Purchasing Department can confirm the following:

Function	Overall Number of Vendors	Number of Local Vendors
Vendors invited to propose	93	18
Vendors attending pre-bid/proposal meeting	5	2
Vendors responding	1	1

A summary of the vendors' costs is located on the next page.

A preconstruction meeting will be required prior to commencement of work since the construction cost exceeds \$10,000. Please make sure the Purchasing Department is invited and able to attend the preconstruction meeting to ensure that all contractors comply with the Prevailing Wage Policy and proper bonding.

You are now ready to complete the final steps in the process: 1) evaluate the submissions based on the criteria established in the RFP; 2) confirm funds are available; 3) submit your recommendation of award along with your evaluation to the Purchasing Department; 4) write a memo of explanation; and, 5) prepare and submit a resolution for Board approval.

This Memorandum is to be included with your memo and resolution submission to the Resolutions Group as acknowledgement of the Purchasing Department's participation in the purchasing process.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail at jhudgins@ingham.org or by phone at 676-7309.

SUMMARY OF VENDORS' COSTS

Vendor Name	Local Preference	Section 1: Site Work	Section 2: Floating Dock	Section 1 & 2	Alternate #1: Stair D	Alternate #2: Stair E	GRAND TOTAL	Alternate #5: Sitework
		Lump Sum Cost	Lump Sum Cost	Lump Sum Cost	20' Gangway/Fishing Extension	20' Gangway/Fishing Extension	SECTIONS 1 & 2 PLUS	Owner to supply and place native seeding and complete weed management to establish turf cover
					Add (+)	Add (+)	ALTERNATES 1 & 2	Deduct (-)
Laux Construction LLC	Yes, Holt MI	\$ 674,929.27	\$ 1,073,445.25	\$ 1,748,374.52	\$ 46,721.20	\$ 46,721.20	\$1,841,816.92	\$ 2,027.95

Introduced by the Human Services and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH LAUX CONSTRUCTION
FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO HAWK ISLAND COUNTY PARK**

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Department solicited proposals from qualified and experienced contractors for the purpose of entering into a contract for making improvements to Hawk Island County Park; and

WHEREAS, this general scope of work includes, but is not limited to 1) removing existing boardwalk, 2) stairway and path along the eastern edge of the pond and installing a new accessible floating boardwalk, 3) fishing docks, 4) replacing the existing path with a 10-foot wide path extending to the docks, and 5) native plant restoration, interpretive signage, a recycling bin, and a new park entrance sign; and

WHEREAS, after careful review and evaluation of the proposals received, the Evaluation Committee recommends that a contract be awarded to Laux Construction; and

WHEREAS, there are available funds in line item 228-62800-967000-TR084 and line item 228-62800-967000-TR111.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes a contract with Laux Construction for the base bid Sections 1 & 2 (\$1,748,374.52), in addition to Alternates #1 (\$46,721.20) & #2 (\$46,721.20) for a grand total not to exceed: \$1,841,816.92 for improvements to Hawk Island County Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes a contingency not to exceed \$92,090.85 to cover any additional work items to be completed by staff in-house and/or expenditure by Laux Construction of which must be mutually agreed on in writing between the Parks Director (or designee) and Laux Construction before work on such work items is begun.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign any necessary contract documents on behalf of the County after approval as to form by the County Attorney.

TO: Board of Commissioners Human Services & Finance Committees
FROM: Tim Morgan, Parks Director
DATE: February 20, 2024
SUBJECT: Policy for Supplemental Funding Requests for Trails and Parks Millage
For the meeting agenda of March 4, 2024 Human Services and March 6, 2024 Finance

BACKGROUND

This resolution seeks approval for the implementation of a policy governing supplemental funding requests related to the Trails and Parks Millage. The primary objective of this policy is to establish clear guidelines for municipalities when seeking additional funding, especially in cases where the community's reimbursement exceeds approved contractual terms. Timely notification to Ingham County is crucial in instances of changes in funding costs to ensure transparency and effective financial management.

ALTERNATIVES

Without this policy in place, communities without defined procedures for requesting additional funding from the County when the need arises.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no direct financial impact to the Ingham County Parks to implement the policy. However, communities that do not respond to the outlined procedures may lead to unforeseen financial consequences for the Millage.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The Ingham County Park Commission supported this resolution at their February 12, 2024 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information presented, I respectfully recommend approval of the attached resolution authorizing the Policy for Supplemental Funding Requests for Trails & Parks Millage.

