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THE LAW & COURTS COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019 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 [July 11, 2019](#) Minutes

Additions to the Agenda

Limited Public Comment

1. Sheriff's Office
  - a. Resolution to Dedicate a Section of Barnes Road: "The [Sergeant Paul Cole](#) Memorial Roadway"
  - b. Resolution to Honor [Sergeant Jeffrey Weiss](#) of the Ingham County Sheriff's Office
2. Animal Control – Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of a New Mobile [Adoptions Transport Vehicle](#)
3. Facilities Department
  - a. Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with [ICS Holdings LLC](#) to Lease Space for the 9-1-1 Center's Public Safety Radio System Replacement Project
  - b. Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with [Vidcom Solutions](#) for the Access Control at Multiple Ingham County Facilities
4. 9-1-1 Dispatch Center
  - a. Resolution for the Renewal and Extension of the [Technical Services](#) Agreement with Word Systems, Inc.
  - b. 9-1-1 Dispatch Center Update (*Discussion*)
5. Law and Courts Committee – [Appointment](#) to Ingham County Indigent Defense System Collaborative Committee
6. Board Referrals
  - a. Resolution 19-083 from the [Hillsdale County](#) Board of Commissioners Regarding the Trial Court Funding Commission Interim Report
  - b. Resolution from the [Marquette County](#) Board of Commissioners Regarding the Trial Court Funding Commission Interim Report

Announcements

Public Comment

Adjournment

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LAW & COURTS COMMITTEE  
July 11, 2019  
Draft Minutes

Members Present: Celentino, Crenshaw, Koenig, Polsdofer, Schafer, Slaughter, and Trubac

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Undersheriff Andrew Bouck, Major Darin Southworth, George Strander, Greg Feamster, Janice Dooley, Mary Sabaj, Anne Scott, Cynthia Johnson, Jodi LeBombard, Becky Bennett, Teri Morton, Beth Foster, and others

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Koenig at 6:01 p.m. in Personnel Conference Room D & E of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Approval of the June 12, 2019 Minutes

MOVED BY COMM. SLAUGHTER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. CRENSHAW, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 12, 2019 LAW & COURTS COMMITTEE MEETING.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Additions to the Agenda

Substitute –

3. Animal Control
  - c. Resolution to Adopt an Ordinance Amending the Ingham County Animal Control Ordinance to Transfer the Supervisory Authority over the Animal Control Director to the County Controller/Administrator

Limited Public Comment

None.

MOVED BY COMM. SCHAFER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. CELENTINO, TO APPROVE A CONSENT AGENDA CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. Sheriff's Office
  - a. Resolution to Approve an Extended Police Services Agreement with the Village of Webberville Covering the Period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023
  - b. Resolution to Honor Lieutenant Steven Sopocy of the Ingham County Sheriff's Office

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

2. Law and Courts Committee

- a. Resolution to Adopt the 2020 Juvenile Justice Community Agency Process Calendar

MOVED BY COMM. CRENSHAW, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SLAUGHTER, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

MOVED BY COMM. CRENSHAW, SUPPORTED BY COMM. CELENTINO TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION TO INSERT THE \$125,000 AMOUNT.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION, AS AMENDED, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Law and Courts Committee

- b. Justice Millage Programming Update and Request for Direction on 2020 Programming Proposals (*Discussion*)

Greg Feamster, Senior Pretrial Services Investigator, gave an update on how the millage funds have benefitted Pretrial Services.

Commissioner Crenshaw asked how Pretrial Services was able to utilize their interns now that they filled the Clerk position.

Mr. Feamster stated that now the interns were available for special projects and gave an example of a recently conducted audit.

George Strander, Circuit Court Administrator, stated that now that the clerk was there things were much more centralized and understandable.

Chairperson Koenig asked how many interns they had in Pretrial Services.

Mr. Feamster stated that they had one right now, but sometimes they would have two.

Chairperson Koenig asked if they handed out information for people to take home that explained the process.

Mr. Feamster stated that they did.

Commissioner Slaughter asked what the risk assessment process looked like.

Mr. Feamster stated that they used the same Michigan Risk Assessment Instrument for each individual. He further stated that they take into account factors including where the person resides, release address, employment to determine flight risk and also to ensure the person is pointed to the right resources to better ensure success.

Commissioner Slaughter asked how the risk assessment fed into their bond recommendations.

Mr. Feamster stated that if someone scores into a risk factor, the higher the number the higher the risk of failing to show for court or to reoffend, those offenders would get more contact throughout the process, while low risk scorers would receive less contact.

Commissioner Slaughter asked what would increase a person's risk.

Mr. Feamster stated that some examples that would increase risk were multiple violent offences, prior failures to show, substance abuse issues, but that part of the process was also to provide those at every risk level with the resources and assistance to be successful.

Chairperson Koenig asked if the Committee could get a copy of the risk assessment they used.

Mr. Feamster stated that he could send them a copy.

Chairperson Koenig asked how many questions they asked.

Mr. Feamster stated that they consider eight factors.

Chairperson Koenig asked how many people Pretrial Services oversaw.

Mr. Feamster stated that the caseload was around 200 people.

Discussion.

Chairperson Koenig stated that a lot of states are using automated phone reminders and that those states are seeing a statistically significant increase in people showing up for court. She further stated that maybe that was something to consider here.

Mr. Strander stated that they have found in Friend of the Court, that it was often just a matter of people not remembering and that they had discussed phone reminders, specifically texts because those could not be avoided like a phone call.

Mr. Feamster stated that the new Pretrial Services Clerk met with the technology liaison to discuss that very topic.

Chairperson Koenig thanked Mr. Strander, Mr. Feamster, and Janice Dooley, Deputy Court Administrator.

Mary Sabaj, Community Corrections Director, gave an overview of how the millage funds were being used to benefit community-based programs.

