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THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M., IN CONFERENCE ROOMS D & E OF THE HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING, 5303 S. CEDAR, LANSING.

Agenda

Call to Order

Approval of the [November 13, 2008](#) Minutes

Additions to the Agenda

Limited Public Comment

1. Facilities Department/MIS/Family Division of Circuit Court - Resolution Authorizing a Contract with AT&T Wireless and ID Solutions to Upgrade the Security Cameras at the Ingham County Family Center for the [Ingham Academy](#)
2. Controller's Office – Resolution Authorizing Adjustments to the 2008 Ingham County Budget and Authorizing the Controller/Administrator to Make [Year End Budget](#) Adjustments
3. Board Referral – Letter From [Legal Services of South Central Michigan](#), Requesting That the Board Reconsider its 2009 Funding Level

Announcements

Public Comment

Adjournment

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JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

November 13, 2008

Minutes

Members Present: Tina Weatherwax-Grant, Todd Tennis, Dianne Holman, Deb Nolan, Randy Schafer and Board Chairperson Marc Thomas

Members Absent: Rebecca Bahar-Cook

Others Present: John Neilsen, Maureen Winslow and Randy Bell

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Weatherwax-Grant at 7:34 p.m. in the Personnel Conference Room of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar, Lansing.

Approval of the October 16, 2008 Minutes

MOVED BY COMM. SCHAFER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. NOLAN, TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 16, 2008 MINUTES AS SUBMITTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Comm. Bahar-Cook

Additions to the Agenda: None

Limited Public Comment: None

1. Community Coalition for Youth (CCY) – Resolution to Authorize a 2008-2009 Grant from Capital Region Community Foundation to the Community Coalition for Youth to Launch the Ingham Change Initiative to Improve Opportunities for Young Men of Color

MOVED BY COMM. NOLAN, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SCHAFER, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A 2008-2009 GRANT FROM THE CAPITAL REGION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO THE COMMUNITY COALITION FOR YOUTH TO LAUNCH THE INGHAM CHANGE INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG MEN OF COLOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Comm. Bahar-Cook

(Comm. Schafer left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.)

2. Family Division Circuit Court – Quarterly Report

Ms. Winslow distributed copies of the Quarterly Report to the Committee for their review. She said she asked the statistician to make a copy of the report from last year to compare to this year. She then stated our residential in state placements have increased and the out of state placements have decreased. The Highfields stabilization program has been very helpful to the Court. Ms. Winslow said the Shiawassee Detention Center's placements have increased. This increase partially reflects the current economy.

The Committee held a brief discussion regarding the Report. Comm. Nolan asked if there will be a time when out of state placements are not needed. Ms. Winslow explained that she cannot see a time when this type of placement is not needed.

Chairperson Weatherwax-Grant said it will be interesting to see the impact of the new school and the evening reporting program in a year. Ms. Winslow explained that she will be able to provide more detailed data to this Committee in the near future. The Committee discussed the idea that next year's reports will include the first quarter report and then the three quarters of the current year.

Ms. Winslow informed the Committee of some situations at the new Family Center which support the need for additional security cameras. The Court may need to request funds for the cameras. Ms. Winslow then informed the Committee of positive things occurring at the Family Center.

3. Board Referrals

- a. Letter from the Lansing Teen Court Regarding Merger Plan Discussions Between Teen Court and Child and Family Services, Capital Area
- b. Letter from the Department of Human Services Regarding the Amended 2007-08 Annual Plan and Budget for Child Care Fund Expenditures

The Board Referrals were received and placed on file.

Announcements

Mr. Neilsen informed the Committee that the 55th District Court will lose a Judge next year. The Governor will appoint the replacement. Mr. Dillon will work to smooth the transition with the new Judge appointee.

Mr. Neilsen also informed the Committee that it has one more meeting this year, December 4, 2008. The last Board of Commissioner's meeting is December 9, 2008.

Comm. Nolan asked Chairperson Weatherwax-Grant to update the Committee on the Family Center Advisory Board meeting that was held recently. Chairperson Weatherwax-Grant said the meeting went very well. Over the next few meetings, Judges and the CCY will speak to the Advisory Board. She then stated the Advisory Board will appoint a Chairperson for the first of the year.

