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THE LAW & COURTS COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M., IN CONFERENCE ROOM A, HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING, 5303 S. CEDAR, LANSING AND VIRTUALLY AT <https://ingham.zoom.us/j/81848426836>.

Agenda

Call to Order
Approval of the [September 12, 2024 Minutes](#)
Additions to the Agenda
Limited Public Comment

1. Circuit Court
 - a. Resolution to Accept the [FY 2025 Michigan Mental Health Court Program Grant](#), Continue the Grant Funded Full-Time Mental Health Court-Court Services Coordinator Position, and Authorize Subcontracts with CMHA/CEI; Averhealth; JSG; MDOC; Northwest Initiative; and RISE
 - b. Resolution to Accept the [FY 2025 Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program Grant](#), Continue the Grant Funded Case Management Coordinator Position, and Authorize Subcontracts with Northwest Initiative; CEI-CMH; RISE; Averhealth; and JSG
2. Circuit Court – Family Division – Resolution for the Acceptance of the [Michigan Drug Court Grant](#) Program for the Ingham County Family Treatment Court
3. 9-1-1 Dispatch Denter – Resolution to Authorize One Radio Tower Lease Termination and Two Radio Tower Lease Extensions with [SBA Structures, LLC](#)
4. Animal Control & Shelter – Animal Control & Shelter Rebranding (*Discussion*)

Announcements
Public Comment
Adjournment

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LAW & COURTS COMMITTEE

September 12, 2024

Draft Minutes

Members Present: Polsdofer, Trubac, Cahill (Arrived at 6:03 p.m.), Lawrence (Arrived at 6:09 p.m.), Maiville, and Schafer.

Members Absent: Celentino and Johnson.

Others Present: Judge Joyce Draganchuk, Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth, Keith Watson, Nicole Matusko, Ted Seitz, Scott Leroy, Captain Robert Earle, Sam Krease, KC Brown, Sarah Kenney, Jessica Yorke, Sterling Wendt, Nick Hefty, Ryan Watts, Gregg Todd, Anika Ried and others.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Polsdofer at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room A of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan. Virtual Public participation was offered via Zoom at <https://ingham.zoom.us/j/81848426836>.

Additions to the Agenda

4. Circuit Court
 - b. Court Backlog and Jury Administration Updates (*Presentation*)

Chairperson Polsdofer stated, due to a lack of quorum, the Law & Courts Committee would address non-actionable Agenda Items until the Committee reached a quorum.

4. Circuit Court
 - b. Court Backlog and Jury Administration Updates (*Presentation*)

The Honorable Joyce Draganchuk, 30th Circuit Court Judge, provided an overview of the Circuit Court Backlog and Jury Trials Case Age, which was included in the minutes as Attachment A.

Commissioner Cahill arrived at 6:03 p.m.

Ted Seitz, Ingham County Jury Board Chairperson, stated the jury process had improved immeasurably and they had listened to jurors to make the experience more positive. Seitz further stated that generally people gave their experience high marks since making improvements such as free parking services and better communication.

Commissioner Lawrence arrived at 6:09 p.m.

Seitz stated that even though the Court had a backlog, they kept moving forward as best as they could. Seitz further stated that the Michigan State Supreme Court tracked data such as how many people showed up or responded for jury duty, and Ingham County was above average in all the categories, so it was a big compliment to those that worked in Jury Services.

Scott Leroy, 30th Circuit Court and Jury Administrator, stated that Seitz had been a good sounding board for them and when they had started as Jury Administrator, they knew the Jury Board had asked for jurors to receive free parking, though they had to get creative with the budget to do it. Leroy further stated that Jury Administration as a whole was very busy and those that worked in that department interacted with thousands of individuals per year.

Leroy stated that they had summoned 14,000 people the year prior and had 5,103 of them report for jury duty. Leroy further stated they viewed Jury Trials a bit different than the judges and they had held 52 jury trials over the past year, which was a lot.

Leroy stated that one thing they had noticed was that many people sat through very traumatic cases which could be very serious felonies, and they just sent the jurors on their way once they were done. Leroy further stated that starting on June 1, 2024, they had started a partnership with Encompass Health, in conjunction with the Human Resources Department, which cost the County nothing extra, and could now offer seated jurors five free counseling sessions and provided an overview of that program.

Leroy stated they felt very good about now being able to offer that service. Leroy further stated they had worked with the Jury Board to have electronic payments for jurors, since the County currently wrote checks.