Introduced by the Human Services and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A POLICY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING REQUESTS
FOR THE TRAILS AND PARKS MILLAGE**

WHEREAS, the proposed policy aims to govern supplemental funding requests pertaining to the Trails and Parks Millage, with a specific focus on addressing requests from communities seeking reimbursements exceeding approved contractual terms; and

WHEREAS, historical practices have revealed instances where communities sought supplemental funding after the completion of a project under the Trails and Parks Millage, highlighting the need for a structured policy to address such post-project funding requests; and

WHEREAS, the intention of this policy is to provide a clear framework for municipalities to follow when seeking additional funding; and

WHEREAS, recognition is given to the substantial impact of supplementary funds on the overall cost of the Millage, emphasizing the essential need for timely notification to Ingham County in the event of changes in funding costs; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of this policy does not incur a direct financial impact on the Ingham County Parks, but rather emphasizes a notable financial impact on the Trails & Parks Millage when communities do not communicate in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, to be considered for supplemental funding, communities must notify Parks Department staff by submitting a request for additional funds within 15 days of a proposed contract change and less than 30 days to Ingham County Committee meetings for approval depending on meeting schedule; and

WHEREAS, any supplemental requests concerning project work that has already been completed without timely notice to the Parks Department may not be eligible for additional Trails and Parks millage funding; and

WHEREAS, if the original project has less than a 10% local match, a minimum local match of 10% of the supplemental amount must be provided by the local community for any request for additional funding, or credit may be given for the existing local match; and

WHEREAS, this local match requirement is subject to a waiver by the Ingham County Board of Commissioners, upon request.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners approves the attached proposed Policy for Supplemental Funding Requests for Trails & Parks Millage.

Policy for Supplemental Requests for Trails and Parks Millage Projects

A. Purpose and Applicability

The purpose of this policy is to address supplemental Trails and Parks Millage requests from communities for reimbursements exceeding approved contractual terms.

B. Definitions

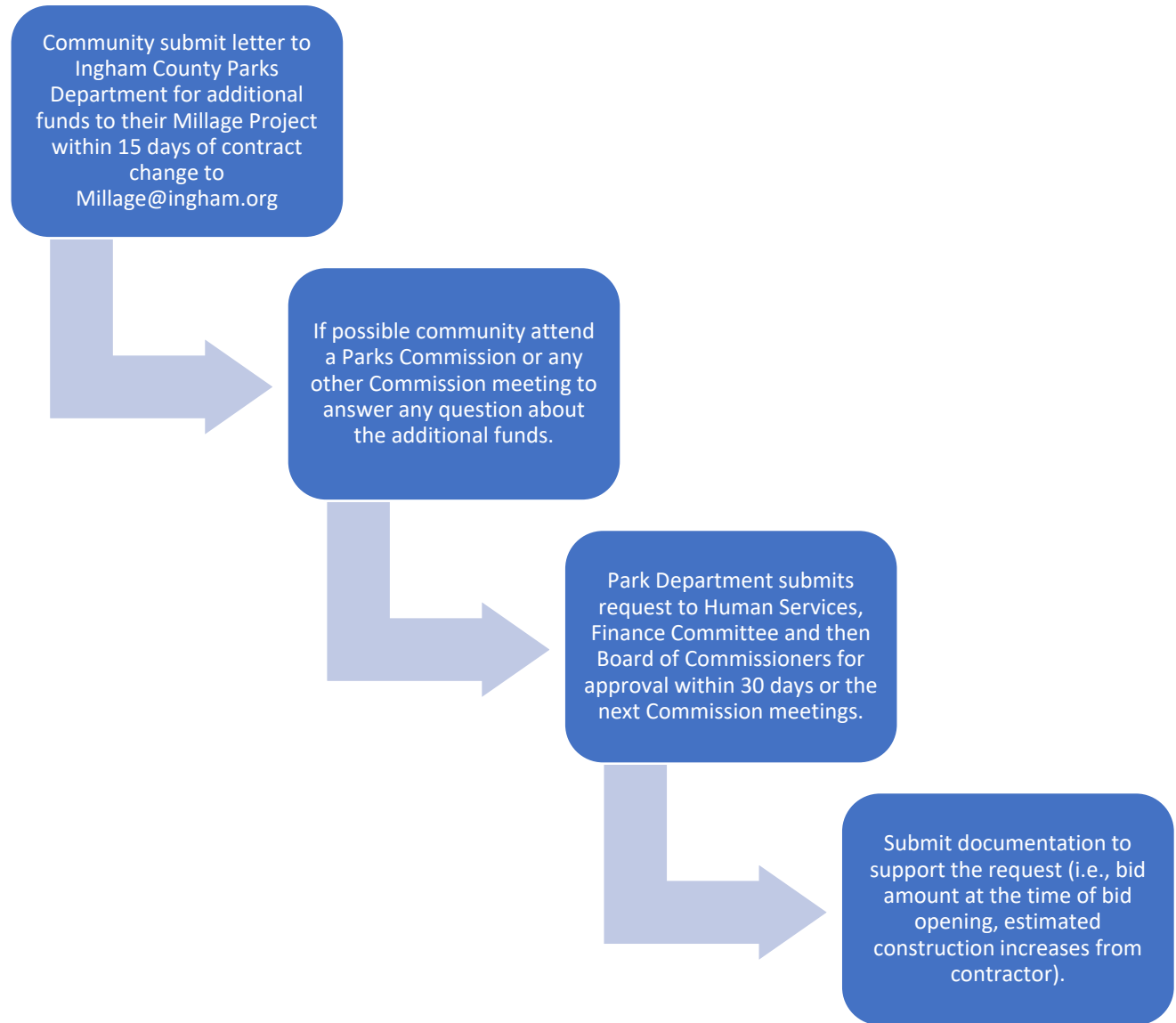
Supplemental request – Any additional request for funding not included in the original contract.

