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THE LAW AND COURTS COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016 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 [January 28, 2016 Minutes](#)

Additions to the Agenda

Limited Public Comment

1. [Law & Courts Committee](#) - Interviews for Ingham County Animal Control Advisory Board
2. [Circuit Court](#) - Resolution Honoring [Tonja Collar](#)
3. [Ingham County 9-1-1 Center](#) - Lance Langdon Overview of Ingham County Smart 9-1-1
4. [Ingham County Controller's Office](#) - Discussion Item on Law & Courts Related Special [Millages for 2016](#)

Announcements

Public Comment

Adjournment

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LAW & COURTS COMMITTEE
January 28, 2016
Draft - Minutes

Members Present: Crenshaw, Anthony, Banas, Maiville, Schafer, and Tsernoglou

Members Absent: Celentino

Others Present: John Neilsen, Donald Allen Jr., Michael Dillon, John Dinon, Jodi LeBombard, and Henry Rojas.

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

Approval of the January 14, 2016 Minutes

MOVED BY COMM. ANTHONY, SUPPORTED BY COMM. MAIVILLE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2016 LAW & COURTS COMMITTEE MEETING.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Celentino.

Additions to the Agenda

3. Update on Psychiatric Services at the Jail

Limited Public Comment

None.

MOVED BY COMM. MAIVILLE, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SCHAFFER, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE TWO SEVEN OH, INC. GRANT NO. 4.

2. Animal Control

c. Resolution to Accept the Two Seven Oh, Inc. Grant No. 4

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Celentino.

1. 55th District Court – Chief Judge, Donald Allen, Jr. – Introductions and Overview of Monthly Court Reports

Judge Donald Allen Jr., Chief Judge of the 55th District Court, introduced himself to members of the Law & Courts Committee.

Commissioner Anthony asked how often reports were sent out.

Judge Donald answered monthly.

Commissioner Maiville asked when the best time to visit the Courts was.

Judge Donald answered that Wednesday was because Sobriety Court was in the morning with Mental Health Court in the afternoon.

John Neilsen, Chief Deputy Controller, stated that Sobriety Court graduation was a very moving and powerful experience.

There was a discussion regarding the experience of Sobriety Court.

2. Animal Control

a. Presentation by Animal Control Officer Jodi LeBombard on the “Pets Need Santa Too” Program

Jodi LeBombard, Animal Control Officer, gave a presentation on the “Pets Need Santa Too” program.

Chairperson Crenshaw asked if the families that received free flea treatment could get a reduced flea treatment in the future to keep up.

Ms. LeBombard answered that the treatment they would receive went towards flea prevention as well.

Commissioner Banas expressed gratitude for Ms. LeBombard for her work with the program.

There was a discussion regarding flea prevention.

John Dinon, Animal Control Director, stated that some people’s choice to own pets was a quality of life issue.

b. Quarterly Report by Animal Control Director John Dinon

Mr. Dinon presented the Quarterly Report for the Ingham County Animal Shelter.

Commissioner Tsernoglou stated that she found it difficult to focus on the data.

Mr. Dinon stated that it was the same information but laid out differently.

Commissioner Tsernoglou asked how 2015 compared to previous years and if there was a trend with the live release rate.

Mr. Dinon answered that he did not know, but could crunch the numbers.

There was a discussion regarding compiling data comparing previous years.

Commissioner Tsernoglou asked if Animal Control was being proactive regarding the medical reasoning lung disease diagnosis.

Mr. Dinon answered that it would always be a problem, but it was managed better than in the past.

There was a discussion regarding the vehicle policy and the fee structure for fostering.

3. Update on Psychiatric Services at the Jail

Mr. Neilsen provided an update on Psychiatric Services at the Jail.

Announcements

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

FEBRUARY 11, 2016 LAW & COURTS AGENDA STAFF REVIEW SUMMARY

RESOLUTION ACTION ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS:

The Chief Deputy Controller is recommending approval of the following resolution:

1. Law & Courts Committee – *Interviews for Ingham County Animal Control Advisory Board*

This is a Board of Commissioners appointment.

