

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH JOHN R. AXE & ASSOCIATES AND DICKINSON, WRIGHT, PLLC FOR BOND COUNSEL AND WITH MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS, INC. AND BENDZINSKI & CO. FOR FINANCIAL ADVISOR

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 20, 2001

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2000 the County's existing contracts for bond counsel and financial advisor were nearing the expiration of their terms; and

WHEREAS, County policy requires such services to be periodically bid out in an open bid process; and

WHEREAS, County Administration created the Bond Counsel/Financial Advisor RFP Committee to design an RFP for bond counsel and financial advisor, review the responses to those RFP's, interview firms interested in providing such services to the County and recommend firms for bond counsel and financial advisor to the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Committee included the County Administrator, Deputy County Administrator, Treasurer, Drain Commissioner, Public Works Director, Chair of the Building Authority, Finance Director and Corporation Counsel; and

WHEREAS, the formal bidding procedures under the County Procurement Policy were followed to advertise for a bond counsel and financial advisor; and

WHEREAS, the Committee reviewed responses received, interviewed selected respondents and selected the most appropriate firms for bond counsel and financial advisor to recommend to the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by County Administration, Finance Department, Drain Commissioner's Office, Treasurer's Office, Department of Public Works and Corporation Counsel.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair of the Board to sign following contracts upon review of Corporation Counsel to be filed with the County Clerk

- ◆ general County bond counsel, including the Building Authority—John R. Axe & Associates P.C.;
- ◆ bond counsel for delinquent taxes—Dickinson, Wright PLLC;
- ◆ general County financial advisor—Municipal Financial Consultants Incorporated,
- ◆ financial advisor for the Drain Commissioner and the Department of Public Works—Bendzinski & Co.