



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 18, 2009

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R-0044 RECEIVED: February 25, 2009. A letter to Chairperson, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Alan Israel, Clerk, Pittsfield Charter Township, re: Application for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate by NuStep, Inc., dated February 20, 2009. Received and filed.	1
R-0045 RECEIVED: February 26, 2009. A letter to Chairperson, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from John Evans, Director, Bureau of Juvenile Justice, Michigan Department of Human Services, re: Approval of reimbursement for Child Care Fund expenditures, dated February 17, 2009. Received and filed (Trial Court cc'd in letter).	4
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Alan Israel
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February 20, 2009

RECEIVED
FEB 25 2009
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MI
CLERK/REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners
Attention: Jeff Irwin
220 N. Main
P.O. Box 8645
Ann Arbor, MI. 48107-8645

RE: Application for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate
in Pittsfield Charter Township by NuStep, Inc.

Dear Mr. Jeff Irwin:

Please be advised that in accordance with the provision of Section 5 of the Public Act #198 of 1974, Public Acts, you are hereby notified that NuStep, Inc., 5451 S. State, Ann Arbor, MI. 48108, has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for new real & personal property in the amount of \$935,613.00 to be located at 5451 S. State, Ann Arbor, MI. 48108 in Pittsfield Township.

A copy of the notification and a description is attached hereto and you are hereby notified that the Pittsfield Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Tuesday the 10th day of March, 2009 at the Pittsfield Township Administration Building, 6201 W. Michigan Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI. 48108. The public hearing will commence at 6:30 p.m. and in accordance with the statute, you are hereby notified that at that time and place, you will have an opportunity for a hearing on your comments regarding this application.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 734-822-3120.

Sincerely,

Alan Israel, Clerk
Pittsfield Charter Township

Christina Smith, Department Assistant
Clerk's Office
Pittsfield Charter Township
6201 W. Michigan Ave.
Ann Arbor, MI. 48108
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**Notice of Hearing on the Application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption
Certificate for NuStep, Inc.**

Notice is hereby given that Pittsfield Charter Township will hold a public hearing on Tuesday the 10th day of March, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pittsfield Township Administrative Building located at 6201 W. Michigan Avenue, to receive comments and consider the application for an industrial facilities tax exemption certificate for NuStep, Inc. located at 5451 S. State, Ann Arbor, MI. 48108, Pittsfield Charter Township , Washtenaw County, Michigan, for a tax exemption from real property and personal property taxes for a period of up to twelve (12) years.

Additional information is available for review at the Pittsfield Charter Township Administration Building in the Clerk's office, and may be examined until the date of the hearing Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

This notice is in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (21-3) and the Americans with Disability Act (ADA).

The Pittsfield Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes being considered at the meeting, to individual with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon 5 days notice to the Pittsfield Township Board.

s /Alan Israel, Clerk
Pittsfield Charter Township
734-822-3120

Published: February 26, 2009

Instruction for Completing Form 1012, Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption (IFT) Application

The completed original application form 1012 and all required attachments, plus two additional copies, **MUST** be filed with the clerk of the local unit of government where the facility is or will be located. Complete applications must be received by the State Tax Commission by October 31 to ensure processing and certification for the following tax year. Applications received after the October 31 deadline will be processed as expeditiously as possible.

Please note that attachments listed on the application in number 16a are to be retained by the local unit of government, and attachments listed in number 16b are to be included with the application when forwarding to the State Tax Commission (STC).

(Before commencement of a project the local unit of government must establish a district, or the applicant must request in writing a district be established, in order to qualify for an IFT abatement. Applications and attachments must be received by the local unit of government within six months of commencement of project.)

The following information is required on separate documents attached to form 1012 by the applicant and provided to the local unit of government (city, township or village) in triplicate. (Providing an accurate school district where the facility is located is vital.)