2. Circuit Court – *Resolution Honoring Tonja Collar*

This resolution honors a long time County employee that is retiring from service.

3. Ingham County 9-1-1 Center – *Lance Langdon Overview of Ingham County Smart 9-1-1*

9-1-1 Director Langdon is going to present regarding the roll out of Smart 9-1-1 in Ingham County. Smart 9-1-1 is a program that the public can sign up for, free of cost to them. They build a profile that is attached to their phone numbers. When they call 9-1-1, if they have a profile built it will be presented to the call taker and display the information they have entered. This is private information that is only presented to 9-1-1 when they actually call. They can include information about medical issues, special needs, hazards, anything that they wish us to know that would assist in getting first responders the information they need to assist with the caller's emergency. It could be someone with coronary issues on special medications. It could be a household with an autistic child or person with Alzheimer's that tends to get away from home and wander. They can also include photos of persons that have these problems to assist in finding them if they do wander off.

There is also a facilities section that business owners can sign up and provide key holder information or other information that first responders might need to know, with regard to hazards that might be present or any information that could aid in an emergency response.

The Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorized in late 2015 a contract/purchase order to purchase the Rave Smart 9-1-1 system from AT&T Mobility to pay an annual maintenance agreement with Rave Smart 9-1-1 and AT&T Mobility at a cost not to exceed \$16,875.00 through 2019.

4. Ingham County Controller's Office - *Discussion Item on Law & Courts Related Special Millages for 2016*

This is the first of several discussions with the Board of Commissioners on special millage renewals and/or new requests for 2016. (see attached material)

Agenda Item 2

To: Law and Courts Committee
From: Shauna Dunnings
Date: February 2, 2016
Re: Resolution Honoring Tonja Collar

Tonja Collar, Judicial Assistant to Chief Judge Janelle A. Lawless, will be retiring on February 26, 2016.

Through the enclosed Resolution, we are requesting that the Board of Commissioners recognize Tonja Collar's 37 years of exemplary service to the Probate and Circuit Courts of Ingham County.

cc: Hon. Joyce Draganchuk
Shauna Dunnings
Hon. Janelle A. Lawless

Enclosure

Introduced by the Law and Courts Committee of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION HONORING TONJA COLLAR

WHEREAS, Tonja Collar began her employment with Ingham County in September, 1978 as Clerk/Recorder of the Ingham County Probate Court, where she remained until September, 1980; and

WHEREAS, Tonja Collar was promoted to the position of Clerk Typist II in September, 1980; and was subsequently promoted to Deputy Juvenile Register II in November of 1982; and further promoted to Deputy Probate Register III in July of 1985 where she remained until being promoted to Judicial Assistant in January of 2003; and

WHEREAS, during Tonja Collar's tenure, the Ingham County Circuit Court and Probate Court underwent numerous changes which include the implementation of a computerized case management system, the creation of the Family Division of the Circuit Court, the creation of and numerous revisions to the caseflow management guidelines, and the requirement to collect copious amounts of data for a list of reports that grows continuously; and

WHEREAS, Tonja Collar's in-depth knowledge of the Probate Court and the Family Division lead to her co-workers seeking her opinion on procedural matters, and her service as the Judicial Assistant to the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court has contributed to the success of the administration of the Court; and

WHEREAS, Tonja Collar has shown tremendous dedication to the citizens of Ingham County by assisting the public in numerous areas including adoption, personal protection orders, mental health as well as a host of other family law matters. She has always treated everyone with dignity and respect. Her professionalism and integrity are second to none. One of her greatest strengths has been her ability to make people smile, even in the most difficult of situations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners hereby honors Tonja Collar for over 37 years of dedicated service to the County of Ingham.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners wishes her continued success in all of her future endeavors.

Agenda Item 4

TO: Ingham County Law & Courts and Finance Committees

FROM: John L. Neilsen, Chief Deputy Controller

DATE: February 4, 2016

RE: Law & Courts Related Renewals, 2016 Millages - Juvenile Justice Millage and 9-1-1 Millage

Commissioners:

I wanted to start the conversation with you about the renewals of two Law & Courts related County Special Millages, that being the Juvenile Justice Millage and the 9-1-1 Millage.

