

Introduced by the County Services and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SERVICE CONTRACTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
CONDUCTING TITLE SEARCHES**

**RESOLUTION #11-180**

WHEREAS, under Public Act 123 of 1999, the Ingham County Treasurer opted-in as foreclosing governmental unit (FGU) when the Board of Commissioners approved Resolution #04-371; and

WHEREAS, MCL Section 211.78i (1) provides that, “The foreclosing governmental unit may enter into a contract with 1 or more authorized representatives to perform a title search or may request from 1 or more authorized representatives another title search product to identify the owners of a property interest in the property as required under this subsection or to perform other functions required for the collection of delinquent taxes under this act.”; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Purchasing Department solicited and received sealed proposals for the title search contracts from licensed vendors; and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer recommends awarding contracts to two vendors: 1) Freedom Abstract Company and 2) Bell Title Company, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the contracts will be funded exclusively by fees generated by Public Act 123, of 1999, Section 211.78g (1).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes a contract be entered into with Freedom Abstract Company at a cost of \$80.00 per title and Bell Title Company, LLC at a cost of \$95 per title for the purpose of conducting title searches on tax delinquent properties for the Ingham County Treasurer’s Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, under “Contract Terms” of the RFP, “the title company or companies selected shall be designated as the County Treasurer’s official title search vendor for an initial one (1) year period with a provisional annual renewal clause – at the County’s sole discretion- providing up to five (5) years of title search and title policy commitment services.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board Chairperson and County Clerk are authorized to sign any contract documents consistent with this resolution after approval as to form by the County Attorney.

**COUNTY SERVICES: Yeas:** De Leon, Copedge, Celentino, Schor, Vickers, Dragonetti  
**Nays:** None     **Absent:** None     **Approved 6/7/11**

**FINANCE: Yeas:** Schor, Tsernoglou, Nolan, Bahar-Cook, McGrain, Dougan  
**Nays:** None     **Absent:** None     **Approved 6/8/11**