1. Legal description of the real property on which the facility is or will be located. Also provide property identification number if available.
2. Personal Property Requirements: Complete list of new machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures which will be used in the facility. The list should include description, beginning date of installation or expected installation by month/day/year, and costs or expected costs (see sample). Detail listing of machinery and equipment must match amount shown on question 6b of the application. Personal property applications must have attached a certified statement/affidavit as proof of the beginning date of installation (see sample).
3. Real Property Requirements: Proof of date the construction started (groundbreaking). Applicant must include one of the following if the project has already begun; building permit, footings inspection report, or certified statement/affidavit from contractor indicating exact date of commencement.
4. Complete copy of lease agreement as executed, if

applicable, verifying lessee (applicant) has direct ad valorem real and/or personal property tax liability. The applicant must have real and/or personal property tax liability to qualify for an IFT abatement on leased property. If applying for a real property tax exemption on leased property, the lease must run the full length of time the abatement is granted by the local unit of government.

The following information is required of the local unit of government: [Please note that only items 2, 4, 5, 6, & 7 below are forwarded to the State Tax Commission with the application, along with items 2 & 3 from above. The original and one complete copy are required by the STC. The remaining items are to be retained at the local unit of government for future reference. **(The local unit must verify that the school district listed on all IFT applications is correct.)**]

1. A copy of the notice to the general public and the certified notice to the property owners concerning the establishment of the district.
2. Certified copy of the resolution establishing the Industrial Development District (IDD) or Plant Rehabilitation District (PRD), which includes a legal description of the district (see sample). If the district was not established prior to the commencement of construction, the local unit shall include a certified copy or date stamped copy of the written request to establish the district.
3. Copy of the notice and the certified letters to the taxing authorities regarding the hearing to approve the application.
4. Certified copy of the resolution approving the application. The resolution must include the number of years the local unit is granting the abatement and the statement "the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of (governmental unit), or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in (governmental unit – see sample).
5. Letter of Agreement (signed by the local unit of government and the applicant per P.A. 334 of 1993 (see sample).



STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM
GOVERNOR

ISMAEL AHMED
DIRECTOR

February 17, 2009

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WASHTENAW COUNTY, MI
CLERK/REGISTER'S OFFICE

Jeff Irwin, Chairperson
Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners
220 N. Main Street
P. O. Box 8645
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107-8645

Dear Commissioner Irwin:

Your 2008-09 annual plan and budget for Child Care Fund expenditures is approved for state reimbursement in the amount of \$4,816,101.86. This amount is 50% of your county's gross annual plan and budget which is \$9,632,203.72.

Act 87, P.A. 1978 prohibits the state from reimbursing county Child Care Fund expenditures which exceed a county's approved budget. Child Care Fund policy prohibits reimbursement of capital, rental, lease and certain equipment and repair cost. If your expenditures exceed your original approved budget of \$9,632,203.72, it will be necessary to submit a new/approved budget no later than September 1, 2009, with all three required signatures to be eligible for reimbursement for expenditures in excess of the original approved budget. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in state reimbursement being limited to authorized budget.

Reimbursement for In-Home Care and Basic Grant will only be made up to the amount approved for individual service components. Each county is responsible for monitoring their expenditures and notifying this office of changes, adjustments or increases to assure reimbursement. Failure to comply with these requirements (which are detailed in the Annual Plan and Budget Guidelines) will result in forfeiture of entitlement to state reimbursement.

The following In-Home Care components are authorized:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Administrative Unit</u>	<u>Gross Expenditures</u>
Educational Advocacy (Student Advocate)	Court	\$ 50,000.00
Intensive Probation/Tethers	Court	\$ 717,486.04
Community Based Sex Offender Treatment	Court	\$ 401,590.00
Juvenile Drug Court	Court	\$ 308,282.00
Center for Occup. And Personalized Ed. (C.O.P.E)	Court	\$ 40,050.00
Wraparound Flexible Funds	Court	\$ 20,000.00
Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)	Court	\$ 195,449.00
Night Surveillance/In-Home Intervention	Court	\$ 573,061.00
Prevention	Court	\$ 108,317.00
Washtenaw County Juvenile Day Break Program	Court	\$ 1,508,803.00
MYOI CTYT Transportation	DHS	\$ 24,975.00
Non-Scheduled Payments	DHS	\$ 104,755.00
Removal Prevention/Early Return	DHS	\$ 140,000.00
Youth In Transition Coordination	DHS	\$ 24,975.00
Educational Advocacy	DHS	\$ 24,794.00
Case Review Benefits Services	DHS	\$ 24,975.00
Foster Parent and Advocacy Volunteer Recruit.	DHS	\$ 49,992.80
Youth Mentor Support	DHS	\$ 25,000.00