Leroy provided further overview of the Jury Administration electronic processes.

Commissioner Cahill left at 6:13 p.m.

Seitz stated that when they first came onto the Jury Board, the County used archaic software and it was not a good way to do things.

Commissioner Cahill returned at 6:14 p.m.

Seitz stated that jury attendance had been much lower at that time, but since moving to better software and developing processes around it, they had seen a huge difference and people generally raved about it. Seitz further stated that it was a super important function of society to have jury service.

Seitz thanked the Board of Commissioners for championing the changes and moving them towards modernity.

Commissioner Lawrence asked if there was data on the use of the counseling services.

Leroy stated there was not yet, but should be by the end of the year.

Commissioner Lawrence asked for clarification regarding the pay rate of jurors.

Discussion ensued regarding juror pay rates.

Commissioner Lawrence asked if jurors got lunch.

Judge Draganchuk stated they did, but only if they were in deliberations.

Discussion.

Commissioner Trubac asked how long the counseling service had been available.

Leroy stated since June 1, 2024.

Commissioner Trubac asked how the service was paid for.

Leroy stated the County had a contract and they would be sure to share the data.

Chairperson Polsdofer provided clarification of juror pay rates.

Commissioner Cahill stated they had been called to jury duty and it was great. Commissioner Cahill stated they were disappointed they did not get selected, but the staff had been terrific.

Judge Draganchuk stated, though the daily rate was set by statute, they recognized it was a pittance for those that had been taken away for their jobs, but that was why they called so many extra jurors, as they would excuse for cause those for which it would be a financial hardship to serve.

Commissioner Maiville complimented whoever thought of the counseling services and stated he had sat on two juries and knew how cases could impact your life.

Discussion.

Commissioner Maiville stated he was fortunate to have an employer that was flexible with jury duty.

Commissioner Schafer asked, regarding visiting judges, if there was any potential to bring one on permanently and, if so, where were they at in that process.

Judge Draganchuk stated they were hoping to continue with the visiting judge through December of 2025, and the best case would be to eventually get an additional judge. Judge Draganchuk further stated the State Court Administrator's Office would be doing a time study and they would provide the data to the National Center for State Courts, where it would be compiled and they would receive results of how many judges they would need.

Judge Draganchuk stated they were hoping that the new data, which they likely would not see until late 2025, would show they needed another judge, as all of the judges were currently overburdened.

Commissioner Schafer asked what actions were needed.

Judge Draganchuk stated they did not know the finer points of the grant, but as they understood, it was not certain the funding went past September 2025.

Chairperson Polsdofer asked for clarification that the County needed to wait for the data in order to advocate through the legislature for an additional judge.

Judge Draganchuk stated confirmation because if the data supported an additional judge, the next step was legislative approval, but visiting judges did not require legislative approval.

Gregg Todd, Controller, provided an overview of the visiting judge program.

Judge Draganchuk stated they had been trying to save money where they could.

Commissioner Schafer asked what the annual cost for the program was.

Todd stated it was all personnel at that point and provided examples of how much the program had cost over the last year.

Commissioner Maiville asked what the impact would be on other offices if there was an additional judge.

Nicole Matusko, Chief Assistant Prosecutor, provided an overview of how an additional judge would affect the Prosecutor's Office.

Keith Watson, Chief Public Defender, stated the Public Defender's Office would likely have to get additional staff, but they would do what they had to do.

Leroy stated the Court was one part of the process and they had worked well as a team with other related departments, including the Prosecutor's Office and Public Defender's Office, to reduce the backlog and they had been excellent to work with.

Discussion ensued regarding jury selection.

Commissioner Schafer asked, regarding the Ingham County Jail (ICJ) being over-populated due to Court backlog, if the population continued to grow even though the backlog was being reduced. Commissioner Schafer further asked if the County were to lose the visiting judge program, if that would impact the ICJ population.

Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth, Ingham County Sheriff, stated it would have significant impact as the ICJ currently had 401 inmates and the capacity was 429.

Approval of the August 15, 2024 and August 22, 2024 Minutes

CHAIRPERSON POLSDOFER STATED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 15, 2024 AND AUGUST 22, 2024 LAW & COURTS COMMITTEE MEETINGS WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. Absent: Commissioners Celentino and Johnson.

Limited Public Comment

None.