Commissioner Crenshaw asked how many people would be eligible for electronic monitoring.

Ms. Sabaj stated that it was hard to say because different units had different daily prices, but that she estimated 20-35 depending on unit cost. She further stated that the current vendor could no longer provide Soberlink units and that there were interviews coming up to find a new vendor.

Chairperson Koenig asked why the unit that the current vendor was offering was not working out well for the 55<sup>th</sup> District Court.

Ms. Sabaj stated that they were having technical issues.

Commissioner Crenshaw what was being used instead of that unit.

Ms. Sabaj stated that she suspected that when a different vendor was used, that the client was responsible for paying.

Commissioner Slaughter asked if the technical difficulties have resulted in errors in testing.

Ms. Sabaj stated that they were working to resolve that.

Chairperson Koenig asked if Sentinel had recalled the units.

Major Darin Southworth, Corrections Major, stated that to his knowledge they had not.

Discussion.

Commissioner Schafer asked what the issues were with Sentinel.

Major Southworth stated that Sentinel could no longer offer Soberlink units and that the product they did offer underserved the needs of 55<sup>th</sup> District Court. He further stated that overall there was just general dissatisfaction with Sentinel.

Commissioner Schafer asked what replaced Soberlink units.

Major Southworth stated that it still existed but would have to come from other vendors.

Discussion.

Chairperson Koenig stated that the satisfaction with Sentinel had not been 100%, but they were the cheapest of the vendors. She further stated that it was an issue of quantity versus quality.

Discussion.

Chairperson Koenig thanked Ms. Sabaj.

Anne Scott, Deputy Health Officer/Executive Director-Community Health Centers, gave an update on how the Pathways to Care program was benefitting from millage funds.

Commissioner Crenshaw asked if the person did not have healthcare when they were released, if the Pathways to Care support continued out in the community until they did.

Ms. Scott stated that it was intended to be there to a partner with them through their healthcare. She further stated that the intent was to focus on care in jail, but also making sure the handoff was made so they continued to receive the help they needed once out in the community.

Commissioner Celentino stated that he was concerned about the effect the opioid crisis was having on people with genuine chronic pain issues, who were not abusing the medication, being denied medication out of an overabundance of caution. He further stated that he was aware of stories of people having to go cold turkey and even becoming suicidal because they were no longer being prescribed the only thing that helped with their pain.

Ms. Scott stated that she was not sure she could speak to community data on that, but that she could speak to the fact that the goal should be to create responsible providers and patients. She further stated that Community Health Centers did enter into pain contracts with patients which laid out the expectations with controlled medications and that they also considered what alternatives would be offered so the only tool was not opioids.

Discussion.

Commissioner Slaughter asked about the Building Bridges Grant.

Ms. Scott stated that the grant consultants recently did a site visit at the jail and at CMH and that the feedback was positive. She further stated that the County was farther along in many ways than many others across the country and that they were poised to be a leader in establishing the model.

Discussion.

Commissioner Schafer stated that he would like to echo what Commissioner Celentino was saying about the difficulties faced by people who truly needed controlled medication.

Discussion.

Chairperson Koenig asked what the number of inmates on medical assisted treatment was.

Ms. Scott stated that she did not know that off the top of her head. She further stated that the new provider was starting in the jail on Monday.

Major Southworth stated that it was a small handful.

Chairperson Koenig thanked Ms. Scott.

Major Southworth and Cynthia Johnson, Programming Coordinator, asked for questions on the millage funded jail-based programs.

Commissioner Crenshaw stated that he read in the report that it was harder for females to get to the Restorative Justice program because of other programming at the same time.

Ms. Johnson stated that if participation did not improve they would move the class to a different time.

Commissioner Slaughter asked how it helped lower recidivism if you there great programs, but many people may not be in jail long enough to see the full benefit.

Ms. Johnson stated they were working to identify ways to shorten the Break Out Program without reducing the effectiveness.

Commissioner Celentino asked what programs include faith-based programming.

Ms. Johnson stated that they had a Chaplin who organized faith-based programming.

Major Southworth stated that Forgotten Man Ministries had been doing a wonderful job. He further stated that they were very well-coordinated and squared away for best practices.

Commissioner Crenshaw asked what triggered court-ordered participation in the Break Out Program.

Ms. Johnson stated that judges ordered it.

Commissioner Crenshaw stated that there was no assessment that triggered that.

Ms. Johnson stated that that was correct.

Chairperson Koenig asked what program at the jail had the most participation.

Ms. Johnson stated that was the Break Out Program.

Chairperson Koenig asked how many participants there were in the GED program.

Ms. Johnson said that the program had struggled but that they have made changes and with a new instructor coming in, she saw positive things coming.

Discussion.

Teri Morton, Deputy Controller, stated that for 2020 she was recommending an allocation of \$1,024,000, allowing for a 2.4% inflationary increase.

Commissioner Crenshaw stated that he agreed to allow the programming to continue over the next year with the 2.4% inflation included and then reevaluate and see where things are next year.

Chairperson Koenig agreed.

Ms. Morton stated that the budget for 2020 would have the lump sum in there.



Chairperson Koenig thanked Major Southworth and Ms. Johnson.

3. Animal Control

- a. Resolution to Adopt an Ordinance Amending the Ingham County Animal Control Ordinance to Permit Keeping Chickens in Non-Agricultural Areas

MOVED BY COMM. CRENSHAW, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SLAUGHTER, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

MOVED BY COMM. SCHAFER TO AMEND THE NUMBER OF HENS TO SEVEN, RATHER THAN FIVE.

Ms. Morton stated that she wanted to remind the Committee that this was brought forward as an administrative issue because the ordinances were not properly published when they initially passed and that if the Committee would like to make substantive changes, they would need to start the process over again.

THE MOTION TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION DIED DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT.

Jodi LeBombard, Animal Control Director, stated that she would recommend getting an expert opinion.