Public Comment: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Neff

AGENDA ITEM 1

RESOLUTION STAFF REVIEW

DATE: November 18, 2008

Agenda Item Title: Resolution Authorizing a Contract with AT&T Wireless and ID Solutions to Upgrade the Security Cameras at the Ingham County Family Center for the Ingham Academy

Submitted by: Facilities Department/MIS/Family Division of Circuit Court

Committees: LE ____, JD X, H.S. ____, CS ____, and Finance X

Summary of Proposed Action:

This resolution would authorize awarding a purchase order to AT&T Wireless and ID Solutions, 31100 Plymouth Road, Room 308, Livonia, Michigan 48150, to perform the installation, project management, engineering and programming of an upgrade of an additional ten interior surveillance cameras and two exterior surveillance cameras at the Ingham County Family Center for security purposes.

In addition, there is the need to purchase window tinting services on the east side of the building in order to get the proper camera detail and resolution for clear viewing.

Finally, a 10% project contingency appropriation is proposed in the amount of \$3,098 to cover the costs of the wiring installation and other unanticipated costs associated with the project.

Financial Implications:

The total cost of the project is a not to exceed \$34,085; the funds will come from the Juvenile Justice Millage Fund.

AT&T Wireless and ID Solutions - \$29,615 (reflects pricing from the State of Michigan Purchase Contract and shipping costs).

Tint Master - \$1,372 for the purchase of window tinting treatment services.

Project Contingency Appropriation - \$3,098 (includes funds for FD Hayes to perform the wiring installation and other potential costs).

Total project costs - not to exceed \$34,085.

Other:

The price includes one year of maintenance services for a year after the warranty period expires.

Staff Recommendation: MM ____, JN X, TL ____, TM ____, JC ____,

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

AGENDA ITEM 1

Introduced by the Judiciary and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH AT&T WIRELESS AND ID SOLUTIONS TO UPGRADE THE SECURITY CAMERAS AT THE INGHAM COUNTY FAMILY CENTER FOR THE INGHAM ACADEMY

WHEREAS, ten interior surveillance cameras and two exterior surveillance cameras need to be installed at the Ingham County Family Center; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the MIS and Facilities Departments to use the State of Michigan Purchase Contract with AT&T and ID Solutions; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the windows on the east side of the Ingham County Family Center be tinted to receive the best use of the surveillance equipment; and

WHEREAS, the funds for this project are available within the Juvenile Justice Millage Fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes an upgrade to the Ingham County Family Center surveillance system, at a cost not to exceed \$34,085 from the Juvenile Justice Millage Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes ten interior surveillance cameras and two exterior surveillance cameras to be purchased from AT&T and ID Solutions, for a not to exceed cost of \$29,615, for additional video surveillance at the Ingham County Family Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes the purchase of window tinting treatment services from Tint Master, for a cost not to exceed \$1,372.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes a project contingency fund of \$3,098 to include the cost of wiring installation by FD Hayes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Controller's Office is authorized to make the necessary budget adjustments and the Purchasing Department is authorized to issue the necessary purchase order or purchase documents needed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorized 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.

MEMORANDUM

November 17, 2008

TO: Finance and Liaison Committees

FROM: Teri Morton, Budget Director

RE: Fourth Quarter 2008 Budget Adjustments, Year End Adjustment and Contingency Fund Update

Enclosed please find the recommended adjustments to the Ingham County budget for the fourth quarter of 2008. The quarterly budget amendment process as authorized by the Board of Commissioners is necessary to make adjustments to the adopted budget. Adjustments are made for a variety of reasons, such as updated revenue and expenditure projections, increased grant revenues, reappropriations, accounting and contractual changes, and general housekeeping issues.

The major adjustment made this quarter is to the Liquor Tax budget. After receipt of the last payment from the State of Michigan in November, the total revenue received is \$205,486 greater than budgeted. Fifty-percent of this revenue will be distributed to the Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission, and the other 50% will be used to reduce the budgeted use of fund balance. There is also a contingency appropriation of \$3,600 recommended to cover increased veterans burial expenses.

The remaining adjustments are line item transfers requiring Board approval because transfers are being made to or from a personnel line item, or to recognize additional revenue.

This resolution also authorizes the County Controller/Administrator, as part of the year end budgeting process, to make any necessary transfers among all budgeted funds, activities, and line items in order to comply with Public Act 621 (Uniform Budgeting & Accounting Act), and to balance the 2008 Budget. The General Fund budget will be adjusted to the amount of \$84,679,924 for the fourth quarter of 2008.