MOVED BY COMM. MAIVILLE, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SCHAFER, TO APPROVE A CONSENT AGENDA CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING ACTION ITEMS:

2. Prosecuting Attorney's Office
 - a. Resolution to Activate Position #22917 (Paralegal) and Authorize the Creation of Two Additional Paralegal Positions within the Prosecutor's Office
 - b. Resolution to Authorize an Addendum to the Agreement between the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office and Prosecution by Karpel for an E-Warrant Interface

4. Circuit Court
 - a. Resolution to Amend Resolutions #22-271, #23-244, and #24-069 to Reflect Changes in the Pay Scale for the Grant Funded, Special Part-Time Pretrial Services Investigator

5. Office of the Public Defender – Resolution to Authorize a Grant between the State of Michigan, Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC), Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, and Ingham County to Provide Funding to Assist the County in Complying with the Compliance Plan and Cost Analysis Approved by MIDC and Creating Seven New Grant Funded Positions

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Celentino and Johnson.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Celentino and Johnson.

3. Circuit Court – Juvenile Division – Resolution to Accept the Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

MOVED BY COMM. MAIVILLE, SUPPORTED BY COMM. LAWRENCE, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Lawrence stated they were in favor of the resolution, but wanted to know more about the impact and how it would change the reimbursement rates of attorneys.

Leroy stated the first year the grant had existed was 2020, and it was essentially Federal pass-through money. Leroy further stated they received 25% reimbursement for Indigent Defense on neglect and abuse cases.

Leroy further explained the grant and reimbursement process.

Discussion ensued regarding funded training programs and the use of funds to recruit and retain attorneys.

Commissioner Lawrence stated they had heard there was a dire need in the County for court-appointed attorneys.

Leroy stated there was a statewide issue with the need for court-appointed attorneys and provided an overview of recent legislation that had passed. Leroy further stated they were in a good situation having 19 attorneys and two law schools in Ingham County, but in other places, they could not find people.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Celentino and Johnson.

6. Health Department – Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with Michigan Public Health Institute to Provide a Year Three Evaluation of the Lansing/Ingham Peace Maker Fellowship® and to Provide Year Three Fiduciary Services for Peacemaker Fellowship® LifeMAP

MOVED BY COMM. MAIVILLE, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SCHAFER, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Schafer stated she would like to know more about the evaluations.

Todd provided a brief overview of the process and stated they could provide more information at a later time.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Celentino and Johnson.

1. Justice Millage – Annual Reports

Ryan Watts, Community Corrections Manager, provided an update of Community Corrections' use of Justice Millage Funds, which was included in the Agenda Packet. Watts further stated they hoped the State might be able to contribute more funds in the future to ease the burden on the County and the Millage.

Chairperson Polsdofer asked for an update on the Access for All pilot program.

Watts provided a brief update on the program.

Commissioner Lawrence asked if substance abuse assessments were done at the Court.

Watts stated they went to Prevention and Training Services (PATs).

Discussion.

Commissioner Schafer asked how much electronic monitoring cost per day.

Watts stated that it depended on the type of monitoring and was either \$5.50 or eight dollars per day.

KC Brown, Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham (CMHA-CEI) Integrated Treatment and Recovery Services Director, provided an update of the Community Mental Health Correctional Assessment and Treatment Services Justice Behavioral Health (JBH), which was included in Agenda Packet.

Robert Earle, Corrections Captain and Jail Administrator, and Sam Krease, ICJ Inmate Program Coordinator, provided an overview of how Justice Millage Funds were being used within the ICJ, which was included in the Agenda Packet.

Krease stated that Narcotics Anonymous, which was not included in the presentation, had recently been started and Case Credit Union was teaching a financial skills class, both of which were not through the Justice Millage. Krease provided further overview of programs within the ICJ.

Sheriff Wriggelsworth stated that under previous administrations, former inmates were not allowed to put ICJ Employees down as a reference, but they would now be references for inmates who had been good workers.

Commissioner Schafer stated there had been a Restorative Justice presentation from a few former ICJ inmates at a recent Law & Courts Committee meeting.

Krease provided a brief overview of the Restorative Justice Art Show that had taken place within the ICJ.

Commissioner Schafer asked if the art show had enough impact to maybe grow in the future, as it seemed like an important outlet for the inmates. Commissioner Schafer further stated, looking at the programming within the ICJ, female inmates appeared to be participating in programs a lower rate and maybe if a different outlet was available for women, it would be different.

Commissioner Schafer stated that one comment she had heard from the Restorative Justice presenters was that the library in the ICJ was closed as well.