MOVED BY COMM. SCHAFER TO AMEND THE NUMBER OF HENS TO SIX.

Ms. LeBombard stated that there had not been many complaints about chickens and as far as she knew there were not any issues with people being permitted to have five hens.

Discussion.

Commissioner Celentino stated that he remembered debating this ordinance and that five was a compromise at the time. He further stated that if this was going to be changed in any way it needed to be brought back and go through the process again.

Commissioner Schafer withdrew his motion.

Discussion.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Animal Control
  - b. Resolution to Adopt an Ordinance Amending the Ingham County Animal Control Ordinance to Delete the Provision Prohibiting Barking Dogs

MOVED BY COMM. CRENSHAW, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SLAUGHTER, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Schafer stated that he was opposed to the resolution. He further stated that barking dog complaints should be responded to.

Commissioner Celentino stated that this was meant to be an administrative issue. He further stated that he remembered at the time this ordinance was passed, staffing was a concern and it was not a priority to respond to the barking complaints.

Ms. LeBombard stated that she did not believe anything had changed since then.

Commissioner Celentino asked if municipal law enforcement would respond to dog barking complaints.

Ms. LeBombard stated that it was her understanding that the Lansing Police Department would respond on a noise ordinance violation. She further stated that Animal Control did get plenty of follow up from the Police Department responding to those calls and noticing other potential issues.

Discussion.

THE MOTION CARRIED. **Yeas:** Celentino, Crenshaw, Koenig, Slaughter, Trubac  
**Nays:** Schafer, Polsdofer **Absent:** None

3. Animal Control
  - c. Resolution to Adopt an Ordinance Amending the Ingham County Animal Control Ordinance to Transfer the Supervisory Authority over the Animal Control Director to the County Controller/Administrator

THE RESOLUTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT.

#### Announcements

Commissioner Crenshaw announced the upcoming July 24<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony and July 25<sup>th</sup> Garden Gala for the Ingham Academy and encouraged his colleagues to attend.

#### Public Comment

None.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

**AUGUST 15, 2019 LAW & COURTS AGENDA  
STAFF REVIEW SUMMARY**

**RESOLUTION ACTION ITEMS:**

**The Deputy Controller recommends approval of the following resolutions:**

*1a. Sheriff's Office – Resolution to Dedicate a Section of Barnes Road: “The Sergeant Paul Cole Memorial Roadway”*

To honor Sergeant Paul Cole, who lost his life in the line of duty while responding to a domestic disturbance call on October 6, 1996, members of the Ingham County Sheriff's Office wish to dedicate the roadway near 3821 West Barnes Road as “The Sergeant Paul Cole Memorial Roadway.” The Ingham County Road Department has offered to facilitate and donate the signage necessary to properly designate and recognize the site. This resolution will authorize such dedication.

*2. Animal Control – Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of a New Mobile Adoptions Transport Vehicle for the Ingham County Animal Shelter*

This resolution will authorize the purchase of a new 2020 Ford Transit Van with outfitting and decals from Gorno Ford from funds donated to the Ingham County Animal Shelter. The Van will replace a nearly 15 year old vehicle with approximately 143,000 miles that is used for mobile adoptions to transport shelter animals to and from adoption events as well as tables and supplies to outreach events and other community programs. The vehicle will be purchased utilizing the State of Michigan MiDEAL Extended Purchasing Program, Contract #071B7700181 at a not-to-exceed cost of \$60,000.

See memo for details.

*3a. Facilities – Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with ICS Holdings LLC. to Lease Space for the 9-1-1 Center's Public Safety Radio System Replacement Project*

Temporary storage space is needed as part of the Public Safety Radio System Replacement Project. The necessary space has been identified in a suitable location and at a reasonable cost. This resolution will authorize entering into a lease agreement with ICS Holdings LLC for the period of December 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 thru May 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 with a six month option to renew for the monthly cost of \$3,710.00.

*3b. Facilities – Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Vidcom Solutions for the Access Control at Multiple Ingham County Facilities*

This resolution will authorize entering into an agreement with Vidcom Solutions for the access controls at multiple Ingham County facilities for an amount not to exceed \$48,936.50. Several locations are in need of an additional burglar alarm system and access controls for security purposes. The affected location are the Health Department at the Human Services Building, the Ingham County Family Center, the Public Defender's Office, the Prosecutor's Office and Pretrial Services at the Grady Porter Building, and the Public Defender's Office on Washington Square.

See memo for details.

- 4a. 9-1-1 Dispatch Center – Resolution for the Renewal and Extension of the Technical Services Agreement with Word Systems, Inc.

This resolution will authorize extending the contract with Word Systems, Inc. for system maintenance and support of the NICE logging recorder system for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2024 for a total cost of \$75,637.00. Word Systems, Inc. is the only provider of NICE products and systems in the state of Michigan and the 9-1-1 Center has been pleased with the quality of service provided by Word Systems, Inc.

See memo for details.

**HONORARY RESOLUTION:**

- 1b. Sheriff's Office – Resolution to Honor Sergeant Jeffrey Weiss of the Ingham County Sheriff's Office

**DISCUSSION ITEM:**

- 4b. 9-1-1 Dispatch Center – Quarterly Update

**ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM:**

5. Law and Courts Committee – Appointment to Ingham County Indigent Defense System Collaborative Committee

A meeting of the Ingham County Indigent Defense System Collaborative (ICIDSC) Committee has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 28, 2019. As one of the original members of the Committee no longer serves on the Board of Commissioners, the Law and Courts Committee may want to appoint an additional Commissioner to the ICIDSC Committee.

**Agenda Item 1a**

TO: Law & Courts Committee

FROM: Chief Deputy Jason Ferguson, Ingham County Sheriff's Office

DATE: Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019

RE: RESOLUTION TO DEDICATE A SECTION OF BARNES ROAD: "THE SERGEANT PAUL COLE MEMORIAL ROADWAY"

Sergeant Paul Cole was killed in the line of duty in 1996 while responding to a domestic disturbance involving a knife. This was the result of a vehicle accident that took place near 3821 West Barnes Road in Ingham County.