Also included is an update of contingency fund spending so far this year. If budget adjustments to be considered by the Board of Commissioners at its November 25 meeting, as well as those in the attached resolution, are approved as proposed, the contingency amount will be \$24,352. The attached document details how the Board has allocated the contingency funds throughout the year, beginning with a balance of \$579,831.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

AGENDA ITEM 2

Introduced by the Finance Committee of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2008 INGHAM COUNTY BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE CONTROLLER/ADMINISTRATOR TO MAKE YEAR END BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners adopted the 2008 Budget on October 23, 2007 and has authorized certain amendments since that time, and it is now necessary to make some adjustments as a result of updated revenue and expenditure projections, fund transfers, reappropriations, accounting and contractual changes, errors and omissions, and additional appropriation needs; and

WHEREAS, the Liaison Committees and the Finance Committee have reviewed the proposed budget adjustments prepared by the Controller's staff and have made adjustments where necessary; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 621 of 1978 requires that local units of government maintain a balanced budget and periodically adjust the budget to reflect revised revenue and expenditure levels; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners annually authorizes the Controller/Administrator to make necessary year-end transfers to comply with state statute.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners hereby directs the Controller/Administrator to make the necessary transfers to adjust revenues and expenditures in the following funds, according to the attached schedules:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>2008 BUDGET 11/15/08</u>	<u>PROPOSED CHANGES</u>	<u>PROPOSED BUDGET</u>
101	General Fund	\$84,577,181	\$102,743	\$84,679,924
208	Parks	2,105,573	0	2,105,573
215	Friend of the Court	4,770,817	2,100	4,772,917
267	Community Corrections	1,037,998	3,500	1,041,498

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller/Administrator is authorized to make the necessary transfers among all budgeted funds, activities, and line items in order to comply with the state statute and to balance the 2008 Ingham County General Fund budget at \$84,679,924.

GENERAL FUND REVENUES

	2008 Budget – 9/15/08	Proposed <u>Changes</u>	2008 Proposed <u>Budget</u>
Tax Revenues			
County Property Tax	47,920,884		47,920,884
Property Tax Adjustments	(100,000)		(100,000)
Delinquent Real Property Tax	50,000		50,000
Unpaid Personal Property Tax	25,000		25,000
Industrial Facility Tax	475,000		475,000
Trailer Fee Tax	15,000		15,000
Intergovernmental Transfers			
Transfer from Rev. Sh. Res. Fund	5,726,831		5,726,831
Convention/Tourism Tax - Liquor	1,592,770	205,486	1,798,256
Health and Safety Fund	148,267		148,267
Use of Fund Balance	2,695,155	(102,743)	2,592,412
Department Generated Revenue			
Animal Control	621,444		621,444
Circuit Court - Family Division	863,173		863,173
Circuit Court - Friend of the Court	575,430		575,430
Circuit Crt - General Trial	2,318,700		2,318,700
Cooperative Extension	213,822		213,822
County Clerk	543,600		543,600
District Court	2,764,282		2,764,282
Drain Commissioner/Drain Tax	385,000		385,000
Economic Development	149,683		149,683
Elections	170,700		170,700
Emergency Operations	49,721		49,721
Equalization /Tax Mapping	30,800		30,800
Human Resources	34,073		34,073
Ingham Medical In Kind Services	479,744		479,744
Probate Court	277,178		277,178

Prosecuting Attorney	870,515		870,515
Purchasing	248,706		248,706
Register of Deeds	2,369,250		2,369,250
Remonumentation Grant	179,087		179,087
Sheriff	5,716,910		5,716,910
Treasurer	6,919,319		6,919,319
Tri-County Regional Planning	59,937		59,937
Veteran Affairs	187,201		187,201
Total General Fund Revenues	84,577,182	102,743	84,679,925

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

	2008 Budget – 9/15/08	Proposed <u>Changes</u>	2008 Proposed <u>Budget</u>
Board of Commissioners	615,497		615,497
Circuit Court - General Trial	7,966,156		7,966,156
District Court	2,457,950		2,457,950
Circuit Court - Friend of the Court	1,366,721		1,366,721
Jury Board	1,757		1,757
Probate Court	1,468,879		1,468,879
Circuit Court - Family Division	6,714,366		6,714,366
Jury Selection	71,224		71,224
Elections	504,950		504,950
Financial Services	681,994		681,994
County Attorney	426,962		426,962
County Clerk	787,846		787,846
Controller	906,341		906,341
Equalization/Tax Services	690,213		690,213
Human Resources	663,562		663,562
Prosecuting Attorney	6,374,423		6,374,423
Purchasing	262,327		262,327
Facilities	1,615,023		1,615,023
Register of Deeds	675,425		675,425

