

Introduced by the Law Enforcement and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING REIMBURSABLE COSTS FOR PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR A JOINT DOG FIGHTING OPERATION

RESOLUTION #11-056

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Animal Control Department (ICAC) provides personnel to investigate criminal dog fighting activity throughout the Ingham County area; and

WHEREAS, dog fighting activities are pervasive throughout the area with an estimated 65 percent of the County's shelter dog population consisting of pit bulls and a large percentage of those dogs were either seized from dog fighters or victims of dog fighting; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Inspector General wishes to cooperate for the second year with ICAC in a comprehensive law enforcement effort to identify and locate individuals and businesses involved in animal fighting and cruelty to animals; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Inspector General works with several federal and state law enforcement agencies investigating major dog fighting organizations including local law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Inspector General is seeking to accomplish the objectives of a joint law enforcement operation with the Ingham County Animal Control Department for the federal fiscal year of 2011; and

WHEREAS, ICAC has a history of successful joint operations with the Office of Inspector General as in 2010, whereas ICAC received \$30,000 for the same purpose which resulted in the successful arrest and prosecution of six major dog fighters; and

WHEREAS, this agreement, which is for the federal fiscal year of 2011, will reimburse expenses including certain overtime, investigative equipment, travel, training, housing and boarding of animals and other expenses the Ingham County Animal Control's Deputies incur while working major dog fighting investigations with the Office of Inspector General; and

WHEREAS, the maximum total amount for authorized reimbursement to the Animal Control Department is \$10,000.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Ingham County Animal Control Department to participate and sign agreements with the United States Department of Agriculture Office of Inspector General for reimbursement of expenses and overtime up to \$10,000, for the time period of March 15, 2011 through September 30, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller/Administrator is authorized to amend the Ingham County Animal Control's 2011 Budget and future budgets in accordance with this Resolution.

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

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Yeas: Celentino, Holman, De Leon, Copedge, Schafer, Dragonetti
Nays: None **Absent:** None **Approved 2/10/11**

FINANCE: Yeas: Schor, Tsernoglou, Nolan, Bahar-Cook, McGrain, Dougan
Nays: None **Absent:** None **Approved 2/16/11**