Captain Earle stated that the inmate population was less than 10 percent female and they did try to offer equal opportunity for both men and women within the ICJ, even though the population numbers differed. Captain Earle further stated that books were challenging in the ICJ because they could pose a security risk for many reasons and they needed various measures in place to manage the books.

Captain Earle stated the online programming platform they used was about to release 70,000 books onto the online platform. Captain Earle further stated they still allowed books to be shipped in and such, but they were still working on plans to bring back the library and get everything in order, so there would be more to come on it.

Commissioner Cahill stated the Restorative Justice presentation was great.

Discussion ensued regarding the Restorative Justice Program.

Sarah Kenney, Ingham County Health Department (ICHHD) Program Specialist, and Sterling Wendt, ICHHD Community Health Worker, provided an overview of the Pathways to Care Justice Millage Program which was included in the Agenda Packet and in the minutes as Attachment B.

Wendt provided several stories from program participants and how those individuals were impacted.

Kenney thanked the Commissioners for funding the program and stated they loved the work and that there was a lot of hope and joy in the experience.

Jessica Yorke, ICHD Health Promotion and Prevention Director, stated the funding which was designated to the ICHD was funding several positions, a least partially, and provided an overview of where some of the additional funding came from. Yorke further stated they had been able to integrate the Millage Funds with a lot of other programming and now had two Community Health employees who worked specifically on housing navigation, who could support clients coming out of the jail.

Yorke stated that it was hard to find their office in the Human Services Building, yet people came to their office looking for Wendt because they had heard about them while they were in jail and knew they would be a trustworthy source.

Commissioner Lawrence asked for clarification regarding medications and treatments provided.

Kenney provided clarification.

Discussion ensued regarding medications and treatment within the ICJ.

Nick Hefty, Deputy Court Administrator, provided an overview of Pretrial Services use of Justice Millage Funds, which was included in the Agenda Packet.

Commissioner Maiville stated it had been wonderful to hear how well the Justice Millage Funds were working and the outcomes that were being provided to people.

Announcements

None.

Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 LAW & COURTS AGENDA
STAFF REVIEW SUMMARY**

RESOLUTION ACTION ITEMS:

The Controller recommends approval of the following resolutions:

- 1a. Circuit Court – Resolution to Accept the FY 2025 Michigan Mental Health Court Program Grant, Continue the Grant Funded Full-Time Mental Health Court-Court Services Coordinator Position, and Authorize Subcontracts with CMHA/CEI; Averhealth; JSG; MDOC; Northwest Initiative; and RISE**

This resolution authorizes the acceptance of the 2024 Mental Health Court Grant from SCAO in the amount of \$277,047, \$115,599 of which will go toward the funding of a full time Mental Health Court – Court Services Coordinator position, ICEA Pro 07 (existing grant funded position). \$156,168 will go toward subcontracts with various providers and \$5280 will be used for supplies, training, and software.

See memo for details.

- 1b. Circuit Court – Resolution to Accept the FY 2025 Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program Grant, Continue the Grant Funded Case Management Coordinator Position, and Authorize Subcontracts with Northwest Initiative; CEI-CMH; RISE; Averhealth; and JSG**

This resolution authorizes the acceptance of the 2024 Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program (SSSPP) Grant from SCAO in the amount of \$190,000, \$111,327 of which is for the three-quarter grant funded salary and fringe benefits of the SSSPP Case Management Coordinator position. The remaining \$78,123 will go toward subcontracts with various providers.

See memo for details.

- 2. Circuit Court – Family Division – Resolution for the Acceptance of the Michigan Drug Court Grant Program for the Ingham County Family Treatment Court**

This resolution authorizes the acceptance of \$130,000 from the Michigan Drug Court Grant Program to fund a ¾ time Family Recovery Court Program Coordinator with benefits (OPEIU), and a Special Part-Time Family Recovery Court Program Assistant with no benefits (UAW B pay grade).

See memo for details.

- 3. 9-1-1 Dispatch Center – Resolution to Authorize One Radio Tower Lease Termination and Two Radio Tower Lease Extensions with SBA Structures, LLC**

This resolution authorizes an extension of the tower leases in Leslie and Williamston and the termination of the tower lease in Meridian as that tower is no longer needed. The lease increases are for 5 years with a 3% annual increase in the Leslie tower lease and a 5% annual increase in the Williamston tower lease. The Meridian termination requires a \$20,000 termination fee, which was negotiated with the help of corporate counsel.

