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TO: Al Robinson, Chair  
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel  
County Administrator

FROM: Janis Bobrin, Drain Commissioner

DATE: Transfer of Jurisdiction of the Saline Village Tile Drain and West Branch of Saline Village Drain to the City of Saline

SUBJECT: February 16, 2000

**Board Action Requested:**

It is requested that the Board of Commissioners approve the transfer of jurisdiction of the Saline Village Tile Drain and the West Branch of Saline Village Drain to the City of Saline

**Background**

Chapter 17, section 395 of the Michigan Drain Code allows the county drain commissioner to relinquish jurisdiction and control of a drainage district to a municipality as long as there is no outstanding indebtedness or contract liability and if the district is located within the boundaries of said municipality, provided that a majority of the county board of commissioners approve and a resolution is passed by the governing body of the municipality in which the drain is located.

## **Discussion**

The City of Saline wishes to assume responsibility for the Saline Village Tile Drain and the West Branch of Saline Village Drain located in the City of Saline, and has submitted a resolution requesting relinquishment of jurisdiction and control of these two drainage districts. (See attached resolution.) There is no outstanding indebtedness or contract liability. The City has agreed to the assignment of easements and to pay all costs associated with this relinquishment of jurisdiction and assignment of easements. The City also agrees to assume the maintenance, jurisdiction, control and operation of the drains.

Request for transfer of jurisdiction has been reviewed by my staff and has been discussed with City representatives. All requirements have been met. I therefore recommend Board approval of the request by the City of Saline.

## **Impact on Human Resources**

None.

## **Impact on County Budget**

There is no impact to the County's budget; expenses will be paid by the City of Saline.

## **Impact on Other County Departments or Outside Agencies**

The City of Saline has requested the relinquishment of jurisdiction and control of a drainage district through the attached resolution from the City Clerk.

## **Consistency With County Policies**

There is no conflict with County policies.

## **Attachments**

Proposed Resolution

Resolution from the City of Saline Requesting Jurisdiction

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING RELINQUISHMENT OF TWO DRAINAGE DISTRICTS BY THE DRAIN COMMISSIONER TO THE CITY OF SALINE**

**WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**February 16, 2000**

WHEREAS the Michigan Drain Code MCL 280.395 allows for relinquishment of drainage districts by a county drain commissioner to a municipality upon receipt of a resolution by the governing body of the municipality and approval of the board of commissioners, provided that there is no outstanding indebtedness or contract liability, and

WHEREAS, the City of Saline has submitted a resolution to the Drain Commissioner requesting relinquishment of jurisdiction and control of the Saline Village Tile Drain and the West Branch of Saline Village Drain located in the City of Saline, and

WHEREAS, the Drain Commissioner has reviewed this request and has determined that jurisdiction and control of the said drainage districts may be relinquished to the City of Saline without detriment to the drainage districts, and

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby approves relinquishment of jurisdiction and control of the Saline Village Tile Drain and the West Branch of Saline Village Drain to the City of Saline