Members of the Ingham County Sheriff's Office seek to dedicate a section of roadway near the crash site as "The Sergeant Paul Cole Memorial Roadway" in honor of his service and ultimate sacrifice.

The Ingham County Road Department has offered to donate their services by manufacturing and installing the signage.

Introduced by the Law & Courts Committee of the:

**INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION TO DEDICATE A SECTION OF BARNES ROAD:  
“THE SERGEANT PAUL COLE MEMORIAL ROADWAY”**

WHEREAS, Sergeant Paul Cole began his career at the Ingham County Sheriff's Office in October 1977; and

WHEREAS, in the following years of service, he held a variety of positions including assignment to the Canine Unit and a promotion to the rank of Sergeant on September 2, 1995; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 1996, while responding to a domestic disturbance call, Sergeant Paul Cole bravely and valiantly lost his life in the line of duty as the result of a car accident in the yard of 3821 West Barnes Road; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Paul Cole was the first Deputy to die in the line of duty in the history of the Ingham County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, to honor Sergeant Paul Cole and to keep his memory alive, members of the Ingham County Sheriff's Office wish to dedicate the roadway near 3821 West Barnes Road “The Sergeant Paul Cole Memorial Roadway”; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Road Department has offered to facilitate and donate the signage necessary to properly designate and recognize the site.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners approves the dedication of a section of Barnes Road near 3821 West Barnes Road “The Sergeant Paul Cole Memorial Roadway”.

**Agenda Item 1b**

**TO:** Law & Court Committee  
**FROM:** Lt. Danielle Patrick  
**DATE:** July 25th, 2019  
**RE:** Retirement Resolution for Sergeant Jeffrey Weiss

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ACTION:**

This resolution will honor Sergeant Jeffrey Weiss of the Ingham County Sheriff's Office for dedicating 25 years of his career to Corrections and Law Enforcement. He served the citizens of Ingham County with the highest possible standards while respecting the rights of all people.

Introduced by the Law & Courts Committee of the:

**INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION TO HONOR SERGEANT JEFFREY WEISS OF THE  
INGHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, Sergeant Jeffrey Weiss was hired by the Ingham County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy in October 1994 assigned to the Corrections Division and transferred to the Road Patrol in 1996 and since that time has proudly served in nearly every division of the Ingham County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Jeffrey Weiss was assigned to the traffic unit in 1997, and became an Accident Reconstructionist requiring extensive and challenging training and he also became a Precision Driving Instructor, RADAR/LIDAR Instructor, and joined the Marine Unit during this time; and

WHEREAS, he also became certified as a Field Training Officer, using his knowledge skills and abilities to train many new Deputies; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Jeffrey Weiss was assigned to the Veterans Memorial Courthouse in 2001, serving the Judges and community at the Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Jeffrey Weiss was transferred to the D.A.R.E. Unit in 2004, and became a D.A.R.E. Instructor, teaching Ingham County School District Students the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, and violence; and how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Jeffrey Weiss was promoted to Sergeant in 2006 serving as the K9 Unit Supervisor and County Road Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Jeffrey Weiss was assigned to the Training Unit as the Training Sergeant in 2008, and during this time he became a valuable instructor in many disciplines including Less Lethal Munitions, TASER, and Active Violence, also attending the MSU School of Staff & Command, an intensive leadership program for Law Enforcement Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Jeffrey Weiss served as a Corrections Division Sergeant in 2011, and a Delhi Division Sergeant in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Jeffrey Weiss was transferred to the Emergency Operations Center in 2015, supervising the Emergency Operations Center, representing Ingham County in the Region 1 Homeland Security Planning Board, and serving as the Planning Board Chairperson for 2016, and he also earned the Professional Emergency Manager designation, a very in depth qualification to achieve; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Weiss handled the ISC Plating Fire just weeks after taking the EOC assignment in 2015, annually prepared the Ingham County Fair Emergency Plans, and handled numerous weather-related EOC activations, and other special events; and



WHEREAS, throughout his career, Sergeant Jeffrey Weiss was a dedicated employee and served with honor, respect, and integrity, and his teaching and leadership for his co-workers, the Emergency Management community, and Ingham County School District students, helped make our community a safer place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, after 25 years of dedicated service safeguarding the citizens of Ingham County, Sergeant Jeffrey Weiss is retiring on September 13th, 2019.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners hereby thanks Sergeant Jeffrey Weiss for his 25 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Ingham County and wishes him continued success in all of his future endeavors.

## Agenda Item 2

**TO:** Board of Commissioners Law and Courts Committee  
**FROM:** Jodi LeBombard, Director  
**DATE:** 08/05/2019  
**SUBJECT:** Authorization for Purchase of New Animal Shelter Van  
For the meeting agendas of August 15 and 21

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### **BACKGROUND**

Ingham County Animal Shelter has a mobile adoptions van to transport shelter animals to and from adoption events as well as tables/supplies to outreach events or other community programs. The mobile adoption van is in need of replacement. It is approaching 15 years old and has well over 143 thousand miles on it. The van decals are faded and unkempt looking and have out of date information on them. The van is consistently in and out the repair shop for maintenance to keep the vehicle road safe. These continuous repairs can be costly to the department. In addition, animal shelter staff and volunteers have expressed concerns for safety of themselves and animals being transported due to the van's unreliability if the vehicle continues to be used on a regular basis. ICAC Shelter Director concurs with the safety concerns.