To aid in this discussion I have included some background information for you which includes:

- The current Ingham County Special Millages
- Property Tax Collection History (Current Year Property Tax Collection)
- Resolution #12-147 "Resolution to Submit to the Electorate a Juvenile Justice Millage"
- Resolution #12-149 "Resolution Submitting to a Vote of the Electorate a Special Millage for Continuing Comprehensive Emergency Telephone Services (9-1-1 Services)"

The last renewals for both the 9-1-1 and JJM Millages were placed on the August Primary Election in 2012. To keep the two millage renewals in the same cycle, the Board of Commissioners would schedule both for the August 2, 2016 Primary election. Another option would be the November 8, 2016 General election.

2016 ELECTION DATES:

Primary	August 2, 2016
General	November 8, 2016

In order to be on the ballot for the August primary, language has to be approved and submitted to the Clerk for certification by May 10th at 4pm. For the November general election, the deadline is August 16th at 4 pm.

The last regularly scheduled Board of Commissioner Committee meetings to meet that schedule before the Clerk's deadlines are:

August Primary Election Schedule:

Law & Courts Committee - April 14
Human Services Committee - April 18
County Services Committee - April 19
Finance Committee - April 20
Board of Commissioners - April 26

November General Election Schedule:

Law & Courts Committee - July 14
Human Services - July 18
County Services Committee - July 19
Finance Committee - July 20
Board of Commissioners Meeting – July 26

Another consideration this year is Public Act 269 currently the subject of litigation. According to Clerk Byrum the stipulations of Public Act 269 are as follows:

Currently, Public Act 269 prohibits a public body, within 60 days before an election in which a local ballot question appears on the ballot, from using public funds or resources for a communication by radio, television, mass mailing, or prerecorded telephone message, if the communication refers to a local ballot question.

The actual votes for the two millages back in 2012 were:

Ingham County Juvenile Millage Proposal

	Vote Count	Percent
YES	24,804	71.35%
NO	9,959	28.65%
Total	34,763	100.00%

Ingham County 911 Service Millage

	Vote Count	Percent
YES	28,126	80.29%
NO	6,903	19.71%
Total	35,029	100.00%

MILLAGE	2016 Proposed Renewal Election	2016 Rate*	Original Rate	Current Authorization	Last Date for Renewal
Emergency 911	Primary 8/2/16	0.8431	0.85	2012-2015	2016
Potter Park Zoo	General 11/8/16	0.4100	0.46	2011-2016	2016
Special Transportation	Primary 8/2/16	0.4800	0.48	2011-2015	2016
Special Transportation II	Primary 8/2/16	0.1200	0.12	2012-2015	2016
Juvenile Justice	Primary 8/2/16	0.6000	0.60	2012-2016	2016
Farmland/Open Space		0.1400	0.14	2008-2017	2018
Health Services		0.3500	0.52	2015-2019	2020
Trails and Parks		0.5000	0.50	2014-2019	2020
Indigent Veterans Support		0.0330	0.0302	2016	see below**

**2015 Tax Year*

***The indigent veterans millage will need to be reauthorized each year as a part of the general appropriations resolution, and is the only millage listed here that is collected in the same tax year and budget year, at the same time as the General Fund Operating millage.*

MILLAGE REVENUES AND EXPENSES: 2011 THROUGH 2016

<u>911 Fund</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015*</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>
Property Tax Collection	6,093,050	5,849,038	5,595,813	5,531,803	5,593,956	5,755,913
Other Revenue	2,190,150	2,239,770	1,856,256	2,143,633	1,996,664	1,875,700
Total Revenue	8,283,200	8,088,808	7,452,069	7,675,436	7,590,620	7,631,613
Expenses	11,002,380	7,821,268	7,127,181	7,637,401	7,603,579	7,908,997
Addition to/(Use of) Fund Balance	(2,719,180)	267,540	324,888	38,035	(12,959)	(277,384)
Year End Fund Balance	2,316,009	2,583,549	2,908,437	2,946,472	2,933,513	2,656,129

