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THE LAW & COURTS COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025 AT 6:15 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 [February 27, 2025 Minutes](#)

Additions to the Agenda

Limited Public Comment

1. Sheriff's Office
 - a. Resolution to Authorize the Ingham County Sheriff's Office to [Sell One Used Patrol Vehicle](#) to the Ingham Intermediate School District
 - b. Resolution to [Purchase Thermal Binoculars](#) for the Sheriff's Office K-9 Team
 - c. Resolution to Authorize the Purchase and Added Equipment [Costs of One Ford Explorer](#) for the Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit
2. Office of the Public Defender – Resolution to [Honor Taylor Wicks](#), Assistant Public Defender, on Her Selection for a “Top Five Under 35” Award from the Ingham County Bar Association
3. Facilities Department – Resolution to Authorize a [Three-Month Extension of the Lease](#) Agreement for the Temporary Public Defender's Office Space at 300 South Washington Square, Suite 315
4. Board Referral – A Letter from Dennis Higelmire, Ingham County Resident, Regarding Ingham County [Dog Licensing Fees](#)

Announcements

Public Comment

Adjournment

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LAW & COURTS COMMITTEE

February 27, 2025

Draft Minutes

Members Present: Johnson, Trubac, Peña, Pratt, and Schafer.

Members Absent: Lawrence, Polsdofer, and Willis (Virtual).

Others Present: Andrew Bouck, Gregg Todd, Anika Ried and others.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Johnson at 6:15 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>.

Approval of the February 13, 2025 Minutes

CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON STATED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2025 LAW & COURTS COMMITTEE MEETING WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. Absent: Commissioners Lawrence, Polsdofer, and Willis.

Additions to the Agenda

None.

Limited Public Comment

None.

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

2. Treasurer's Office – Resolution to Authorize the Transfer of the Property at 826 W. Saginaw St., Lansing, Michigan, to the Ingham County Land Bank
3. Circuit Court
 - a. Resolution to Authorize a Contract for Representation of Indigent Parties Facing Charges in Personal Protection Order Cases and Emergency Risk Protection Cases
 - b. Resolution to Authorize Upgrade the Audio Processor and Other Courtroom Technology in Courtroom 2
 - c. Resolution to Amend Resolution #24-568
4. 9-1-1 Central Dispatch Center – Resolution to Honor Radio System Administrator Bryce Alford of the Ingham County 9-1-1 Central Dispatch

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Lawrence, Polsdofer, and Willis.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Lawrence, Polsdofer, and Willis.

1. Sheriff's Office – Resolution to Authorize the Ingham County Sheriff's Office to Continue the Employee Firearms Purchase Program

MOVED BY COMM. PEÑA, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SCHAFFER, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Trubac stated they would like some additional background information.

Andrew Bouck, Undersheriff, stated the Employee Firearms Purchase Program allowed Sheriff's Office licensed and unlicensed Corrections Deputies to purchase firearms and accessories via a payroll deduction. Undersheriff Bouck further stated that the benefit was that they could purchase state of the art firearms specific to their assignments with updated optics and accessories, which would otherwise cost the County a lot of money to update each time a new generation came out.

Undersheriff Bouck stated that it was important that optics and specifications of firearms were fit to the individual's specifications.

Commissioner Trubac asked for clarification that this program was directed towards Deputies assigned to the Hospital Guard Team, and if that meant the folks who took inmates to the hospital.

Undersheriff Bouck stated confirmation and that the Corrections Deputies assigned were in charge of guarding inmates who went off-site to the hospital, and at which point their body armor, gun belt, and firearm were put on. Undersheriff Bouck further stated that the program provided the opportunity to purchase their own firearms via payroll deduction with their own optics and specifications, instead of the County purchasing the firearms they would use.

Undersheriff Bouck clarified there were no guns in the jail, and the Corrections Deputies only wore their firearms when they went off-site in an unsecure environment.

Commissioner Trubac asked if those firearms were the only weapons the Corrections Deputies had or if they were assigned a weapon by the County.

Undersheriff Bouck stated they would be assigned a weapon, but if they chose to participate in the program, they would not use it, and the firearm would go back into the armory until it either needed to be traded in or used elsewhere. Undersheriff Bouck further stated those who participated were limited on what firearm they could purchase and that they were same firearms that would have been issued to them without the optics and other accessories.