Remonumentation Grant	179,087		179,087
Treasurer	683,510		683,510
Drain Commissioner	1,001,560		1,001,560
Economic Development	235,655		235,655
Community Agencies	254,985		254,985
Equal Opportunity Committee	1,075		1,075
Women's Commission	1,028		1,028
Environmental Affairs Comm	500		500
AC Shelter Advisory Board	500		500
FOC Advisory Committee	3,642		3,642
Historical Commission	500		500
Tri-County Regional Planning	99,897		99,897
Jail Maintenance	322,036		322,036
Sheriff	19,584,626		19,584,626
Community Corrections	135,948		135,948
Animal Control	1,497,069		1,497,069
Emergency Operations	173,544		173,544
Board of Public Works	500		500
Drain Tax at Large	324,202		324,202
Health Department	12,719,568		12,719,568
Medical Examiner	306,158		306,158
Substance Abuse	800,620	102,743	903,363
Community Mental Health	2,022,457		2,022,457
Department of Human Services	1,422,797		1,422,797
Tri-County Aging	77,800		77,800
Veterans Affairs	378,147	3,600	381,747
Cooperative Extension	927,409		927,409
Parks and Recreation	1,975,230		1,975,230
Contingency Reserves	447,952	(3,600)	444,352
Agricultural Preservation Board	38,000		38,000
2-1-1 Project	25,000		25,000

Capital Area Rail Council	2,350		2,350
Transfer to Budget Stabilization	700,000		700,000
Capital Improvements	3,982,214		3,982,214
Total General Fund Expenditures	84,577,182	\$102,743	84,679,925

General Fund Revenues

Liquor Tax	Increase revenue \$205,486 to reflect actual revenue collection for 2008. 50% of this amount will be distributed to the Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission and 50% will be used to decrease the 2008 use of fund balance.
Use of Fund Balance	Decrease use of fund balance \$102,743, to reflect 50% of increase in liquor tax collection.

General Fund Expenditures

Substance Abuse Comm.	Increase payment to Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission \$102,743 to reflect 50% of increase in liquor tax collection.
Veterans Affairs	Increase veterans burial expense \$3,600 due to increase in county burial applications. Transfer \$159 from meeting fees to temporary salaries for additional hours for substitute transportation officer.
Contingency	Decrease contingency account \$3,600 for increased veterans burial expense.

Non-General Fund Adjustments

Parks (F208)	Transfer funds from permanent salaries and fringes to temporary salaries to accommodate staff time being charged to Potter Park Zoo fund. (\$14,124) Transfer funds from permanent salaries available from vacant parks director position to recruiting expenses used for searches for new director. (\$7,985)
Friend of the Court (F215)	Transfer funds from permanent salaries and fringes available from staff vacancies in excess of the department's attrition management target to purchase a used vehicle from the Sheriff's Office. (\$5,500) Increase revenues and expenses due to amendment of the Access to Visitation grant. (\$2,100)
Community Corrections	Increase Automon enrollment revenue budget to recognize (F267) collected revenue. Funds will be used to purchase an Automon kiosk enrollment station at the Veterans' Memorial Courthouse. (\$3,500)

2008 CONTINGENCY

Adopted Contingency Amount	\$579,831
R07-309: Additional Appropriation Community Agencies	(\$1,250)
R07-334: Temporary District Court Clerk	(\$15,323)
R08-020: Reorganize Central Services	(\$16,229)
R08-021: Lake Lansing Watershed Management Plan	(\$4,800)
R08-067: Refugee Development Center	(\$1,825)
R08-128: 2008 1 st Quarter Adjustment	(\$88,852)
R08-148: Food Pantry Contract and Lease Agreement	(\$3,600)
Proposed: Amend 2008 Intergovernmental Services Fund	(\$320,000)
Proposed: Amend 2008 Fair Fund	(\$100,000)
Proposed: 2008 4 th Quarter/Year End Adjustment	(\$3,600)
Current Contingency Amount	\$24,352

LEGAL SERVICES OF SOUTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN

AGENDA ITEM # 3 "there can be no equal justice where the kind of money (one) has."

