Introduced by the County Services and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF EQUALIZER .NET SOFTWARE UPGRADE OF THE EQUALIZATION/ASSESSING SOFTWARE SYSTEM FOR THE EQUALIZATION/TAX MAPPING DEPARTMENT, AND THE .NET SOFTWARE UPGRADE OF THE EQUALIZER COUNTY TAX SOFTWARE SYSTEM, THE EQUALIZER DELINQUENT COUNTY TAX SOFTWARE SYSTEM, THE PRE AUDIT SOFTWARE SYSTEM, AND THE ANIMAL LICENSE SOFTWARE SYSTEM FOR THE COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE

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WHEREAS, the Equalization/Tax Mapping Department and the Treasurer's Office purchased Equalizer software from Bellefeuil, Szur & Associates, Inc. (BS&A) of Bath, Michigan, in 1999 – Resolution #99-166; and

WHEREAS, at that time the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorized up to $200,000 from the Delinquent Tax Administration Fund to purchase the software and related hardware; and

WHEREAS, last year BS&A initiated a major upgrade of the Equalizer software to a .NET platform; and

WHEREAS, the .NET version of the Equalizer runs faster, is more stable, and will soon become the standard in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, five of the local units in Ingham County have already upgraded to the .NET version of the Equalizer; and

WHEREAS, several more local units are on line to upgrade but are waiting for the County to upgrade before doing so; and

WHEREAS, BS&A's Equalizer/Assessing/Tax software is the standard in Michigan and is currently used by all local unit assessors and treasurers; and

WHEREAS, the cost of said software upgrades and any hardware required will be paid out of the County Treasurer's Delinquent Tax Administration Fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes a contract with BS&A Software for the purchase and installation of the .NET version of the Equalization/Assessing Software System for the Equalization/Tax Mapping Department; and the .Net version of the Equalizer County Tax Software System, the Equalizer Delinquent County Tax Software System, the PRE Audit Software System, and the Animal License Software System for the County Treasurer's Office.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total cost of upgrading to .NET version of the Equalizer for the Equalization/Tax Mapping Department and the County Treasurer's Office, including the development of the appropriate software, data conversion, appropriate licensing fees, testing, installation, acquisition, and related hardware shall not exceed $150,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Controller/Administrator is authorized to make any required budget adjustments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Chairperson and County Clerk are authorized to sign the necessary contract after approval as to form by the County Attorney.

COUNTY SERVICES: Yeas: De Leon, Copedge, Celentino, Schor, Vickers, Dragonetti
  Nays: None   **Absent:** None   **Approved 5/3/11**

FINANCE: Yeas: Schor, Tsernoglou, Nolan, Bahar-Cook, McGrain, Dougan
  Nays: None   **Absent:** None   **Approved 5/4/11**