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The following Basic Grant components are authorized:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Administrative Unit</u>	<u>Gross Expenditures</u>
N/A		

In order to assure full annual reimbursement for costs of approved Basic Grant and In-Home Care Services, it will be necessary to report all expenditures and/or costs incurred for the month of September, and any prior months within the fiscal year, on the September report. In-Home Care & Basic Grant expenditures are not to be carried to fiscal year 2009 or they will be charged against the new fiscal year amount approved for reimbursement.

Act 87, P.A. 1978, also restricts reimbursement for In-Home Care to programs that are alternatives to out-of-home institutional or foster care. Basic Grant expenditures must meet established qualifying criteria.

Child Care Fund policies, including expenditure classification, reporting requirements, and In-Home Care and Basic Grant program requirements are contained in the Child Care Fund Handbook and the Annual Plan and Budget Guidelines. Copies of each are available upon request.

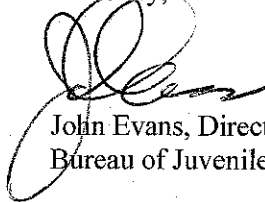
It is important that you fully understand the policies and requirements and that you remain in full compliance. County expenditures that do not meet classification definitions or program requirements are not eligible for state reimbursement. If upon review or audit it is found non-reimbursable payments were made, repayment shall be required.

The Agency acknowledges the county's written confirmation to follow its formal contract approval process as specified in the amended Annual Plan and Budget Guidelines. The Agency neither assumes the authority to approve county contracts nor opens itself to liability arising from them. All contract documents must be kept on file in the county and be made available at the time of fiscal audit.

Any claim for state monies from the Child Care Fund to cover expenditures incurred between October 1, 2008 and September 30, 2009, will signify your acceptance of the terms of this approval letter.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact me at (517) 335-3489.

Sincerely,



John Evans, Director
Bureau of Juvenile Justice

cc: The Honorable Archie Brown, Family Court Judge, Washtenaw County
Cynthia D. Travis, Director, Washtenaw County DHS
Keith Schafer, Child Care Fund/Chargeback Unit
Denise J. Binger, Child Care Fund Specialist
Child Care Fund File

Jason Brooks

From: Linda Bacigalupi [bacigalupi@washtenaw.org]
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 2:38 PM
To: l-boc
Cc: Sara Silvennoinen
Subject: request for street soccer team/sheriff's office to present on upcoming fundraiser

Dear members of the BOC: I apologize as I was not sure who to contact to make this request. We would like permission to go before Board to provide information and a formal invitation to a fundraiser for the PORT Street Soccer/Homeless Team with the generous participation of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office. Please advise me of whom to contact. Thank you for your time and attention in this matter,

Linda Bacigalupi

Linda Bacigalupi, M.S./L.L.P.
Jail Diversion Specialist
J-PORT Program

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TIMOTHY K. McGUIRE, Executive Director

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February 20, 2009

MAC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**In this week's update:**

- **STIMULUS PACKAGE PASSES CONGRESS; GOVERNOR'S OFFICE LAUNCHES WEBSITE OF COMMUNITIES' WISH LIST**
- **SENATE CONSIDERING STORM WATER UTILITY LEGISLATION**
- **BEYOND THE WEB PAGE: AN E-GOVERNMENT WORKSHOP**

**STIMULUS PACKAGE PASSES CONGRESS; GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LAUNCHES WEBSITE OF COMMUNITIES' WISH LIST**

This week, President Obama signed his federal stimulus package which contains over \$12 billion in funds for Michigan, including \$2 billion for Medicaid, \$847 million for highways and bridges, \$53 million in homelessness prevention, and nearly \$250 million for clean water and drinking water revolving funds. Other funds include over \$1.3 billion for education fiscal stabilization, which is critical as the Governor now says this will eliminate her proposed cuts to K-12, and if the state's universities do not increase tuition, then they will also not face cuts. MAC is currently sifting through the rest of the stimulus package funds to inform you of what counties may expect.

