

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH PLANTE & MORAN TO FULFILL THE PROPOSAL TO DO A STRATEGIC ORGANIZATION ASSESSMENT OF THE COUNTY'S PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT FUNCTIONS.

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARCH 20, 2002

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County is one of the most rapidly growing counties in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County works in this area for Planning and Environment, which includes the following departments or agencies: County MSU Extension, Environment & Infrastructure Services (EIS), Parks & Recreation, Building Inspection and Planning; and

WHEREAS, The Drain Commissioner's office also maintains a close working relationship and overlap of responsibilities within these departments; and

WHEREAS, Community Development, located in the Planning Department needs further examination as this area develops, and

WHEREAS, With the exception of Parks & Recreation, these departments are now physically located together in the Western Service Center, along with the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS), and

WHEREAS, It is evident that there is a need to meet the challenges of the present and future needs in Washtenaw County in a planful way for the environment and infrastructure of the county through the current delivery systems, their potential possibilities for partnership, increased effectiveness, increased efficiencies, and impact on the quality of life, and

WHEREAS, Plante & Moran has worked with the County on other strategic projects and understands the culture of Washtenaw County and has demonstrated successful results in other organizational studies; and

WHEREAS, By employing Plante & Moran for this project we will ensure that we will have a report by June 2002.

WHEREAS, the funds are available within the unearmarked reserve (10109810.98160); and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners accepts the proposal by Plante & Moran to do a strategic organizational assessment of the County's Planning and Environment Functions and authorizes the County Administrator to sign the contract, to be filed with the County Clerk upon review of Corporation Counsel

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby waives the normal process for retaining professional services.