- Hon. Hugo Black
Griffin v Illinois
351 US 12 (1956)

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November 5, 2008

Marc Thomas, Chairman
Ingham County Commissioners
Ingham County Courthouse
341 S. Jefferson St.
Mason, MI 48854

Dear Mr. Thomas:

At Monday night's meeting, the Human Services Committee voted to fund Legal Services of South Central Michigan's Lansing office at \$20,226 – a cut of 44% from our current funding level of \$36,000. This amount is the maximum award we could receive after Resolution #08-197 was passed.

We appreciate the funding that we have received from Ingham County for many years. However, we are disappointed with the reduction of funding for 2009 and the process to determine the funding levels. Pursuant to the collective suggestion of the Human Services Committee, we are writing to ask that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners reconsider the 10% cap on funding requests created by Resolution #08-197, or in the alternative, to supplement our grant award from the County's contingency fund.

The funding recommendations do not seem to align with the county's funding priorities, primarily due to the threshold 10% limitation passed by Resolution #08-197. Most "basic need" agencies received funding increases (a total 78% increase from FY 2008); in contrast, LSSCM received 44% decrease in our funding. In addition, the funding allotment to the non-priority programs not "meeting the basic needs" ranking criteria, accounts for more than 25% of the total funding. All but one of these agencies were recommended for the same funding in 2009 that they received in 2008. By reducing our funding you are drastically cutting an important basic needs service that achieves positive outcomes, while maintaining current funding for programs that are determined not to meet funding priorities.

LSSCM has provided a full range of critical legal services to Ingham County's most vulnerable low income individuals and families for over 40 years. LSSCM provides services to clients facing legal emergencies which affect their ability to meet basic needs, including homelessness prevention through eviction and foreclosure defense, maintenance of safe and affordable housing options, increasing the availability of financial benefits, domestic violence prevention, protection from garnishment of basic family income, and other basic human needs.

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Monroe/Lenawee Office: 1118 S Telegraph Rd, Ste A, Monroe, MI 48161 • (734) 241-8310 • (888) 251-1598 • Fax (734) 241-1381
Washtenaw Office: 420 N Fourth Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 • (734) 665-6181 • Fax (734) 665-2974
Family Law Project: University of Michigan Law School, Hutchins Hall, 625 S State St, Ann Arbor, MI 48109 • (734) 998-9454 • Fax (734) 998-9125
Farmworker Legal Services: 34276 52nd St, PO Box 219, Bangor, MI 49013 • (269) 427-1622 • Fax (269) 427-2862
Michigan Poverty Law Program: 611 Church St, Ste 4A, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 • (734) 998-6100 • Fax (734) 998-9125



Jackson County, Monroe County and South Central Michigan United Ways

<http://lsscm.org> • <http://mplp.org> • <http://farmworkerlaw.org> • <http://michiganlegalaid.org>

LSSCM has leveraged significant federal and state funding into Ingham County for nearly 20 years. State and federal funds make up over 80% of the funding supporting the Lansing office of LSSCM. This funding, in combination with local support, allows us to help over 1,500 Ingham County residents each year. In addition, we are able to assist an additional 3,500 individuals each year through our Access to Justice Center, which is a walk-in *pro se* assistance office located in the Ingham County Courthouse in downtown Lansing. We are hopeful the County will continue to support this work without a reduction in funding, and see value in providing continuing funding to a successful organization that helps so many families in Ingham County.

As requested by the Judiciary Committee at last year's funding presentation, we spoke with Commissioners and County Administrators in other counties served by the Lansing office about the potential for funding. Although one county expressed interest in supporting our office, 2009 is a difficult year to request a new line item in a county budget. The more populous counties, similar to Ingham County, (such as Washtenaw and Calhoun, which contributed \$100,000 and \$40,000 respectively to their local LSSCM offices for FY 2009) continue to support the services we provide.

The field offices of LSSCM that have larger sources of local revenues are able to provide more services to individuals and families. There are no administration costs charged to local grants. Local funding in the offices directly correlates to additional services being provided to county residents. Because of the tremendous need and large poverty population in Ingham County, we need local sustainable revenue to support the increased demand for services.

In addition to the consequences of Resolution #08-197 on our recommended FY 2009 funding, we are also concerned about the impact of the 2010 ranking criteria #5, which states that an agency funded for fewer years will get a higher rating. This approach seems counterintuitive to the remaining ranking criteria. Nonprofits need sustainable revenue streams to achieve positive outcomes and impact the community. The residents of Ingham County would be better served by stable, quality organizations that can achieve positive outcomes and demonstrate community impact. We are hopeful that the County will reconsider criteria #5 and support funding to programs that demonstrate success and score well in the remaining criteria, regardless of the number of years the agency has received funding.