<u>Juvenile Justice Millage Fund</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015*</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>
Property Tax Collection	4,366,189	4,162,922	3,982,332	3,936,768	3,981,108	4,096,250
Other Revenue	130,452	37,658	(118,396)	260,722	55,857	15,300
Total Revenue	4,496,641	4,200,580	3,863,936	4,197,490	4,036,965	4,111,550
Expenses	4,635,753	5,238,238	5,240,571	4,493,090	4,154,783	4,711,469
Addition to/(Use of) Fund Balance	(139,112)	(1,037,658)	(1,376,635)	(295,600)	(117,818)	(599,919)
Year End Fund Balance	4,998,957	3,961,299	2,584,664	2,289,064	2,171,246	1,571,327

*Projected as of 2/4/16

Introduced by the Judiciary and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORATE A
JUVENILE MILLAGE RENEWAL QUESTION**

RESOLUTION #12-147

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to fund the continuing operation and enhancement of Ingham County's capacity to detain and house juveniles who are delinquent or disturbed, and to operate new and existing programs for the treatment of such juveniles; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wants to provide the financial stability necessary for sound planning through a long-term millage.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following question be submitted to a vote of the electorate in the primary election to be held on August 7, 2012

JUVENILE MILLAGE RENEWAL QUESTION

For the purpose of funding the continuing operation and enhancement of Ingham County's capacity to detain and house juveniles who are delinquent or disturbed, and to operate new and existing programs for the treatment of such juveniles, at the same millage level previously approved by the voters in 2002 and in 2006 shall the constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Ingham, Michigan, previously increased by up to 60/100 (0.60) of one mill, \$ 0.60 per thousand dollars of state taxable valuation, be continued and renewed for a period of five years (2012-2016) inclusive. If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$3,922,213 for juvenile housing and programming purposes in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value.

YES [] NO []

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this question is hereby certified to the County Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby directed to cause the proposal to be stated on the August 7, 2012 ballot and to be prepared and distributed in the manner required by law.

JUDICIARY: Yeas: Koenig, Bahar-Cook, Holman, Tsernoglou
Nays: Schafer, Dragonetti **Absent:** None **Approved 4/26/12**

FINANCE: Yeas: Grebner, McGrain, Nolan, Bahar-Cook, Tennis, Dougan
Nays: None **Absent:** None **Approved 5/2/12**

Introduced by the Law Enforcement and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO A VOTE OF THE ELECTORATE
A SPECIAL MILLAGE FOR CONTINUING COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE
SERVICES (911 SERVICES)**

RESOLUTION #12-149

WHEREAS, Ingham County has established and maintained financing for a countywide system of emergency telephone and dispatch services for the benefit of the citizens of the county during the past several years; and

WHEREAS, the 911 emergency telephone and dispatch services are of substantial benefit to the citizens of the County of Ingham; and

WHEREAS, the millage funds were approved by the electorate to operate countywide 911 emergency telephone and dispatch services since 1988 and that millage authorization expires on December 31, 2011.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following question be submitted to a vote of the electorate of Ingham County at the primary election to be held August 7, 2012.

**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE (911 SERVICE)
MILLAGE RENEWAL QUESTION**

For the purpose of renewing funding for a comprehensive countywide 911 Emergency Telephone and Dispatch System at the same millage level previously approved by the voters in 1996, 2000, 2004 and in 2008, shall the Constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Ingham, Michigan, previously increased by up to 0.8500 mills, \$0.85 per \$1,000 of taxable value, be continued and renewed for a period of four (4) years (2012-2015) inclusive? If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$ 5,556,468 for the countywide 911 Emergency Telephone and Dispatch System in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value.

YES []

NO []

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this question is hereby certified to the County Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby directed to cause the proposed to be stated on the August 7, 2012 ballot and to be prepared and distributed in the manner required by law.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Yeas: Tsernoglou, De Leon, Celentino, Koenig, Schafer, Dragonetti
Nays: None **Absent:** None **Approved 4/26/12**

FINANCE: Yeas: Grebner, McGrain, Nolan, Bahar-Cook, Tennis, Dougan
Nays: None **Absent:** None **Approved 5/2/12**