

PUBLIC SAFETY - Special

9/8/2008

304 E. Grand River Ave., Howell, MI

6:30 PM

AGENDA

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**
- 4. FRIEND OF THE COURT**
- 5. SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**
- 6. MSU EXTENSION**
- 7. ADMINISTRATION**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

4A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CREATION OF AN ADDITIONAL ATTORNEY/REFEREE POSITION WITHIN THE FRIEND OF THE COURT OFFICE - Friend of the Court / Public Safety Committee

5A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON TO APPLY FOR AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY PLANNING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 SECONDARY ROAD PATROL AND TRAFFIC ACCIDENT PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT

6A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE MSU EXTENSION AND JUVENILE COURT MENTORING PROGRAM OF DELINQUENT YOUTH - MSU Extension

7A RESOLUTION AMENDING 2007-10-281 TO ENCOURAGE THE CREATION OF A CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL - Board of Commissioners / Public Safety Committee

RESOLUTION

NO:

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

DATE:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CREATION OF A FULL TIME ATTORNEY REFEREE POSITION IN THE FRIEND OF THE COURT OFFICE – Friend of the Court / Public Safety Committee

WHEREAS, the Friend of the Court Office has mandated duties to review matters and make recommendations and proposed Orders to the Court regarding Custody, Parenting time, Support, and other Domestic Relations matters; and

WHEREAS, the Friend of the Court Office currently employs three Attorney Referees to handle these Domestic Relations cases; and

WHEREAS, the number of cases heard by the Friend of the Court Referees has increased from 1,141 in 2003 to 1,913 in 2007. Through the first six months of 2008, the number of Domestic case filings has increased over 7%; and

WHEREAS, the Friend of the Court has been unable to meet its mandated obligations as timely as children and families require; and

WHEREAS, this position is supported and recommended by Stanley J. Latreille, Chief Circuit Court Judge; David J. Reader, Circuit Court Judge; and Carol Hackett Garagiola, Family Court Judge, and many Domestic Relations Attorneys; and

WHEREAS, the County of Livingston would be reimbursed for 66% of eligible costs of this position through the Cooperative Reimbursement Contract with the Michigan Department of Human Services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes creation of an Attorney Referee position in the Friend of the Court Office, Pay Grade P, effective with the approval of this resolution.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON TO APPLY FOR AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY PLANNING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 SECONDARY ROAD PATROL AND TRAFFIC ACCIDENT PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT - Sheriff Department

WHEREAS, the Livingston County Sheriffs' Department wishes to continue the operation of the Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program for state fiscal year 2009; and

WHEREAS, the County of Livingston will be receiving up to \$125,904.00 in reimbursement funds from the State of Michigan, Office of Highway Safety Planning for participation in the 2009 Secondary Road Patrol and Accident Prevention Program; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the submission of application to enter into a contract with the State of Michigan, Office of Highway Safety Planning wherein Livingston County will receive a maximum of \$125,904.00 in State reimbursement funds effective October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Commissioners be authorized to sign the above referenced application and any other related contract documents that may be required upon review and approval of civil counsel.

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RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE MSU EXTENSION TO PROVIDE MENTORING TO SELECTED JUVENILE COURT YOUTH - MSU Extension / Public Safety

WHEREAS, the MSU Extension Livingston County office will offer a mentoring program to juvenile court youth with the assistance of the Livingston County Juvenile Courts; and

WHEREAS, the program will pair youth with caring adult mentors in an effort to reduce the severity and frequency of their delinquent behavior. Youth will experience healthy alternatives to substance use and/or criminal behavior in a safe environment; and

WHEREAS, there are no other county based programs that specifically target mentoring delinquent youth at this time. There are a limited number of resources for at risk youth while there is one community based mentor program and the criteria for that program often excludes many of the youth in the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, an informal poll of the probation department found 19 potential mentees in the month of April 2008 with up to 30 total referrals per year; and

WHEREAS, male and female residents of Livingston County between the ages of 9 – 17 years of age who are currently involved with the Juvenile Court for delinquent behavior will qualify for this program excluding PA 150/state ward youth; and

WHEREAS, matches will be for a minimum of 6 months with an ideal match being one year; and

WHEREAS, Mentors will be run through a background check, reference check and will receive training on safety, confidentiality, mentoring, and much more prior to being paired with a youth; and

WHEREAS, mentors and will be monitored throughout the mentoring process by MSU Extension staff; and

WHEREAS, youth will be monitored throughout the mentoring process by probation officers and program liaison through the Juvenile Courts; and

WHEREAS, the program will be completely paid for from grants obtained through MSU Extension - Livingston County office for two years; and

WHEREAS, a complete evaluation process will be performed throughout the year and at the end of the year to show the impacts this program has made.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes MSU Extension to provide mentoring to selected juvenile court youth of Livingston County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners be authorized to sign any necessary documents pertaining to this matter upon review of civil counsel.

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RESOLUTION AMENDING 2007-10-281 TO *ENCOURAGE* THE CREATION OF A CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL - Board of Commissioners / Public Safety Committee

WHEREAS, the criminal justice system is extremely complex and requires cooperation / coordination / funding across multiple jurisdictions including private business, local, county, state, and federal government agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Livingston County criminal justice system is comprised of *various* including Circuit, District, Probate & Juvenile Courts; Circuit Court Probation; Friend of the Court; Prosecutor's Office; Sheriff's Department; Community Corrections; and numerous contracts with public defenders and non-profits agencies to provide the services and protect the public; and

WHEREAS, the programs and services provided through the combined Courts, Prosecutor, and Sheriff's Departments represent seventy percent (70%) of the General Fund expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan, in order to reduce its expenditures, has reduced the State Police contingent, closing state prisons; and proposing sentencing guidelines changes. These modifications will create challenges for Livingston County; and

WHEREAS, Livingston County is committed to preserving the integrity of its criminal justice system, its financial strength and to create harmony throughout multiple jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS it is critical that a leadership group consisting of the Chief Judges of the various Courts, the Prosecutor, the Sheriff and a representative from the Board of Commissioners meet on a *periodic* basis to protect the integrity of the law; to provide services and programs to the public in the most fiscally effective/efficient manner; and improve policies, programs and operational coordination.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners *encourages* that the Chief Judge of the Circuit, District & Probate Courts; Prosecutor; Sheriff; and one County Commissioner selected by the Board Chairperson meet periodically.

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