In March of 2019 Deborah (Debbie) Guerre unexpectedly passed away. Debbie was a very active volunteer a number of years ago at the Ingham County Animal Shelter. Debbie's passion with volunteering at the shelter was focused on her love for community outreach and finding shelter pit bulls new homes. Upon her passing, ICAC was notified that Debbie named the Ingham County Animal Shelter as her beneficiary. ICAC recently received several checks totaling over \$100,000 as a result. The Shelter Director feels using a portion of the donated funds (about \$60,000 or less) towards a replacement mobile adoption vehicle would be an acceptable use of funds. This new mobile adoption vehicle would be fully outfitted with animal transport equipment and new exterior graphics to promote ICAC in the community. The ICAC Director plans to have an "In memory of Debbie Guerre" plaque placed on the van to honor Ms. Guerre's generous donation for years to come.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

See above.

The new vehicle will be purchased from Gorno Ford utilizing the State of Michigan MiDEAL Extended Purchasing Program, Contract #071B7700181. Ingham County is an active member of MiDEAL.

### **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

The shelter van is past its usable life and needs to be replaced for safety reasons.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

With the information provided above, I respectfully ask for approval of the attached resolution to proceed with purchasing the new vehicle for our animal shelter.

Introduced by the Law & Courts and Finance Committees of the:

**INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW MOBILE ADOPTIONS  
TRANSPORT VEHICLE**

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Animal Shelter has a mobile adoptions van to transport shelter animals to and from adoption events as well as tables/supplies to outreach events; and

WHEREAS, the present vehicle is in need of replacement as it was purchased in 2005 (approaching 15 years old) and has over 143,150 miles; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the high miles the vehicle is consistently in and out of the repair shop for repairs costing continued fees for maintenance to keep the vehicle road safe; and

WHEREAS, animal shelter staff and volunteers have expressed concerns for safety due to the unreliability if the vehicle continues to be used on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2019 Deborah (Debbie) Guerre, a very active volunteer a number of years ago at the Ingham County Animal Shelter, unexpectedly passed away; and

WHEREAS, Debbie's passion with volunteering at the shelter was focused on her love for community outreach and finding shelter pit bulls new homes; and

WHEREAS, upon her passing, ICAC was notified that Debbie named the Ingham County Animal Shelter as her beneficiary and has recently received several checks totaling over \$100,000 as a result; and

WHEREAS, the ICAC shelter seeks to purchase a new mobile adoption vehicle, outfitting, and decals with the funding, and a plaque will be placed on the van "In memory of Debbie Guerre" to thank her for her long lasting generous financial contribution to the ICAC shelter; and

WHEREAS, a request is made to purchase a new 2020 Ford Transit Van including outfitting and decals anticipated to cost approximately \$60,000.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the purchase of a new 2020 Ford Transit Van with outfitting and decals from Gorno Ford with the donated funds at a not-to-exceed cost of \$60,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller/Administrator is directed to make the necessary budget transfers authorized by this resolution.

**Agenda Item 3a**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners, Law & Courts, County Services & Finance Committees

**FROM:** Rick Terrill, Facilities Director

**DATE:** August 6, 2019

**RE:** Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with ICS Holdings LLC, to Lease Space for the 9-1-1 Center's Public Safety Radio System Replacement Project

For the meeting agendas of: August 15, 20 & 21

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**BACKGROUND**

The 9-1-1 Center operations is currently underway with a replacement project for their public safety radios. A lease agreement with ICS Holdings LLC would be able to provide the space needed to accomplish this type of project. The lease agreement would be for the period of December 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 thru May 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 with a 6 month option to renew. The space is 5,000 square feet and property is located at 4213 Legacy Parkway, Lansing, Michigan. ICS Holdings LLC has submitted a proposed monthly lease amount of \$3,710.00 this does not include utilities, which will be paid for separately from the same fund account.

**ALTERNATIVES**

There are no alternatives for this project.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Funds are available in the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Fund.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no other considerations for this project.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the information presented, both the Facilities Department and 9-1-1 Center respectfully recommends approval of the attached resolution to support an agreement for a lease with ICS Holdings LLC for 5,000 square feet of space located at 4213 Legacy Parkway, Lansing, MI.

Introduced by the Law & Courts, County Services and Finance Committees of the:

**INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH ICS HOLDINGS LLC. TO LEASE SPACE FOR THE 9-1-1 CENTER'S PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, space is needed for the Public Safety Radio System Replacement Project; and

WHEREAS, property located at 4213 Legacy Parkway, Lansing Michigan will provide the necessary space to accomplish this type of project; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of both the Facilities Department and 9-1-1 Center to enter into a lease agreement with ICS Holdings LLC. for the period of December 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 thru May 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 with a six month option to renew, for the monthly amount of \$3,710.00 that does not include utilities, which will be paid for separately from the same fund account; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes entering into a lease agreement with ICS Holdings LLC., for the property located at 4213 Legacy Parkway, Lansing, Michigan for the period of December 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 thru May 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 with a six month option to renew for the monthly price of \$3,710.00.

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.

## Agenda Item 3b

**TO:** Board of Commissioners, Law & Courts, County Services & Finance Committees

**FROM:** Rick Terrill, Facilities Director

**DATE:** August 6, 2019

**RE:** Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Vidcom Solutions for Access Control at Multiple Ingham County Facilities

For the meeting agendas of: August 15, 20 & 21

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### **BACKGROUND**

Multiple Locations throughout Ingham County are in need of an additional burglar alarm system and new access controls for security purposes for the following locations:

- At the Human Services Building, additional electronic card swipes in several different areas throughout the Health Department for the cost of \$14,203.36.
- At the Ingham County Family Center, additional electronic card swipes for several interior and exterior doors throughout the building for the cost of \$9,281.91.
- At the Grady Porter Building Public Defender's Office, an additional electronic card swipe for the cost of \$2,150.48. Prosecutors Office an additional electronic card swipe for the cost of \$2,150.48. Pretrial Services, an additional electronic card swipe and additional panic buttons for the cost of \$5,256.69.
- At the Public Defender's Office located at 320 N. Washington Square, the new access control system will consist of several electronic card swipes and a burglar system for the cost of \$15,893.58 which includes 12-months of monitoring services.