Commissioner Trubac asked for clarification between the licensed and unlicensed Deputies.

Undersheriff Bouck stated that the Corrections Deputies were Deputy Sheriff's, but they were not licensed Law Enforcement Officers and they did not have arrest authority, rather they had the authority to guard and protect inmates in the care and custody of the Sheriff's Office.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Lawrence, Polsdofer, and Willis.

Announcements

Commissioner Peña stated the Fair Foundation was hosting Glow Bingo on March 7 and 8, 2025 and it would entail a light lunch and 15 rounds of bingo. Commissioner Peña further stated tickets were \$30 to help raise funds for the Ingham County Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Schaffer stated she would like to applaud the Fair Board and Lindsey McKeever, Fairgrounds Event

Director, as it seemed that they were doing many different things to raise funds and that they were putting a lot of passion into it, so it made it easier for her as a Commissioner to match their funding down the road if needed.

Discussion.

Chairperson Johnson stated they had recently visited the Thumb Correctional Facility in Lapeer County and that it was an interesting experience, especially after visiting the Ingham County Jail. Chairperson Johnson further stated they had the opportunity to try the food and speak to 150 inmates with Martel Smith, Senior Juvenile Court Officer.

Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

**MARCH 13, 2025 LAW & COURTS AGENDA
STAFF REVIEW SUMMARY**

RESOLUTION ACTION ITEMS:

The Controller recommends approval of the following resolutions:

1a. Sheriff's Office – Resolution to Authorize the Ingham County Sheriff's Office to Sell One Used Patrol Vehicle to the Ingham Intermediate School District

This resolution authorizes the sale of a discontinued patrol vehicle to the IISD, Wilson Talent Center for \$1. Wilson Talent Center will utilize the vehicle in their Law Enforcement program.

See memo for details.

1b. Sheriff's Office – Resolution to Purchase Thermal Binoculars for the Sheriff's Office K-9 Team

This resolution authorizes the purchase of thermal binoculars from Sellmark Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$4,250 to be used in conjunction with the Sheriff Office's K-9 Team.

Funding will come from K-9 donation account.

See memo for details.

1c. Sheriff's Office – Resolution to Authorize the Purchase and Added Equipment Costs of One Ford Explorer for the Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit

This resolution authorizes the purchase of a Secondary Road Patrol vehicle with funding received through the State's 416 Secondary Road Patrol Grant. The Sheriff's Office received an additional \$100,000 in 2025 in 416 dollars. The 2025 Ford Explorer Interceptor will be purchased from Lunghamer Ford for a not to exceed cost of \$50,005 and equipped through Mid-Michigan Emergency Equipment for a not to exceed cost of \$17,334.45.

See memo for details.

2. Office of the Public Defender – Resolution to Honor Taylor Wicks, Assistant Public Defender, on Her Selection for a "Top Five Under 35" Award from the Ingham County Bar Association

This resolution honor APD Taylor Wicks on her selection as a "Top Five Under 35" lawyer by the Ingham County Bar Association. Great job Taylor!


See memo for details.

3. Facilities Department – Resolution to Authorize a Three-Month Extension of the Lease Agreement for the Temporary Public Defender's Office Space at 300 South Washington Square, Suite 315

This resolution authorizes an extension of the temporary office space lease for the Public Defender's Office for an additional three months. The monthly rental rate will remain \$7,500.

Funding is available through the MIDC grant.

See memo for details.

	DEPARTMENT: Ingham County Sheriff's Office
PREPARED BY: Captain Andrew Daenzer	MEETING DATE(S): March 13, 2025 and March 19, 2025
FOR COMMITTEES: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law & Courts <input type="checkbox"/> Human Services <input type="checkbox"/> County Services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finance	
SUBJECT: Resolution to authorize the Ingham County Sheriff's Office to sell one used patrol vehicle to the Ingham Intermediate School District	

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Ingham County Sheriff's Office would like authorization to sell a used/retired Ford Explorer to the Ingham Intermediate School District for \$1 for use by the Law Enforcement Program.