We are asking that the Commission consider an exception to the 10% cap placed by Resolution #08-197 or consider an amendment to the Resolution that lifts a cap so that LSSCM can continue the level of services needed by Ingham County residents. In the event that neither of these can be achieved this year, we request that the balance of our original funding request be funded by a grant from the County's contingency fund. Attached please find letters from community agencies and the Chief Judge of the 30th Circuit Court who support LSSCM's Lansing office in this request.

Feel free to contact us with any questions you may have. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,


Lori Pourzan and Angela Tripp

Managing Attorneys

Legal Services of South Central Michigan, Lansing Office

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cc: Ingham County Board of Commissioners

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Juvenile Division

November 7, 2008

Mr. Marc Thomas, Chairman
Ingham County Commissioners
Ingham County Courthouse
341 S. Jefferson St.
Mason, MI 48854

Re: Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Thomas:

As Chief Judge of the 30th Circuit Court, I would like to express my support on behalf of Legal Services of South Central Michigan as they request additional funding from the Ingham County Commission. Legal Services' Access to Justice (ATJ) Center has a strong working relationship with the 30th Circuit Court and the Friend of the Court. This office was started in March 2002 through the combined efforts of Legal Services, the Ingham County Bar Association, and the Ingham County courts.

The ATJ Center provides needed services to litigants who are unrepresented by counsel, and also provides assistance to the Family Court judges by ensuring that unrepresented litigants have all the documents they need to complete the divorce process. Court staff continually refers clients to the ATJ Center and, without these services, it would be difficult to give these people a practical referral for quick assistance. Without the ATJ Center, there would be a much bigger burden on the court and on the private bar to provide simple assistance and information to clients who cannot afford to pay for an attorney.

Marc Thomas, Chairman
Ingham County Commissioners
November 7, 2008
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In addition to the Access to Justice Center, LSSCM provides quality assistance and representation to indigent clients who appear in our courtrooms every day. These clients are well served and protected by this outstanding program. We respectfully request that the Board of Commissioners fund Legal Services to the fullest extent possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. E. Collette", with a stylized flourish at the end.

William E. Collette
Circuit Court Judge

WEC/shc



November 5, 2008

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RE: Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Thomas:

EVE, Inc. feels strongly about the need to provide continued financial support to Legal Services of South Central Michigan. It has been the experience of our organization to have them go the "extra mile" to help clients access needed legal services. They have a referral system that helps victims of domestic violence who have immediate or emergency legal needs. Legal Services promptly picks up the case or assigns a pro bono attorney to work with the client and so the victim and her children have the benefit of legal advice and representation.

Legal Services Access to Justice project has a strong working relationship with EVE, Inc. Personal Protection Order Office which is house next door in the Veteran's Memorial Courthouse. The office responds to Personal Protection Order clients who have immediate questions or concerns so that they leave with adequate information. The Legal Services attorney located at Access to Justice provides information to the inquires of the Personal Protection Order staff.

The leadership of Legal Services has worked to establish and maintain relationships with the domestic violence service programs in their sector. They host quarterly meetings to maintain communication, address trends and concerns, and assure that victims needs are being addressed.

EVE, Inc. clients are but one segment of Ingham County's population that benefits from the services provided by Legal Services. Our clients are well served and protected by this outstanding program. We whole respectfully request that the Board of Commissioners fund Legal Services to the fullest extent possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan Shultz", is written over a horizontal line.

Susan Shultz
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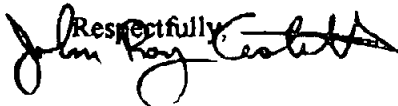
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Dear Chairman Thomas:

Cristo Rey Community Center supports Legal Services of South Central Michigan in its request that Ingham County provide continued financial support to Legal Services of South Central Michigan. It has been the experience of our agency they provide solid and reliable help to clients needing legal services. They have a Spanish-speaking attorney on staff who performs intakes for Spanish-speaking clients outside of the regular hotline hours and who comes to Cristo Rey once a month to do outreach and meet with clients. This makes it easier for non-English speaking clients, who lack the resources for a private attorney, to get free legal assistance.

Cristo Rey clients are one segment of Ingham County's population that benefits from the services provided by Legal Services. Our clients are served by this program.

We request that the Board of Commissioners consider funding Legal Services to the fullest extent possible.

Respectfully,


John Roy Castillo
Executive Director

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