The total cost for all locations combined for this project is \$48,936.50.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

There are no alternatives for this project.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Funds are available in the following line item numbers:

Human Services building – 221-60000-743100-1000  
Ingham County Family Center – 264-66400-976000  
Pretrial Services – 207-37014-931000  
Prosecutor's Office – 298-67300-976000  
Public Defender's Office – 260-28200-931000

### **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no other considerations for this project.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the information presented, the Facilities Department respectfully recommends approval of the attached resolution to support an agreement with Vidcom Solutions for access control at multiple Ingham County facilities.

**Agenda Item 3b**

TO: Rick Terrill, Facilities Director  
FROM: James Hudgins, Director of Purchasing  
DATE: July 26, 2019  
RE: Memorandum of Performance for RFP No. 112-19 Access Control

Per your request, the Purchasing Department sought proposals from qualified and experienced access control firms to provide and deliver upgraded access controls at three (3) County facilities: Human Services Building, Ingham County Family Center, Grady Porter Building, plus provide and install a new access controls system at the Public Defender’s Office.

The scope of work includes, but is not limited to, providing equipment, labor and supervision to upgrade the current access control, along with, a new turn-key system for the Public Defender’s Office. The new equipment will include software and monitoring.

The Purchasing Department can confirm the following:

Function	Overall Number of Vendors	Number of Local Vendors
Vendors invited to propose	45	5
Vendors attending pre-bid/proposal meeting	6	0
Vendors responding	2	0

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](mailto:jhudgins@ingham.org) or by phone at 676-7309.*

SUMMARY OF VENDORS' COSTS

Vendor Name	Local Pref	Required Bid Bond	Human Services Bldg.	Family Center	Pretrial Svs (GPB)	Public Defenders Office (GPB)	Prosecutor's Office (GPB)	Public Defender's Office, 320 N. Washington Sq.	All Locations	Public Defender's Office 12-Month's of Monitoring
			Total Cost	Total Cost	Total Cost	Total Cost	Total Cost	Total Cost	Total Cost	GRAND TOTAL
VidCom Solutions	No, Lansing MI 48906 (Clinton County)	Yes	\$14,203.36	\$9,281.91	\$5,256.69	\$2,150.48	\$2,150.48	\$15,534.18	<b>\$48,577.10</b>	\$359.40
Guardian Burglar Alarm	No, Southfield MI	No, Non-responsive								

Guardian Burglar Alarm did not submit the required bid bond; therefore, their proposal submitted is considered non-responsive.



Introduced by the Law & Courts, County Services and Finance Committees of the:

**INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH VIDCOM SOLUTIONS FOR THE ACCESS CONTROL AT MULTIPLE INGHAM COUNTY FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, multiple Ingham County locations are in need of an additional burglar alarm system and access controls for security purposes; and

WHEREAS, these locations are as follows:

- At the Human Services Building, additional electronic card swipes in several different areas throughout the Health Department for the cost of \$14,203.36.
- At the Ingham County Family Center, additional electronic card swipes for several interior and exterior doors throughout the building for the cost of \$9,281.91.
- At the Grady Porter Building; Public Defender's Office, an additional electronic card swipe for the cost of \$2,150.48; Prosecutors Office, an additional electronic card swipe for the cost of \$2,150.48; and Pretrial Services, an additional electronic card swipe and additional panic buttons for the cost of \$5,256.69.
- At the Public Defender's Office located at 320 N. Washington Square, the new access control system will consist of several electronic card swipes and a burglar system for the cost of \$15,893.58 which includes 12-months of monitoring services; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Facilities Department to enter into an agreement Vidcom Solutions who submitted the lowest responsive and responsible proposal of \$48,936.50 for additional burglar alarm and access controls for the above listed locations; and

WHEREAS, funds for this project are available through the following line item numbers:

Human Services Building – 221-60000-743100-1000  
Ingham County Family Center – 264-66400-976000  
Pretrial Services – 207-37014-931000  
Prosecutor's Office – 298-67300-976000  
Public Defender's Office – 260-28200-931000.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes entering into an agreement with Vidcom Solutions, 15559 South US 27, Lansing, Michigan 48906 for the access controls at multiple Ingham County facilities for an amount not to exceed \$48,936.50.

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.

**TO:** Board of Commissioners Law & Courts Committee  
**FROM:** Terri Thornberry 9-1-1 Director  
**DATE:** July 29, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution for authorization to renew/extend a maintenance agreement with Word Systems, Inc.  
For the meeting agenda August 15, 2019

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**BACKGROUND**

Ingham County 9-1-1 Center has a maintenance agreement with Word Systems, Inc. for service and maintenance of our NICE logging recorder system used to record radios and telephones used in our 9-1-1 operations. Word Systems, Inc. is the only provider of NICE products and systems in the state of Michigan. We have been pleased with the quality of service provided by Word Systems, Inc. NICE logging recorders are one of the best solutions in the industry. We have no plan to replace our logging recorder in the near future and in fact will be upgrading it to record our new MPSCS radio system. We are recommending a five (5) year maintenance agreement be authorized so that we can take advantage of a 32% savings in cost versus a single year renewal:

	Quoted cost:	Savings realized:
1 year	\$22,307.00	N/A
2 year	\$39,373.00	12% (\$19,686.50 per year)
3 year	\$52,172.00	22% (\$17,390.67 per year)
4 year	\$64,971.00	27% (\$16,242.75 per year)
5 year	\$75,637.00	32% (\$15,127.40 per year)

**ALTERNATIVES**

None. We have to record our radio and telephones and own a NICE logging recorder system. Word Systems, Inc. is the sole provider of NICE products and solutions in Michigan.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The five-year agreement saves Ingham County 9-1-1 nearly \$36,000 over the five years and safeguards us against annual increases likely to occur during that five-year time period if we were to continue renewing the maintenance annually.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING IMPACT**

This resolution supports the overarching long-term objective of service to our residents and supporting public safety.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

None unless replacing the logging recorder system.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the information presented, I respectfully recommend approval of the attached resolution to renew and extend our maintenance agreement with Word Systems, Inc.

