

Introduced by County Services and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH YANKEE APPRAISAL ASSOCIATES AND WILLIAMS & ASSOCIATES TO CONDUCT APPRAISALS ON PROPERTIES APPROVED FOR PURCHASE THROUGH THE INGHAM COUNTY FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION PROGRAM

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WHEREAS, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners adopted the Ingham County Farmland Purchase of Development Rights Ordinance in July 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Farmland Purchase of Development Rights Ordinance authorized the establishment of the Ingham County Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board to oversee the Farmland Preservation Program; and

WHEREAS, the voters of Ingham County approved a special millage for Farmland and Open Space Preservation in August 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program requires appraisals to be conducted on approved farms; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Department sought proposals from experienced State Certified Real Property Appraisers, and after review and evaluation, the Evaluation Team is recommending that two (2) three-year contracts be awarded to Yankee Appraisal Associates and Williams & Associates, who were determined to be the most qualified candidates; and

WHEREAS, the appraisals completed under these contracts will comply with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions and appraisal instructions as issued from Natural Resources Conservative Services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes two (2) three-year contracts, one with Yankee Appraisal Associates and one with Williams & Associates, for the purpose of conducting appraisals on properties approved for purchase through the Ingham County Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the cost per appraisal conducted by Yankee Appraisal will be \$2,500 for all three years; and the cost per appraisal conducted by Williams & Associates will be \$2,500 for year 1, \$2,600 for year 2, and \$2,700 for year 3.

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

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COUNTY SERVICES: Yeas: De Leon, Copedge, Schor, Vickers, Dragonetti
Nays: None **Absent:** Celentino **Approved 5/17/11**

FINANCE: Yeas: Schor, Tsernoglou, Nolan, Bahar-Cook, McGrain, Dougan
Nays: None **Absent:** None **Approved 5/18/11**