Bid Award – The time at which the advertised project is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

Completed – Project construction finished, ribbon cutting event or reimbursement request submitted to county.

C. Procedure

1. Any project expenses that exceed the approved contract budget are not the responsibility of the Ingham County Trails & Parks millage.
2. To be considered for supplemental funding, you must notify Parks Department staff by submitting a request for additional funds within **15** days of a proposed contract change **and less than 30 days to Ingham County Committee meetings for approval depending on meeting schedule.**
3. Supplemental requests concerning project work that has already been completed without timely notice to the Parks Department are not eligible for the Trails and Park millage funding.
4. A supplemental request must include:
 - a. Contract amendment request.
 - b. Complete Ingham County Trails & Parks Millage Amendment Form submitted to Millage@ingham.org.
 - c. **Have a community representative attend commission meeting to answer any questions about additional funds.**
 - d. Documentation to support the request. (i.e., bid amount at the time of bid opening, estimated construction increases from contractor).
5. If the original project has less than a 10% local match. A minimum local match of 10% of the supplemental amount must be provided by the local community of any request for additional funding or credit maybe given for existing local match. This local match requirement is subject to waiver by the Ingham County Board of Commissioners, upon request.



Flowchart to show the process when submitting letter for additional funds.

Agenda Item 3c

TO: Board of Commissioners Human Services and Finance Committees
FROM: Tim Morgan, Parks Director & Cynthia Wagner, Zoo Director
DATE: February 20, 2024
SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing a 2-year renewal agreement with Vermont Systems, Inc. (Point of Sale System)

For the meeting agenda of March 4, 2024 Human Services and March 6, 2024 Finance

BACKGROUND

The current contract with Vermont Systems, Inc. which provides point of sales services for the Ingham County Parks and Ingham County Zoo will expire on April 9, 2024. A decision was made by the Ingham County Parks and Potter Park Zoo to renew the contract for an additional 2-year period as stated as an option in the current contract.

ALTERNATIVES

The alternative is to seek proposals for a new point of sale vendor.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding for years 6-7 have been included into the yearly budget process as listed below:

Parks

Year	Annual Maintenance & Support Paid to Vermont Systems	Card Connect Lease fees Paid to Vermont Systems	Cradle Point Service Fee Paid to Verizon	Total
Year 6	\$8,758	\$6,600	\$6,239	\$21,597
Year 7	\$9,196	\$6,600	\$6,239	\$22,035

Zoo

Year	Annual Maintenance & Support Paid to Vermont Systems	Card Connect Lease fees Paid to Vermont Systems	Cradle Point Service Fee Paid to Verizon	Total
Year 6	\$8,163	\$6,900	\$480	\$15,543
Year 7	\$8,571	\$6,900	\$480	\$15,951

STRATEGIC PLANNING IMPACT

This resolution supports the overarching long-term objective of developing a performance-based measurement system for monitoring and reporting County service delivery and outcomes, specifically Section A. 3 (f) of the Action Plan - by developing a performance measurement system to track the success of County services.