Introduced by the Law & Courts and Finance Committees of the:

**INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE RENEWAL AND EXTENSION OF THE  
TECHNICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WORD SYSTEMS, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners operates the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Dispatch System through the Ingham County 9-1-1 Central Dispatch Center; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners last approved, under Resolution #18-405, the Technical Services Agreement (warranty, service and support) for the 9-1-1 Center's NICE logging recorder system with Word Systems, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the system maintenance and support contract is needed with an extension of the current contract effective October 1, 2019 to properly maintain our NICE logging recorder; and

WHEREAS, a longer term, five-year Technical Services Agreement contract with Word Systems, Inc. will save Ingham County 9-1-1 more than 32% of the costs of renewing the same agreement annually over that same five year period; and

WHEREAS, the 9-1-1 Director is recommending that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners approve the continuation and extension of the Technical Services Agreement with Word Systems, Inc. for the current 9-1-1 telephone system through September 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the 9-1-1 Center budget does contain funding for the continuation of this system maintenance and support with Word Systems, Inc.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes extending the contract with Word Systems, Inc. for system maintenance and support for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2024 for a total cost of \$75,637.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller/Administrator is authorized to make the necessary budgetary transfers that are 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/purchase order documents consistent with this resolution and approved as to form by the County Attorney.

## Agenda Item 5

**TO:** Law and Courts Committee  
**FROM:** Teri Morton, Deputy Controller  
**DATE:** August 8, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Appointment to Ingham County Indigent Defense System Collaborative Committee  
For the meeting agenda of August 15

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A meeting of the Ingham County Indigent Defense System Collaborative (ICIDSC) Committee has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in Mason (specific location to be determined.) The primary purpose of the meeting will be to address issues and questions that have arisen during the implementation of the Ingham County Public Defenders Office.

Resolution #17-075 (attached) created the Ingham County Indigent Defense System Collaborative Committee, which includes in its membership the Chair of the Law and Courts Committee and up to two additional members of the Law and Courts Committee as ex officio members.

In 2017, Commissioners appointed to the ICIDSC Committee were Kara Hope, 2017 Chair of the Law and Courts Committee, Carol Koenig and Bryan Crenshaw. In 2018, while Commissioner Crenshaw was the Chair of the Law and Courts Committee, the same three Commissioners served on the committee. With Kara Hope no longer serving on the Board of Commissioners, the Law and Courts Committee may want to appoint an additional Commissioner to the ICIDSC Committee.

Also attached is resolution #17-250, which made the initial appointments to the committee.

Introduced by the:

**INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION CREATING THE INGHAM COUNTY INDIGENT DEFENSE SYSTEM  
COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION # 17 – 075**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) was created by the Indigent Defense Commission Act, Mich. Comp. Laws 780.981 et seq, in 2013 after an advisory commission recommended improvements to the state's indigent defense system; and

WHEREAS, the MIDC's mission is to develop and oversee the implementation, enforcement, and modification of minimum standards, rules, and procedures to ensure that criminal defense services are delivered to indigent adults consistent with the safeguards of the United States constitution, the Michigan constitution of 1963, and with the Indigent Defense Commission Act; and

WHEREAS, the Indigent Defense Commission Act requires that the Indigent Defense Commission meets state constitutional obligations and maintains independence from the judiciary while continuing its work to maintain a fair indigent criminal defense system in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the following minimum standards have been proposed:

- Education and Training of Defense Counsel;
- Initial Interview;
- Investigation and Experts; and
- Counsel at First Appearance and Other Critical Stages; and

WHEREAS, a period of public review and comment on these proposed standards will continue through March 9, 2017, with final state approval expected shortly thereafter;

WHEREAS, within 180 days of the state's final approval of the minimum standards, every local indigent defense system must submit a plan to comply with the minimum standards and to provide quality defense to indigent people who are accused of crimes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the Ingham County Indigent Defense System Collaborative Committee to develop and submit a plan that meets the minimum statutory standards and a cost analysis to the MIDC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Indigent Defense System Collaborative Committee shall consist of the following membership, subject to the approval of the respective governing entities, as follows:

Ingham County Board of Commissioners  
Chair of the Law & Courts Committee

Ingham County Controller's Office  
One designee of the Controller  
55<sup>th</sup> District Court  
Chief Judge or their designee  
Court Administrator or their designee

30<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court  
Chief Judge or their designee  
Court Administrator or their designee

Ingham County Bar Association  
Up to Three Criminal Defense Attorneys

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Indigent Defense System Collaborative Committee may also include the following as ex officio members:

Ingham County Board of Commissioners  
Up to Two Additional Members of the Law & Courts Committee

Michigan Indigent Defense Commission  
Regional Administrator

54-A, Lansing District Court  
Chief Judge or their designee  
Court Administrator or their designee

54-B, East Lansing District Court  
Chief Judge or their designee  
Court Administrator or their designee

**LAW & COURTS: Yeas:** Hope, Celentino, Koenig, Crenshaw, Schafer, Maiville

**Nays:** None **Absent:** Banas **Approved 3/02/2017**

Introduced by the Law & Courts Committee of the:

**INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE INGHAM COUNTY  
INDIGENT DEFENSE SYSTEM COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION # 17 – 250**

WHEREAS, Resolution #17-075 created the Ingham County Indigent Defense System Collaborative Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Indigent Defense System Collaborative Committee is appointed to develop and submit a plan that meets the minimum statutory standards and a cost analysis to the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC); and