Funding for the leases and termination is available in the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Dispatch Services Fund.

See memo for details.

Additional Items:

4. *Animal Control & Shelter* – *Animal Control & Shelter Rebranding (Discussion)*

TO: Law & Courts, County Services, and Finance Committees

FROM: Nicholas Hefty, Deputy Circuit Court Administrator – General Trial Division

DATE: September 17, 2024

SUBJECT: Felony Mental Health Court – FY 2024-2025 Operational Grant Award
For the meeting agendas of Law and Courts Committee September 26th and Finance Committee October 2nd, 2024

BACKGROUND

In 2014, the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) awarded a planning grant to the Ingham County 30th Circuit Court to establish a Felony Michigan Mental Health Court (MHC) program. The Court received its first MHC operational grant in fiscal year 2016 with continued funding each year thereafter.

The goals of the Mental Health Court are to enhance community safety by responding to individuals who have committed non-violent felonies with supportive treatment and intensive supervision, to minimize recidivism, and to assist participants in achieving a positive legal outcome and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

The 30th Circuit Court submitted a grant request of \$284,800 to SCAO to continue the Mental Health Court for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. We received notification that SCAO has awarded \$277,047 to continue the program; however, we have not received the contract. The 30th Circuit Court requests approval to accept the award and enter into the anticipated contract by December, 2024.

ALTERNATIVES

The 30th Circuit Court is unable to sustain the Mental Health Court financially without grant funding from SCAO. Program continuation is ideal because, as an important alternative to incarceration, MHC diverts eligible defendants with mental illness into judicially supervised, community-based treatment. Individuals who successfully complete MHC may realize improvements in employment status, educational level, mental health, and medication compliance. Additionally, SCAO reports that those who complete the program often have lower recidivism rates and an improved quality of life.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

SCAO provides funding assistance for the 30th Circuit Mental Health Court grant program. Funding is appropriated annually by the legislature. In-kind services are provided by defense attorneys, assistant prosecuting attorneys, Mid-Michigan Recovery Services and Professional Psychology Services. The financial impact to Ingham County is nominal; however, personnel within other Ingham County departments provide support services for the program.

STRATEGIC PLANNING IMPACT

Continuing the Felony Michigan Mental Health Court with the acceptance of the SCAO grant supports Ingham County's values as identified in the Strategic Plan. Further, acceptance of the grant award and entry into the contract support Strategic Plan goals including Services to Residents, Communication, Management, Finance, and Governance.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATION

Through the enclosed resolution and based on the information presented, I respectfully recommend approval of the attached resolution to support the continuation of the 30th Circuit Court Felony Mental Health Court.

Introduced by the Law & Courts, County Services, and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE FY 2025 MICHIGAN MENTAL HEALTH COURT PROGRAM GRANT, CONTINUE THE GRANT FUNDED FULL-TIME MENTAL HEALTH COURT-COURT SERVICES COORDINATOR POSITION, AND AUTHORIZE SUBCONTRACTS WITH CMHA/CEI; AVERHEALTH; JSG; MDOC; NORTHWEST INITIATIVE; AND RISE

WHEREAS, the 30th Circuit Court submitted a grant request in the amount of \$284,800 to the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) for continuation of the Felony Michigan Mental Health Court Operational Grant for the fiscal year of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the SCAO has notified the Court that a grant in the amount of \$277,047 has been awarded to continue the program; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the Michigan Mental Health Court Operational Grant are to enhance community safety by responding to individuals who have committed non-violent felonies with supportive treatment and intensive supervision, to minimize recidivism, and to assist participants in achieving a positive legal outcome and maintaining a healthy lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, the grant includes a total of \$115,599 for the grant funded salary and fringe benefits of the full-time Mental Health Court – Court Services Coordinator position, ICEA Pro 07; and

WHEREAS, the grant provides for implementation, services, and participant treatment and services as follows: mental health treatment services to be provided by CMHA/CEI; drug testing services to be provided by Averhealth; electronic monitoring services to be provided by JSG and/or Michigan Department of Corrections; ancillary services to be provided by Northwest Initiative; and transitional housing to be provided by RISE Recovery Community or Pinnacle or other available vendors (collectively not to exceed \$156,168); and

WHEREAS, the grant also provides funding for program software like Zoom and DocuSign (\$450), program supplies (\$2,450), and team training (\$2,380); and