This resolution supports the overarching long-term objective of ensuring employees provide complete and courteous responses to resident questions and inquiries, specifically Section A. 4 (b) of the Action Plan - Provide responsive customer service and public engagement.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The Ingham County Park Commission supported this resolution at their February 12, 2024 meeting. The Zoo Advisory Board supported this resolution at their February 14, 2024 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information presented, we respectfully recommend approval of the attached resolution to implement a 2-year renewal agreement with Vermont Systems, Inc.

Introduced by the Human Services and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A 2-YEAR RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH
VERMONT SYSTEMS, INC.**

WHEREAS, the current 5-year contract with Vermont Systems Inc. which provides point of sale services for the Ingham County Parks and the Potter Park Zoo will expire on April 29, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Parks and Potter Park Zoo wish to renew the contract for an additional 2-year period as stated as an option in the current contract.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes entering into a two-year renewal contract with Vermont Systems, Inc. as listed below:

Parks

Year	Annual Maintenance & Support Paid to Vermont Systems	Card Connect Lease fees Paid to Vermont Systems	Cradle Point Service Fee Paid to Verizon	Total
Year 6	\$8,758	\$6,600	\$6,239	\$21,597
Year 7	\$9,196	\$6,600	\$6,239	\$22,035

Zoo

Year	Annual Maintenance & Support Paid to Vermont Systems	Card Connect Lease fees Paid to Vermont Systems	Cradle Point Service Fee Paid to Verizon	Total
Year 6	\$8,163	\$6,900	\$480	\$15,543
Year 7	\$8,571	\$6,900	\$480	\$15,951

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign any necessary contract documents on behalf of the County after approval as to form by the County Attorney.

TO: Board of Commissioners Human Services and Finance Committees

FROM: Adenike Shoyinka, MD, MPH, Medical Health Officer

DATE: February 13, 2024

SUBJECT: Authorization to Accept the Michigan Public Health Institute Accreditation Readiness Mini-Grant
For the meeting agendas of March 4, and March 6, 2024

BACKGROUND

Ingham County Health Department (ICHHD) wishes to accept funding from the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) for an Accreditation Readiness Mini-Grant, effective March 1, 2024 through August 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. This funding will support the hiring of a consultant to provide guidance in Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) reaccreditation activities, including the reinstallation of ICHD's Performance Management systems. The reaccreditation process involves seven steps including Preparation, Application, Documentation Selection and Submission, Review, Accreditation Decision, Additional Reporting and Annual Reports, and finally Reaccreditation. A Reaccreditation Consultant will provide management and staff expert advice and tools to assess, meet, and sustain requirements for continuous quality and performance improvement, and ultimately will guide ICHD through the seven steps of reaccreditation.

ALTERNATIVES

Choosing not to accept this funding would hinder ICHD's ability to successfully pursue PHAB reaccreditation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The funding will be awarded by MPHI for a total amount not to exceed \$10,000.

STRATEGIC PLANNING IMPACT

This resolution supports the overarching long-term objective of Promoting Accessible Healthcare, specifically section A.1(e) of the Action Plan – Expand access to healthcare for county residents, with an emphasis on the uninsured and underinsured.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

There are no other considerations.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information presented, I respectfully recommend approval of the attached resolution to accept funding from MPHI for the Accreditation Readiness Mini-Grant in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, effective March 1, 2024 through August 30, 2024.

