

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WASHTENAW COUNTY TO MAINTAIN A SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNT FOR LAWNET'S FORFEITURE MONIES, AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE LAWNET EXPENDITURES FROM SUCH ACCOUNT

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 24, 1999

WHEREAS, in 1970 the Washtenaw County Sheriff, Ann Arbor Police Department, Ypsilanti Police Department and Michigan State Police formed a multijurisdictional task force to combat drug offenses; and

WHEREAS, in 1981 the Livingston County Sheriff's Department joined the task force and it was renamed the Livingston and Washtenaw Narcotics Enforcement Team ("LAWNET"); and

WHEREAS, in 1989 the Jackson County Sheriff and the Jackson Police Department joined LAWNET; and

WHEREAS, LAWNET has now grown to over thirty-five (35) sworn and support personnel to investigate narcotics offenses, auto theft and gang crimes; and

WHEREAS, under Michigan law, cash, vehicles and other tangible items may be forfeited if involved in the commission of certain crimes with the monies being used to fund further law enforcement activities such as LAWNET; and

WHEREAS, Michigan law requires one of the governmental entities that participates in LAWNET to maintain a separate bank account to handle the receipt of forfeiture proceeds and approve expenditures to LAWNET; and

WHEREAS, LAWNET has requested that Washtenaw County maintain a separate bank account for forfeiture proceeds and to provide oversight on such expenditures; and

WHEREAS, due to the expected number of expenditure requests from LAWNET for payments from the account it would be more efficient for the County Administrator to approve or deny such requests.

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by Corporation Counsel, Human Resources, the Finance Department, the County Administrator's Office and the Ways & Means Committee

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the creation of a separate banking account to house forfeiture monies generated by LAWNET activities,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners designates the County Administrator as the individual responsible for approving or denying such expenditure requests from LAWNET.

LAWNET DRUG FORFEITURE FUND

FUND 7970

REVENUE:

65550 Forfiture Drug \$114,000

EXPENDITURES

74300 Operating Supplies \$114,000

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