WHEREAS, the subcontractors who will provide grant implementation services and participant treatment and services for the 2024 Felony Michigan Mental Health Court Operational Grant are willing and able to provide the services that the County requires.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners approves and authorizes entering into a contract with the State Court Administrative Office for continuation of the Felony Michigan Mental Health Court Operational Grant for the fiscal year of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 in the amount of \$277,047.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as of October 1, 2024, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes the continuation of the Mental Health Court Services Coordinator position for the Michigan Mental Health Grant Program (\$115,599).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners approves and authorizes entering into subcontracts for the same grant with mental health treatment services to be provided by CMHA/CEI; drug testing services to be provided by Averhealth; electronic monitoring services to be provided by JSG and/or Michigan Department of Corrections; ancillary services to be provided by Northwest Initiative;

and transitional housing to be provided by RISE Recovery Community or Pinnacle or other available vendors (collectively not to exceed \$156,168).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes receiving grant funds for supplies, training, and program software in the amount of \$5,280.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller/Administrator is authorized to make any necessary adjustments to the 2024-2025 budget and position allocation lists consistent with this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Chairperson is authorized to sign any necessary contracts/subcontracts consistent with this resolution subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney.

TO: Law & Courts, County Services, and Finance Committees
FROM: Nicholas Hefty, Deputy Circuit Court Administrator – General Trial Division
DATE: September 19, 2024
SUBJECT: **Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program – FY 2024-2025 Operational Grant Award**

For the meeting agendas of Law and Courts Committee September 26th and Finance Committee October 2nd, 2024

BACKGROUND

The Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program (SSSPP) is an intensive probation supervision program that focuses on high-risk felony offender with a demonstrated history of three or more probation violations or behavioral noncompliance. The program’s primary goal is to increase compliance with probation terms by promptly imposing certain, swift, and consistent sanctions for probation violations. SSSPP and similar programs throughout the United States strive to improve the successful completion of probation among high-risk probationers.

SSSPP closely monitors participants and may require them to test frequently for drug and alcohol use and attend frequent meetings with probation and/or case management staff. The State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) shares that judges presiding over SSSPP courts report deduction in positive drug tests and failures to appear at scheduled meeting for their participants.

The 30th Circuit Court submitted a grant request of \$241,803 to SCAO to continue the SSSPP for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. We received notification that SCAO has awarded \$190,000 to continue the program; however, we have not received the contract. The 30th Circuit Court request approval to accept the award and enter into the anticipated contract by December 2024.

ALTERNATIVES

The 30th Circuit Court is unable to sustain SSSPP financially without grant funding from SCAO. The program goal of increasing the rate of successful probation completion among high-risk probationers cannot be met without this funding.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

SCAO provides funding assistance derived from the swift and sure probation supervision fund created within the state treasury for the Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program. The financial impact to Ingham County is nominal, however personnel within other Ingham County departments provide support services for the program.

STRATEGIC PLANNING IMPACT

Continuing the SSSPP with the acceptance of the SCAO grant supports Ingham County’s values as identified in the Strategic Plan. Further acceptance of the grant award and entry into the contract support Strategic Plan goals including Services to Residents, Communication, Management, Finance and Governance.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information presented, I respectfully recommend approval of the attached resolution to support the continuation of the 30th Circuit Court Swift & Sure Sanctions Probation Program.

Introduced by the Law & Courts, County Services, and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE FY 2025 SWIFT AND SURE SANCTIONS PROBATION PROGRAM GRANT, CONTINUE THE GRANT FUNDED CASE MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR POSITION, AND AUTHORIZE SUBCONTRACTS WITH NORTHWEST INITIATIVE; CEI-CMH; RISE; AVERHEALTH; AND JSG

WHEREAS, the 30th Circuit Court submitted a grant request in the amount of \$241,803 to the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) for the fiscal year of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 to continue the Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program (SSSPP) Grant; and

WHEREAS, the SCAO has notified the Court that a grant in the amount of \$190,000 has been awarded to continue the program, however, we have not yet received the contract; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the SSSPP is to increase compliance with probation terms by imposing certain, swift and consistent sanctions for probation violations which is consistent with Ingham County's long term objective of providing appropriate sanctions for adult offenders; and

WHEREAS, \$111,327 of the grant application is for the grant funded salary and fringe benefits of the SSSPP Case Management Coordinator position; and