Introduced by the Human Services and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE
ACCREDITATION READINESS MINI-GRANT**

WHEREAS, Ingham County Health Department (IHD) wishes to accept funding from the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) for an Accreditation Readiness Mini-Grant effective March 1, 2024 through August 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, this funding will support the hiring of a consultant to provide guidance in Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) reaccreditation activities, including the reinstallation of IHD's Performance Management systems; and

WHEREAS, reaccreditation involves seven steps including Preparation, Application, Documentation Selection and Submission, Review, Accreditation Decision, Additional Reporting and Annual Reports, and finally Reaccreditation; and

WHEREAS, a Reaccreditation Consultant will provide management and staff expert advice and tools to assess, meet, and sustain requirements for continuous quality and performance improvement, and ultimately reaccreditation; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Health Officer recommends that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorize accepting funding from MPHI for an Accreditation Readiness Mini-Grant, effective March 1, 2024 through August 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes accepting funding from MPHI for an Accreditation Readiness Mini-Grant, effective March 1, 2024 through August 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller/Administrator is authorized to make any necessary budget adjustments consistent with this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign any necessary contract documents consistent with this resolution upon approval as to form by the County Attorney.

TO: Board of Commissioner's Human Services and Finance Committees

FROM: Adenike Shoyinka, MD, MPH, Medical Health Officer

DATE: February 8, 2024

SUBJECT: Authorization to Amend Resolution #23-301 for an agreement with Medical Home Network Health Alliance II, LLC to participate in a Medicare Shared Savings Program Accountable Care Organization.

For the meeting agendas of March 4, and March 6, 2024

BACKGROUND

Ingham County Health Department's (ICHD's) Community Health Centers (CHCs) wish to amend the agreement with Michigan Primary Care Association (MPCA) and Michigan Community Health Network (MCHN) authorized by Resolution #23-301, to enter into an agreement with the Medical Home Network (MHN) Health Alliance II, LLC to participate in a Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) Accountable Care Organization (ACO), effective upon approval. The MSSP ACO is a group of medical providers who collaborate to give coordinated high-quality care to people with Medicare. MSSP ACO focuses on delivering the right care at the right time while avoiding unnecessary services and medical errors. When an ACO succeeds in both delivering high-quality care and spending health care dollars more wisely, the ACO may be eligible to share in the savings it achieves for the Medicare program.

ALTERNATIVES

If we do not enter this agreement, ICHD's CHCs will not be able to capitalize on savings used to care for existing and future Medicare patients.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

ICHD's CHCs provide care for 1,000 Medicare beneficiaries. The MSSP ACO would provide a per-member, per month (PMPM) payment of between \$6 to \$10, which will amount to annual revenues between \$60,000 and \$100,000.

STRATEGIC PLANNING IMPACT

This resolution supports the overarching long-term objective of promoting accessible healthcare, specifically section A.1(e) of the Action Plan – Expand access to healthcare for county residents, with an emphasis on the uninsured and underinsured.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

There are no other considerations.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information presented, I respectfully recommend that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorize amending the agreement with MPCA and MCHN authorized by Resolution #23-301, to enter into an agreement with MHN Health Alliance II, LLC, to participate in an MSSP ACO, effective upon approval.

Introduced by the Human Services and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION #23-301 FOR AN AGREEMENT WITH
MEDICAL HOME NETWORK HEALTH ALLIANCE II, LLC FOR PARTICIPATION IN A
MEDICARE SHARED SAVINGS PROGRAM ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATION**

WHEREAS, Ingham County Health Department's (ICHD's) Community Health Centers (CHCs) wish to amend the agreement with Michigan Primary Care Association (MPCA) and Michigan Community Health Network (MCHN) authorized by Resolution #23-301, to enter into an agreement with the Medical Home Network (MHN) Health Alliance II, LLC to participate in a Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) Accountable Care Organization (ACO) effective upon approval; and

WHEREAS, the MSSP ACO is a group of medical providers who collaborate to give coordinated, high-quality care to people with Medicare; and

WHEREAS, the MSSP ACO focuses on delivering the right care at the right time while avoiding unnecessary services and medical errors; and

WHEREAS, when an ACO succeeds in both delivering high-quality care and spending health care dollars more wisely, the ACO may be eligible to share in the savings it achieves for the Medicare program; and

WHEREAS, ICHD'S CHCs provide care for 1,000 Medicare beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, the MSSP ACO will provide a per member, per month (PMPM) payment of between \$6 to \$10, which will amount to annual revenues of between \$60,000 and \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham Community Health Centers Board of Directors and the Medical Health Officer recommend that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorize amending the agreement with MPCA and MCHN authorized by Resolution #23-301, to enter into an agreement with MHN Health Alliance II, LLC, to participate in an MSSP ACO, effective upon approval.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes amending the agreement with MPCA and MCHN authorized by Resolution #23-301, to enter into an agreement with MHN Health Alliance II, LLC, to participate in an MSSP ACO, effective upon approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller/Administrator is authorized to make any budget adjustments consistent with this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign any contract documents on behalf of the county after approval as to form by the County Attorney.