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

This resolution is for the sale of a retired police Ford Explorer to the Ingham Intermediate School District for \$1. The vehicle will be used by area high school students in the Law Enforcement program at the Wilson Talent Center. The Sheriff's Office has a good relationship with the Wilson Talent Center. Deputies at the Sheriff's Office utilize the Wilson Talent Center training for training. Sheriff's Office staff also serve as board members, trainers, and mentors for the program.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

This project fits with Ingham County's Vision Statement to create opportunities for every student to realize their potential. The Wilson Talent Center serves as an educational hub for teens throughout Ingham County. The vehicle will assist with training youth as they learn and explore a career in Law Enforcement.

DEPARTMENT MISSION RELATION:

This is a great example of the Sheriff's Office and Ingham County partnering with our community.

THIS ACTION RELATES TO AN ACTIVITY WHICH IS:

MANDATED _____ NON-MANDATED Selling this vehicle for \$1 is not a mandated action, rather it's an opportunity for Ingham County to support Ingham County High School Students.

COST/FUNDING RECOMMENDATION:

Total Request/Contract Amount: The estimated auction value of the vehicle is \$3,500.

Included in Current Fiscal Budget Budget Transfer Has No Financial Impact

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVES:

GOVERNING/ADVISORY BOARD APPROVAL DATE: _____

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE: _____  DATE: _____ 3/6/2025 _____

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

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE INGHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO SELL ONE USED PATROL VEHICLE TO THE INGHAM INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Sheriff's Office participates in many formal and informal training events involving our county youth; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham Intermediate School District, specifically the Wilson Talent Center, has requested the purchase of a transitioned patrol car from local police agencies to help facilitate their Law Enforcement program; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham Intermediate School District's Law Enforcement Program serves the needs of high school students who wish to enter the law enforcement profession throughout the County's school districts; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Sheriff's Office serves on the Law Enforcement Programs Board; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Sheriff's Office vehicle that is being proposed for sale to the Ingham Intermediate School District will be a vehicle that is currently being taken out of service and otherwise subject to auction; and

WHEREAS, the exact vehicle has an estimated auction value of \$3,500 and is identified as a 2016 Ford Explorer, VIN 1FM5K8AR1GGD16659, with 100,312 miles; and


WHEREAS, the Ingham County Sheriff's Office will sell the vehicle for \$1.00 and other valuable consideration in "as is" condition, making no promise or guarantee about the condition or mechanical functionality of the vehicle, and the County will not be responsible for any maintenance or future repairs; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle sold to the Ingham Intermediate School District's Law Enforcement Program will be used exclusively for their training program and will remain the property of the Ingham Intermediate School District for the duration of the training program; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle sold to the Ingham Intermediate School District's Law Enforcement Program will be marked and identified specifically as an Ingham Intermediate School District's law Enforcement program vehicle.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Ingham County Sheriff's Office to sell one used and retired Ingham County Patrol Vehicle for the purposes set forth in this resolution for \$1.00 and other valuable consideration.

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

	DEPARTMENT: Ingham County Sheriff's Office
PREPARED BY: Captain Andrew Daenzer	MEETING DATE(S): March 13, 2025 and March 19, 2025
FOR COMMITTEES: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law & Courts <input type="checkbox"/> Human Services <input type="checkbox"/> County Services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finance	
SUBJECT: Resolution to Purchase Thermal Binoculars for the Sheriff's Office K-9 Team	

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Ingham County Sheriff's Office requests approval to purchase a Pulsar Merger Duo NXP50 thermal binocular for use by the K-9 Team. The K-9 Team will use fundraiser money to pay for the item.

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Ingham County Sheriff's Office has a K-9 Team that assists in various law enforcement operations, including search and rescue, suspect tracking, and evidence recovery. To enhance the effectiveness of the K-9 Team, the Sheriff's Office would like to purchase a pair of thermal binoculars. These binoculars will improve visibility in low-light and no-light conditions, allowing handlers to track individuals better and locate evidence, ultimately increasing the safety and success of operations.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

This piece of equipment will improve the Sheriff's Office's ability to locate missing and wanted individuals which is in line with efficiently providing high-quality services.

DEPARTMENT MISSION RELATION:

This will aid in the K-9 Team's ability to provide excellent service to the community. Deputies must utilize modern technology to improve outcomes which can save lives.

