

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PRETRIAL SERVICES UNIT ON A PILOT BASIS

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 16, 2005

WHEREAS, the Pretrial Services Committee of the Criminal Justice Collaborative Council (CJCC) researched the benefits of establishing a Pretrial Services unit within the Washtenaw County criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Committee recommended to the CJCC the establishment of a Pretrial Services unit; and

WHEREAS, the CJCC unanimously adopted the Committee recommendations, provided that efforts are coordinated with Community Corrections; and

WHEREAS, Community Corrections has secured funding from the State in their annual Community Corrections Grant for the partial establishment of a Pretrial Services unit; and

WHEREAS, the three District Courts with jurisdiction in Washtenaw County, as well as the 22nd Circuit Court, have expressed support for the establishment of a Pretrial Services unit; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Pretrial Services unit will provide verified information to presiding magistrates and judges at the time of arraignment; and

WHEREAS, verified information at the time of arraignment is projected to, in aggregate, result in more accurate bonds resulting in a diminishment of post arraignment detention;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby grants \$30,000 to 14-A District Court for the contracting of Pretrial Services to assist District Courts with arraignment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes this expenditure on a pilot basis to commence on January 1, 2006 and end June 30, 2006;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the pilot period, the CJCC explore additional funding opportunities to ensure the long-term viability of the program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that measures of the program effectiveness be reported to the Board of Commissioners toward the completion of the pilot period.

BE IT FUTHRE RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the budget adjustment as attached hereto and made a part hereof:

**General Fund
District Court Pre-Trial Program
January 1, 2006 – June 30, 2006**

	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Variance
Expenditures:			
10109810 Central Charges	\$4,284,405	\$4,254,405	(\$30,000)
10101400 District Court	\$4,644,795	\$4,674,795	\$30,000