TO: Board of Commissioner's Human Services and Finance Committees

FROM: Adenike Shoyinka, MD, MPH, Medical Health Officer

DATE: February 13, 2024

SUBJECT: Authorization for an Agreement with Project Management Institute
For the meeting agendas of March 4, and March 6, 2024

BACKGROUND

Ingham County Health Department's (ICHD's) AmeriCorps VISTA Program wishes to enter into an agreement with Project Management Institute (PMI) for the professional development of its members to enhance their project management capabilities and support the successful implementation of service projects, effective upon approval through September 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$8,700. ICHD's AmeriCorps VISTA Program acknowledges the critical role of effective project management in achieving its mission to address poverty and build capacity within communities. The adoption of standardized project management methodologies and best practices are essential for maximizing the impact of AmeriCorps VISTA projects, and for ensuring efficient resource allocation and enhanced community outcomes. PMI offers comprehensive training programs and certifications, including the globally recognized Project Management Professional (PMP) certification designed to equip professionals with the skills, knowledge, and credentials necessary to excel in project management roles. All costs for this agreement will be covered by funds already received and budgeted for within the AmeriCorps VISTA Budget.

ALTERNATIVES

All costs for this agreement are accounted for with County general funds, America Rescue Plan (ARP) funds, or other local sources and have been received and budgeted for within the AmeriCorps VISTA Budget.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total costs for this agreement will be \$8,700. PMI was the most cost effective option for these services.

STRATEGIC PLANNING IMPACT

This resolution supports the overarching long-term objective of promoting accessible healthcare, specifically section A.1(e) of the Action Plan – Expand access to healthcare for county residents, with an emphasis on the uninsured and underinsured.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

There are no other considerations.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information presented, I respectfully recommend approval of the attached resolution authorizing an agreement with PMI, effective upon approval through September 30, 2024 an amount not to exceed \$8,700.

Introduced by the Human Services and Finance Committees:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH PROJECT MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

WHEREAS, Ingham County Health Department's (ICHHD's) AmeriCorps VISTA Program wishes to enter into an agreement with Project Management Institute (PMI) for the professional development of its members to enhance their project management capabilities and support the successful implementation of service projects, effective upon approval through September 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$8,700; and

WHEREAS, ICHHD's AmeriCorps VISTA Program acknowledges the critical role of effective project management in achieving its mission to address poverty and build capacity within communities; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of standardized project management methodologies and best practices are essential for maximizing the impact of AmeriCorps VISTA projects, and for ensuring efficient resource allocation and enhanced community outcomes; and

WHEREAS, PMI offers comprehensive training programs and certifications, including the globally recognized Project Management Professional (PMP) certification designed to equip professionals with the skills, knowledge, and credentials necessary to excel in project management roles; and

WHEREAS, all costs for this agreement are accounted for with County general funds, America Rescue Plan (ARP) funds, or other local sources and have been received and budgeted for within the AmeriCorps VISTA Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Health Officer recommends that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorize entering into an agreement with PMI for the professional development of its members to enhance their project management capabilities and support the implementation of service projects, effective upon approval through September 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$8,700.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes entering into an agreement with PMI for the professional development of its members to enhance their project management capabilities and support the implementation of service projects, effective upon approval through September 30, 2024 an amount not to exceed \$8,700.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign the necessary contract documents on behalf of the County after approval as to form by the County Attorney.

Introduced by the Human Services Committee of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION HONORING PAMELA FLOWERS

WHEREAS, it is with great pride and admiration that we recognize the exceptional dedication and unwavering commitment of Pamela Flowers to the field of healthcare; and

WHEREAS, Pamela has served as a dedicated and passionate dietitian for 38 years, providing invaluable expertise and guidance to countless individuals seeking to improve their health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished career, Pamela has consistently demonstrated exceptional professionalism, compassion, and commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles and nutritional awareness within our community; and

WHEREAS, Pamela has been instrumental in Maternal, Infant and Child Health, leaving a lasting impact on the lives of those she has served and inspiring others to pursue healthier habits; and

WHEREAS, Pamela's unwavering dedication has earned her the respect and admiration of colleagues, clients, and peers in the field of dietetics; and