WHEREAS, the following minimum standards were approved by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) on May 22, 2017:

- Education and Training of Defense Counsel;
- Initial Interview;
- Investigation and Experts; and
- Counsel at First Appearance and Other Critical Stages; and

WHEREAS, within 180 days of the State's final approval of the minimum standards, every local indigent defense system must submit a plan to comply with the minimum standards and to provide quality defense to indigent people who are accused of crimes; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Indigent Defense System Collaborative Committee consists of the following membership, subject to the approval of the respective governing entities, as follows:

Ingham County Board of Commissioners

Kara Hope, Chair of the Law & Courts Committee

Ingham County Controller's Office

Teri Morton, Deputy Controller, designee of the Controller

55<sup>th</sup> District Court

Honorable Donald L. Allen, Jr., Chief Judge or his designee  
Court Administrator Michael J. Dillon or his designee

30<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court

Honorable Janelle A. Lawless, Chief Judge or her designee  
Court Administrator Shauna Dunning or her designee

Ingham County Bar Association

Up to Three Criminal Defense Attorneys; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Indigent Defense System Collaborative Committee may also include the following as ex officio members:

Ingham County Board of Commissioners

Up to Two Additional Members of the Law & Courts Committee

Michigan Indigent Defense Commission

Ashley Carter, Regional Administrator

54-A, Lansing District Court

Honorable Louise Alderson, Chief Judge or her designee

Anethia O. Brewer, Court Administrator or her designee

54-B, East Lansing District Court

Honorable Andrea Andrews Larkin, Chief Judge or her designee

Nicole Evans, Court Administrator or her designee, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners must make selections to appoint up to three criminal defense attorneys from the Ingham County Bar Association and the up to two additional members of the Law and Courts Committee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners hereby confirms the above-mentioned appointments and appoints Stacia Buchanan, Mary Chartier and Christopher Wickman as the representatives from the Ingham County Bar Association and Commissioner Bryan Crenshaw and Commissioner Carol Koenig as the additional representatives from the Law and Courts Committee.

**LAW & COURTS: Yeas:** Hope, Banas, Celentino, Koenig, Crenshaw, Schafer, Maiville

**Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Approved 6/01/2017**



19-083

## TRIAL COURT FUNDING COMMISSION INTERIM REPORT

July 9, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the County Clerks in Michigan have a constitutional stake in the trial court funding question, but were excluded from participation in the Trial Court Funding Commission. The County Clerks have a unique relationship with the courts and a perspective that should be heard when making recommendations for substantial changes.

**WHEREAS**, the goal of Public Act 65 of 2017 was to create a Trial Court Funding Commission to "review and recommend changes to the trial court funding system in light of *People v. Cunningham*".

**WHEREAS**, the vast majority of the Interim Report deals with the consolidation of all local court staff and operations under state control but does not solve the funding problems that *Cunningham* created (simply moving collections of fines and costs and payment of court salaries/benefits to the state does not mitigate the fact that we will still not be funded adequately).

**WHEREAS**, centralized control of our court process does not necessarily serve the best interest of the public. The County Clerks believe that local judges and citizens are better served by local custodial control. It has been proven to be a more responsive method of serving their needs.

**WHEREAS**, research of other state-funded court systems has shown that state funding creates a culture of complacency that tolerates delay. Accountability is removed from the local level and placed in the hands of bureaucrats in state government who are less connected to the people.

**WHEREAS**, we are concerned that transferring funding to state control would tether the judicial branch to the short term whims of the legislative and executive branches even more than they exist already. In the event of a lack of state funding (government shutdown) this process would also force the shutdown of the court system, resulting in constitutional violation of due process.

**WHEREAS**, it is critical to note that the finding of 46th Circuit Trial Court v. County of Crawford, 2006:143 states directly: "In order for the judicial branch to carry out its constitutional responsibilities as envisioned by the Constitution of 1963, art3, SS 2, the judiciary cannot be totally beholden to legislative determinations regarding its budgets."

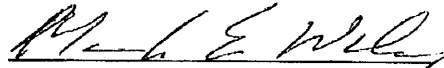
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**WHEREAS**, County Clerks serve a critical role in the judicial system. They are constitutionally mandated to ensure the integrity of the records and protecting the best interests of our citizens. Removing County Clerks from the picture would serve as substantial disruption to the purpose that we serve.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners are opposed to the Trial Court Funding Commission Interim Report dated April 8, 2019. We believe that it is imperative to maintain local control and accountability because that is how our constituents are best served. We strongly oppose this Interim Report and possible pending legislation and encourage the other 82 Michigan counties to join us.

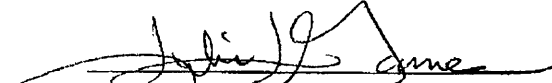
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Respectfully Submitted,

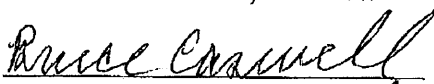


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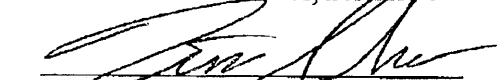
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**RUTH BROWN, District 1**



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**TIM SHAW, District 5**

TRIAL COURT FUNDING COMMISSION INTERIM REPORT

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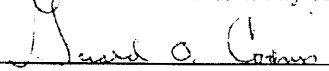
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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners are opposed to the Trial Court Funding Commission Interim Report dated April 8, 2019. We believe that it is imperative to maintain local control and accountability because that is how our constituents are best served. We strongly oppose this Interim Report and possible pending legislation and encourage the other 82 Michigan counties to join us.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Ed McBroom, Representative Sara Cambensy, the Michigan Association of Counties and the other 82 Michigan Counties.

Proclaimed this 16th day of July, 2019

  
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 Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson  
 Marquette County Board of Commissioners