THIS ACTION RELATES TO AN ACTIVITY WHICH IS:

MANDATED _____ NON-MANDATED This is not a mandated purchase. The equipment will improve service.

COST/FUNDING RECOMMENDATION:

Total Request/Contract Amount: \$4,250

Included in Current Fiscal Budget Budget Transfer Has No Financial Impact

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVES:

GOVERNING/ADVISORY BOARD APPROVAL DATE: _____

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE:  **DATE:** 3/6/2025

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

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE THERMAL BINOCULARS FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE K-9 TEAM

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Sheriff's Office has had, during Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth's tenure as the Sheriff, K-9 Teams responsible for assisting in various law enforcement operations, including search and rescue, suspect tracking, and evidence recovery; and

WHEREAS, the K-9 Team requires specialized equipment to effectively conduct operations in low-light and no-light conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office would like to purchase a pair of thermal binoculars from the provided vendor included in the attached quote; and


WHEREAS, the cost of the thermal binoculars totals \$4,250 which will be paid for out of the Ingham County Sheriff's Office K-9 donation account 797-363020; and

WHEREAS, the purchased equipment will enhance the K-9 Team's operational efficiency, which may reduce overtime costs associated with extended search operations; and

WHEREAS, the thermal binoculars will be purchased from Sellmark Corporation, 2201 Heritage Pkwy Mansfield, TX.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners approves the purchase of thermal binoculars from Sellmark Corp. with a do not exceed amount of \$4,250.

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.

	DEPARTMENT: Ingham County Sheriff's Office
PREPARED BY: Captain Andrew Daenzer	MEETING DATE(S): March 13, 2025 and March 19, 2025
FOR COMMITTEES: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law & Courts <input type="checkbox"/> Human Services <input type="checkbox"/> County Services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finance	
SUBJECT: Resolution to authorize the purchase and added equipment costs of one Ford Explorer for the Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit	

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Ingham County Sheriff's Office would like authorization to use Secondary Road Patrol grant money to purchase and equip one 2025 Ford Explorer for the Traffic Unit.

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

This resolution is for the purchase of one 2025 Ford Explorer and the added equipment costs of the vehicle. The Traffic Unit patrols secondary roads throughout Ingham County. The Unit also responds to serious crashes throughout Ingham County for complex investigations. The unit currently has 2 vehicles assigned. We would like to add a third vehicle using one-time additional grant funds allocated for 2025.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

This project fits with the Ingham County Goals of Public Health and Safety as it enhances the ability to respond safely and effectively to life-safety emergencies.

DEPARTMENT MISSION RELATION:

Reliable, safe, and effective police vehicles are needed to provide excellent service including traffic enforcement and investigation that improves safety.

THIS ACTION RELATES TO AN ACTIVITY WHICH IS:

MANDATED _____ NON-MANDATED This is not mandated, but rather a proactive step to improve the response and longevity of our fleet using grant money.

COST/FUNDING RECOMMENDATION:


Total Request/Contract Amount: \$50,005 Lunghamer Ford and \$17,355.45 Mid- Michigan Emergency Equipment

Included in Current Fiscal Budget Budget Transfer Has No Financial Impact

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVES:

GOVERNING/ADVISORY BOARD APPROVAL DATE: _____

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE:  **DATE:** 3/6/2025

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

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE AND ADDED EQUIPMENT COSTS OF ONE FORD EXPLORER FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TRAFFIC UNIT

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Sheriff's Office has a partially grant-funded Traffic Unit with three (3) deputies and a sergeant that provides traffic enforcement and accident investigation throughout Ingham County; and

WHEREAS, the services provided require safe, reliable vehicles; and

WHEREAS, adding a third traffic car will ensure vehicle availability for each deputy and crash investigation equipment; and

WHEREAS, the additional vehicle will extend the life of the other traffic vehicles by distributing the miles; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office received one-time additional funds from the Michigan State 416 Secondary Road Patrol Grant that will cover the cost of this purchase and the equipment; and

WHEREAS, when the vehicle is retired and auctioned the proceeds must be directed back towards Secondary Road Patrol expenses; and