WHEREAS, Pamela has decided to embark on a well-deserved retirement, embracing the opportunity to enjoy leisure and pursue personal interests and cherish time with loved ones.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners hereby honors Pamela Flowers for her 23 years of exemplary service, unwavering dedication, and significant contributions to the field of dietetics.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we offer our sincerest wishes for a fulfilling and joyous retirement, filled with happiness, good health, and countless memorable moments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be duly recorded, shared, and celebrated as a testament to the indelible mark left by Pamela Flowers on our organization, community, and the lives of all those she has touched.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board wishes her well in this new chapter of her life and wishes her continued success in all of her future endeavors.

TO: Human Services and Finance Committees

FROM: Jared Cypher, Deputy Controller

DATE: February 22, 2024

SUBJECT: Resolution to Authorize a Contract with RIP Medical Debt

BACKGROUND

This resolution authorizes a contract with RIP Medical Debt to provide medical debt relief to qualified Ingham County residents. Residents must be below 400% poverty level or have medical debt.

- RIP Medical Debt:
 - Contracts with government agency
 - Recruits hospitals/other providers on a confidential basis
 - Requests data files and identifies patients/guarantors who meet program eligibility criteria.
 - Acquires qualified medical debt.
 - Notifies program recipients that medical debts have been acquired and “canceled as a gift.”
 - Invoices program costs
 - Supports policy opportunities to achieve systemic change.

ALTERNATIVES

The alternative is to not authorize the contract, but that would mean a negative economic impact on affected households in Ingham County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The contract will not exceed \$500,000 which includes up to \$250,000 from the fund balance of the General Fund and \$250,000 matching state funds.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

There are state matching funds available, totaling \$4.5 million. These funds are available on a formulaic basis, considering population and participation of eligible local governments.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information presented, I respectfully recommend approval of the attached resolution.

Introduced by the Human Services and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH RIP MEDICAL DEBT TO PROVIDE
MEDICAL DEBT RELIEF FOR QUALIFIED INGHAM COUNTY RESIDENTS**

WHEREAS, RIP Medical Debt is a 501(c)(3) national charity that acquires and abolishes medical debt for people burdened by financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, Medical debt is more prevalent in communities of color, a contributor to poor physical and mental health, harmful to credit scores, a drag on economic recovery from COVID-19 pandemic, the leading cause of bankruptcy in the U.S., and recognized as a social determinant of health; and

WHEREAS, for every \$1 appropriated, approximately \$100 in medical debt can be canceled; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that about 44,000 people in the County could have their medical debt acquired and canceled through the program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes a contract with RIP Medical Debt in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to provide medical debt relief for qualified Ingham County Residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriation of an amount not to exceed \$250,000 is authorized from the fund balance of the General Fund, as Ingham County's local contribution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes the acceptance of up to \$250,000 additional matching funds from the State of Michigan for this purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Controller/Administrator is authorized to make any necessary budget adjustments consistent with this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign any necessary contract documents consistent with this resolution, after review and approval as to form by the County Attorney.

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Morgan Feldpausch, Environmental Sustainability Manager

DATE: February 23, 2023

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing Ingham County's Participation in the Equitable Mobility Powering Opportunities for Workplace Electrification Readiness Project

BACKGROUND

Ingham County's Resolution #20-301 declared a climate emergency for Ingham County and Ingham County's Resolution #21-210 declared Ingham County's commitment to climate justice. Based on the emissions reduction and sustainability objectives outlined within these resolutions, Ingham County has outlined various facilities projects aimed at advancing sustainable initiatives, including the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure. In efforts to plan and prepare for the implementation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure, staff connected with Michigan Clean Cities (MCC). MCC is a non-profit organization made up of stakeholders with a mission to improve air quality and energy security in Michigan by reducing dependence on oil in transportation fuels through alternative fuel and vehicle usage and fuel economy practices. MCC recommended that the County participate in the Equitable Mobility Powering Opportunities for Workplace Electrification Readiness (EMPOWER) project, which provides outreach, education, and technical assistance efforts in supporting employers/workplaces in learning and planning to install electric vehicle infrastructure for employee, visitor, and fleet use. The County's participation in the EMPOWER project is anticipated to aid in advancing the County's efforts toward enhancing more sustainable transportation options and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

ALTERNATIVES

The alternative is to not participate in the program

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The EMPOWER project presents an opportunity for Ingham County to receive valuable outreach, education, and technical assistance efforts in supporting employers/workplaces in learning and planning to install electric vehicle infrastructure for employee, visitor, and fleet use from Michigan Clean Cities at no cost to the County.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

There are no other considerations at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information presented, I respectfully recommend approval of the attached resolution.