WHEREAS, continuing the SSSPP Case Management Coordinator position initially referenced in Resolution 13-390 will assist the Circuit Court in achieving the goals and objections stated above; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 SCAO Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program Grant provides for grant implementation services and participant treatment and services as follows: representation by a defense attorney; day reporting services to be provided by Northwest Initiative; drug treatment, mental health treatment, anger management, domestic violence counseling services and transitional housing to be provided by CEI-CMH and RISE Recovery Community; drug testing services to be provided by Averhealth; electronic monitoring services to be provided by JSG; and housing of participants serving jail sanctions at the Ingham County Jail (collectively not to exceed \$78,123); and

WHEREAS, the subcontracts who will provide grant implementation services and participant treatment and services for the 2025 SCAO Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program Grant are willing and able to provide the services that the County requires.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that as of October 1, 2024, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes continuation of the SSSPP Case Management Coordinator position for the Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program Grant that Begins on October 1, 2024 and ends on September 30, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that once the contract has been received, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners approves and authorizes entering into subcontracts for the same grant with defense attorneys, Northwest Initiative; CEI-CMH; Rise; Averhealth; JSG; and the Ingham County Jail (collectively not to exceed \$78,123).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller/Administrator is authorized to make any necessary adjustments to the 2024-2025 budget and position allocation lists consistent with this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Chairperson is authorized to sign any necessary contracts/subcontracts consistent with this resolution subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney.

TO: Law & Courts, County Services, and Finance Committees
FROM: Annette Ellison, Deputy Court Administrator-Juvenile Division
Mary Ferranti, Family Services Director

DATE: 09/19/2024

SUBJECT: Resolution for Acceptance of the Michigan Drug Court Grant Program for the Ingham County Family Treatment Court.

For the meeting agendas of September 26 and October 2, 2024

BACKGROUND

The Circuit Court Juvenile Division has successfully applied for grant funds from the State Court Administrator’s Office and the Michigan Drug Court Grant Program. These funds are used to provide enhanced services to participants who are petitioned to the Circuit Court for child abuse and neglect with their primary barrier being substance use. The grant provides for the funding of a ¾ time Family Treatment Court Program Coordinator as well as a Special Part-Time Family Treatment Court Program Assistant. Securing this grant will allow for the continuation of fully funding employment for these two positions as well as enhanced treatment, substance use testing, and other incentive programs which will allow for a better outcome for the participants and their families.

ALTERNATIVES

This programming allows for at least a 50% higher rate of success for this high risk/high need population and their families.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Juvenile Division does not have a budget for these positions or enhanced services which provide substance use disorder programming for parents who have children in their custody as well as parents with children in foster care. The grant funds awarded in the amount of \$130,000 provide for the continuation of two positions as well as enhanced treatment services.

STRATEGIC PLANNING IMPACT

Acceptance and continuation of grant funds enhances the strategic plan by supporting public safety. Family Treatment Court provides increases supervision of the families involved. This can also lead to quicker permanency for families in child neglect cases.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

None.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the resolution be authorized.

Introduced by the Law & Courts, County Services, and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE MICHIGAN DRUG COURT GRANT PROGRAM
FOR THE INGHAM COUNTY FAMILY TREATMENT COURT**

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2024, the Michigan Supreme Court, State Court Administrator's Office awarded the 30th Judicial Circuit Court-Family Treatment Court, \$130,000 through the Michigan Drug Court Grant Program (MDCGP) for Fiscal Year 2025 (October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025); and

WHEREAS, the Family Treatment Court handles cases involving parents of children petitioned to the Court for abuse and neglect with the parent's primary barrier being substance use; and

WHEREAS, the barriers affected with this grant will include supervision, transportation, peer recovery coaching, and substance use testing; and

WHEREAS, the grant award includes maintaining full funding for a $\frac{3}{4}$ time Family Treatment Court Program Coordinator to complete screenings of referrals and intake of new participants, implement program processes, data entry, and coordinate participant services; and

WHEREAS, the Family Treatment Court Program Coordinator position as been determined by the Ingham County Human Resources Department to be a $\frac{3}{4}$ time position with benefits and is a member of the OPEIU and funded for the duration of the grant ending September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the grant award includes maintaining funding for a Special Part-Time Family Treatment Court Program Assistant to provide additional supervision, random substance use testing, and assisting with transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Family Treatment Court Program Assistant position has been determined by the Ingham County Human Resources Department to be a Special Part-Time position without benefits at a UAW B pay grade and will be funded for the duration of the grant ending September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of this award is recommended to the Ingham County Board of Commissioners in order to enhance the work of the Family Treatment Court.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes accepting a grant award from the Michigan Drug Court Grant Program for the Ingham County Circuit Court's Family Treatment Court for the sum of \$130,000 which includes continued full funding of a $\frac{3}{4}$ Family Treatment Court Program Coordinator that would be part of the OPEIU with benefits, and continued employment of grant funded Special Part-Time Family Treatment Court Program Assistant position, at a UAW B pay grade, without benefits, for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller/Administrator is directed to make the necessary adjustments to the 2024 and 2025 Circuit Court Juvenile Division budget and Position Allocation List.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign any necessary contract documents on behalf of the County after approval as to form by the County Attorney.