WHEREAS, Lunghamer Ford, 1690 E. Main St. Owosso, 48867 is an authorized dealership and vendor able to provide the vehicle at state contract pricing of one Ford Explorer Interceptor; and

WHEREAS, Mid-Michigan Emergency Equipment, 2237 Aurelius Rd. Holt, MI 48842 is a vendor able to build and equip the vehicle with the necessary emergency equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office uses Mid-Michigan Emergency Equipment, a Delhi Township business to build all vehicles ensuring the quality and consistency needed for safety.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes the purchase of one Ford Explorer from Lunghamer Ford for an amount not to exceed \$50,005 and the emergency equipment and build from Mid-Michigan Emergency Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$17,334.45, both items will be paid for out of Machinery – Cars & Trucks 10133315978010.

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

	DEPARTMENT: Office of the Public Defender
PREPARED BY: Keith Watson, Chief Public Defender	MEETING DATE(S): March 13; March 18; March 25
FOR COMMITTEES: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law & Courts <input type="checkbox"/> Human Services <input type="checkbox"/> County Services <input type="checkbox"/> Finance	
SUBJECT: Taylor Wicks, Assistant Public Defender, “Top Five Under 35” Award from the Ingham County Bar Association	

ACTION REQUESTED:

Authorize a Resolution Honoring Taylor Wicks, Assistant Public Defender, on Her Selection for a “Top Five Under 35” Award from the Ingham County Bar Association.

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Taylor Wicks, an Assistant Public Defender for the Ingham County Office of the Public Defender, was nominated and has been selected as a recipient of the Ingham County Bar Association’s “Top Five Under 35” Award. The award will be presented on March 13, 2025 at the Bar Association’s Annual Barrister’s Night Event.

This award recognizes young lawyers who have distinguished themselves in their relatively short careers by manifesting: exemplary character, integrity, judgment and legal scholarship; service to the profession and bar; service to the community; and a reputation for or the advancement of the highest legal standard and professional responsibility.

Assistant Public Defender Wicks has been with the Office of the Public Defender since she began her practice of law in January, 2021. In that time, she has become an invaluable resource for the indigent accused of Ingham County. In court, Ms. Wicks has earned a reputation for being a zealous advocate for her clients and has earned the respect of both the judges and prosecutors. Outside of court, Ms. Wicks is a key member of the Office of the Public Defender; and, she is a unifying force within our team.

Ms. Wicks’ commitment to clients goes far beyond our office through her volunteer work for community events, such as Driver’s License Restoration Clinics and training for Sparrow and Ingham Intermediate School District Security Cadets.

Ms. Wicks has taken on the monumental task of serving as the defense attorney for the Ingham County Domestic Violence Specialty Court before the Honorable Cynthia Ward, making sure the rights of the participants are protected. The Office of the Public Defender is lucky to have such a dedicated and hardworking attorney on our team.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

This resolution supports the provision of high-quality services to the residents of Ingham County.

DEPARTMENT MISSION RELATION:

This resolution supports the delivery of zealous representation for the indigent accused in Ingham County.

THIS ACTION RELATES TO AN ACTIVITY WHICH IS:

MANDATED _____ NON-MANDATED _____

COST/FUNDING RECOMMENDATION:

Total Request/Contract Amount: N/A

Included in Current Fiscal Budget Budget Transfer Has No Financial Impact

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVES:

GOVERNING/ADVISORY BOARD APPROVAL DATE: _____

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE:  _____ **DATE:** _____ 3/6/2025 _____

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

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION TO HONOR TAYLOR WICKS, ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER, ON HER SELECTION FOR A “TOP FIVE UNDER 35” AWARD FROM THE INGHAM COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, Taylor Wicks has been with the Ingham County Office of the Public Defender since she began her practice of law in January, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wicks has distinguished herself by showing exemplary character, integrity, judgment, and legal scholarship; service to the profession and bar; service to the community; and a reputation for or the advancement of the highest legal standard and professional responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wicks has become an invaluable resource for the indigent accused in Ingham County by providing zealous advocacy for her clients; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wicks has earned the respect of judges and prosecutors for her zealous representation and professional excellence; and


WHEREAS, Ms. Wicks serves as the defense attorney for the Domestic Violence Specialty Court before the Honorable Cynthia Ward making sure the rights of the participants are protected; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wicks’ commitment to the community goes far beyond the Office of the Public Defender through her volunteer work; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wicks is a valuable asset to the Office of the Public Defender and Ingham County.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners honors Taylor Wicks on her selection for the “Top Five Under 35” Award from the Ingham County Bar Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners congratulates Taylor Wicks on her selection for this award.