Introduced by the Human Services Committee of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INGHAM COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE
EQUITABLE MOBILITY POWERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR
WORKPLACE ELECTRIFICATION READINESS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Ingham County has outlined various facilities projects aimed at advancing sustainable initiatives, particularly the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Ingham County is committed to achieving emissions reduction and sustainability objectives in alignment with Resolution #20-301, which declared a climate emergency for Ingham County, and Resolution #21-210, which declared Ingham County's commitment to climate justice; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Clean Cities is a non-profit organization made up of stakeholders with a mission to improve air quality and energy security in Michigan by reducing dependence on oil in transportation fuels through alternative fuel and vehicle usage and fuel economy practices; and

WHEREAS, the Equitable Mobility Powering Opportunities for Workplace Electrification Readiness (EMPOWER) is a nationwide project led by Columbia-Willamette Clean Cities Coalition and East Tennessee Clean Fuels with Michigan based activities led by Michigan Clean Cities; and

WHEREAS, the EMPOWER project presents an opportunity for Ingham County to receive valuable outreach, education, and technical assistance efforts in supporting employers/workplaces in learning and planning to install electric vehicle infrastructure for employee, visitor, and fleet use from Michigan Clean Cities at no cost to the County; and

WHEREAS, the participation of Ingham County in the EMPOWER project is anticipated to aid in advancing the County's efforts toward enhancing more sustainable transportation options and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County's participation in the EMPOWER Workplace Charging Project in partnership with Michigan Clean Cities.

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

**LATE - FEBRUARY 13, 2024
REFERRED TO THE
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Introduced by Commissioner Trubac of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATEWIDE WATER
AFFORDABILITY LEGISLATION**

WHEREAS, in October 2023, a package of “Water Affordability” bills was introduced in the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives which, if enacted, would establish a first in the nation statewide program to provide eligible low-income households with water bill payments considered affordable based on national standards, along with a sustainable funding source to support the program and protections from water service shut off; and

WHEREAS, SB 0549’23 and HB 5088’23 would create a low-income water residential affordability program under which qualifying individuals would not pay more than an average of 3% of their household income for water services and, if eligible, receive arrearage forgiveness for past due water debt and household plumbing repairs to prevent water loss; and

WHEREAS, SB 0550’23 and HB 5089’23 would create the low-income water affordability fund within the Michigan Department of Treasury using a \$2 per month, per retail water metered account funding factor which would be used as a dedicated funding source to support the low-income residential water affordability program and, among other things, ensure that water utility providers recover the full cost of services provided to eligible and enrolled customers; and

WHEREAS, SB 0551’23 and HB 5090’23 would create the “Water Shutoff Protection Act” which would require water utility providers give various forms of notice to residential customers prior to the disconnection of water service due to non-payment and to prevent water service disconnection for individuals meeting the requirements of a critical care customer whose life would be at imminent risk without household water services; and

WHEREAS, the average inflation-adjusted water costs have roughly doubled (increased by 188%) for the state as a whole since 1980 and the cost of water service, on average, has increased at a faster rate than all other essential goods and services, except health care; and

WHEREAS, customers who cannot afford water bill payments are at risk of water service shut off, property tax liens that can result in foreclosure, and other potentially devastating consequences including housing insecurity and harm to personal health, dignity, and family relationships; and

WHEREAS, the inability of customers to afford water services also impacts water utility providers through uncollected or delayed revenue, increased operational costs, and deferred infrastructure maintenance or replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners recognizes that access to affordable water services is a fundamental human right, essential for the fiscal stability of water utility providers, necessary to protect public health and safety, and critical to the resilience and prosperity of Ingham County and all Michigan residents.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners supports and urges the Michigan Legislature to take action to pass Senate Bills 0549-0551 and House Bills 5088-5090.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Clerk is requested to forward copies of this resolution to the Governor, the members of the Ingham County delegation to the Michigan Legislature, the Michigan Association of Counties and all Counties within the State of Michigan.