TO: Board of Commissioners Law & Courts and Finance Committees

FROM: Barb Davidson, Director 9-1-1

DATE: September 17, 2024

SUBJECT: Extension of two radio tower lease agreements and termination of another tower lease with SBA Structure, LLC
For the meeting agenda of the Law & Courts Committee – September 26, 2024, and Finance Committee – October 2, 2024

BACKGROUND

In 2004, Ingham County entered into a lease agreement with SBA Structures for the use of their communication towers in Meridian Township, Leslie, and Williamston for the Ingham County Public Safety Radio system use. As Ingham County moved from the Harris EDACS radio system to the MPSCS/Motorola system, SBA’s tower on Saginaw Highway in Meridian Township was no longer needed as part of our public safety radio system. With the assistance of the County legal counsel, a tentative agreement to terminate that lease agreement was drafted. This would be an early termination of that agreement. The other two towers in Leslie and Williamston, continue to be vital locations and part of our current radio system. In that same tentative agreement, we are seeking to amend to extend each of those leases for another five years. The extension of those leases would continue under the same terms with additional language that the extension terms are non-cancellable.

ALTERNATIVES

We can continue to look for other tower locations or look into building a communication tower. Building a communication tower could conservatively cost over a million dollars plus annual maintenance costs. Alternatively, we can try to find another tower lease with another private owner. There would, however, be significant costs to remove the equipment on these towers and reinstall that equipment on a new tower. We could also have the expense of modifying the new tower, as well as potential higher lease payments monthly.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Over the past several months, a settlement agreement for the early termination as well as the lease extensions was drafted between Ingham County legal counsel and SBA Structures, LLC. The tentative agreement requires a one-time payment of \$20,000 to secure the termination and extensions.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information presented, I respectfully recommend approval of the attached resolution to authorize the termination of the radio tower lease on Saginaw Highway in Meridian Township and the extension of the radio tower leases for the towers in Leslie and Williamston with SBA Structures, LLC and pay the settlement sum of \$20,000.

Introduced by the Law & Courts and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ONE RADIO TOWER LEASE TERMINATION AND TWO RADIO TOWER LEASE EXTENSIONS WITH SBA STRUCTURES, LLC

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners has established a 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Dispatch Services Fund for Management and System Improvements to the County emergency dispatch system; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution #18-550 authorizing a contract with Motorola Solutions for the replacement of the Ingham County Public Safety Radio system with the Michigan Public Safety Communication System (MPSCS)/Motorola system; and

WHEREAS, several leases for communication towers associated with the Ingham County Public Safety Radio system use were authorized by Resolution #19-439; and

WHEREAS, the SBA Structures, LLC has two communication towers in Leslie and Williamston identified as part of the tower configuration for the MPSCS/Ingham County Public Safety Radio system and one in Meridian that is no longer utilized by MPSCS/Ingham County Public Safety Radio; and

WHEREAS, Ingham County legal counsel sought a tentative agreement with SBA Structures, LLC to terminate the lease of the unutilized tower and extend the lease agreements for the two utilized towers; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County 9-1-1 Director, County Controller, and Ingham County legal counsel believe this tentative agreement is in the best interests of Ingham County while maintaining this vital public safety system.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes the radio tower lease extensions with SBA Structures, LLC for the Leslie tower until August 23, 2029 with a 3% annual lease increase and the Williamston tower until May 31, 2030 with a 5% annual lease increase during which those terms would be non-cancellable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SBA Structures, LLC will receive an early termination fee of \$20,000 for the Meridian town that is no longer utilized by the Ingham County Public Radio System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these lease payments will come from the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Dispatch Services Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller/Administrator is authorized to make any budget adjustments and changes consistent with this resolution in the Ingham County Public Safety Radio Communications System Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign any necessary contract documents on behalf of the County after approval as to form by the County Attorney.