	DEPARTMENT: Facilities Department
PREPARED BY: Glen Canning, Facilities Director	MEETING DATE(S): March 13th, 18th, and 19th, 2025
FOR COMMITTEES: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law & Courts <input type="checkbox"/> Human Services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finance	
SUBJECT: Three-Month Lease Extension for Temporary Public Defender’s Office Space	

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of a three-month lease extension for the Public Defender’s Office at Suite 315, 300 South Washington Square, with Eyde Knapp Development, LLC, ensuring continued operations through July 2025.

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Due to delays in the completion of the permanent Public Defender’s Office, it is necessary to extend the lease for Suite 315 at 300 South Washington Square for an additional three months. The original six-month lease is set to expire in April 2025, and this extension would allow continued occupancy through July 2025.

The lease terms remain the same at \$7,500 per month, with a total cost not exceeding \$22,500 for the extension period. The funding for this extension is available through the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) grant.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

The Facilities Department ensures that county departments have the necessary space to operate effectively. Extending this lease supports the Public Defender’s mission of providing essential legal services while awaiting completion of their permanent office space.

DEPARTMENT MISSION RELATION:

A brief summary of how the resolution relates to the Department/Office/Court’s mission.

THIS ACTION RELATES TO AN ACTIVITY WHICH IS:

MANDATED Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) standards NON-MANDATED

COST/FUNDING RECOMMENDATION:

Total Request/Contract Amount: \$22,500

Included in Current Fiscal Budget Budget Transfer Has No Financial Impact

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVES:

GOVERNING/ADVISORY BOARD APPROVAL DATE: _____

CONTROLLER’S OFFICE:  DATE: 3/6/2025

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

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE TEMPORARY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE SPACE AT 300 SOUTH WASHINGTON SQUARE, SUITE 315

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Public Defender's Office requires continued temporary office space while awaiting completion of its permanent location; and

WHEREAS, the County previously entered into a six-month lease agreement with Eyde Knapp Development, LLC for Suite 315 at 300 South Washington Square, Lansing, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the lease term is set to expire in April 2025, but an additional three-month extension is available under the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County seeks to extend the lease through July 2025 to ensure uninterrupted operations for the Public Defender's Office; and

WHEREAS, the monthly rent shall remain at \$7,500, and all other terms of the lease shall remain unchanged.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes a three-month lease extension with Eyde Knapp Development, LLC for Suite 315 at 300 South Washington Square, Lansing, MI through July 2025 for \$7,500 per month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all payments for this lease agreement will be made to Eyde Knapp Development, LLC, with funds available through the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) grant for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Chairperson is authorized to sign any necessary documents consistent with this resolution, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney.

Ingham County Board of Commissioners
Ingham County Courthouse
P.O. Box 319, Mason, MI 48854

Feb. 13, 2025

Commissioners,

The reason for this letter is to express my opinion that Ingham County policies for dog license needs to be brought in line with other counties in our district. Our fees are \$48 non-sterilized and \$18 sterilized yearly.

As you see in the table below, I have googled adjacent counties in our vicinity for comparison of fees.

County	Sterilized	Non-sterilized
Clinton	\$10	\$15
Eaton	\$15	\$20
Jackson	\$10	\$20
Livingston	\$10	\$25
Shiawassee* One time fee	\$10	\$30

These fees separated at a greater rate (become more out of line) when compared to a three year fee program.

Here are a few questions that I believe need to be considered:

1. Are our dogs more destructive than those in adjacent counties?
2. Are they prone to more diseases?
3. Or are they just a victim of poor monetary practices?

In closing, pet owners love their fur babies and will do what is necessary for their health and safety. Those who are neglect in payment will do so no matter how outlandish the fees may be. Also **remember that fees are taxes on citizens** – do you feel we are overtaxed?

Dennis Higelmire
4550 Olds Rd
Onondaga, Mi. 49264