In the meantime the Governor's office has established the following website at www.michigan.gov/recovery to show the universe of Michigan's community wish list for projects. The money will flow through a strict formula, and certainly not all projects will be funded, but this gives an idea of the need that is truly out there. While there was an initial deadline of submitting projects to the Governor two weeks ago, we are still encouraging counties to submit projects right up until March 1, in case counties have missed one or two projects. These projects may still be submitted at inventory@michigan.gov.

Below is a brief and general overview of the federal stimulus package as it pertains to Michigan's budget. The information was provided by the Senate Fiscal Agency at a meeting of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Wednesday.

Table 28
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
State of Michigan Estimated Share by Fiscal Year
(Millions of Dollars)

	FY 2008-09	FY 2009-10
Items with Direct State Budget Impact		
State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Components:		
Governor's K-12 Recommendation Restored to FY 2008-09 Level.....	\$113.3	\$0.0
University Funding Restored to FY 2008-09 Level.....	81.2	0.0
K-12 Funding Distributed Under Federal At-Risk Formulas.....	1,142.7	0.0
State Share of Education Incentive Grants (Per Capita Assumption).....	169.6	0.0
General Fiscal Relief to State Budgets.....	293.1	0.0
Subtotal State Fiscal Stabilization Funding.....	1,793.6	0.0
State Education Components:		
Title 1 At-Risk Funding.....	500.7	0.0
Special Education Funding.....	419.5	0.0
Federal Impact Aid.....	0.4	0.0
School Improvement Programs (Education Technology).....	24.0	0.0
Innovation and Improvements.....	1.0	0.0
Rehabilitation Services.....	16.8	0.0
Homeless Children and Youth.....	2.0	0.0
Math/Science Partnerships.....	1.2	0.0
Teacher Quality Enhancement.....	3.8	0.0
Subtotal Education Components.....	969.4	0.0
Other Components with Direct State Budget Impact:		
Enhanced Medicaid Match Rate (6.2% increase).....	539.4	576.8
Medicaid High Unemployment Provision.....	343.2	365.3
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Contingency Funds.....	28.8	57.5
Edward Byrne Criminal Justice Grants.....	101.8	0.0
Subtotal Other Direct State Budget Impacts.....	1,013.2	999.4
Subtotal Direct State Budget Impact.....	\$3,679.2	\$589.4

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 State of Michigan Estimated Share by Fiscal Year (Millions of Dollars)		
	FY 2008-09	FY 2009-10
Major Infrastructure Funding:		
Highway Infrastructure Investment (State Share).....	\$634.5	\$0.0
Highway Infrastructure Investment (Local Share).....	211.5	0.0
Transit Capital Assistance Grants.....	165.0	0.0
Clean Water Projects.....	171.0	0.0
Drinking Water Projects.....	68.0	0.0
Weatherization Projects.....	279.9	0.0
Subtotal Major Infrastructure Funding.....	\$1,529.9	\$0.0
Other Major Programs to State and Local Governments:		
Workforce Investment Act.....	105.9	0.0
Unemployment State Administrative Assistance.....	16.1	0.0
Child Care Development Block Grant.....	58.7	0.0
Community Services Block Grant.....	36.8	0.0
Head Start Programs.....	22.0	0.0
Public Housing Capital Fund.....	43.0	0.0
Homeless Prevention.....	53.4	0.0
Dislocated Workers.....	87.1	0.0
HOME Program (Low-Income Housing Assistance).....	49.8	0.0
Emergency Food and Shelter.....	5.3	0.0
Commodity Assistance.....	4.1	0.0
Elderly Nutrition.....	3.4	0.0
Low Income Energy Assistance Program.....	0.0	0.0
Subtotal Other Major Programs to State and Local Governments.....	485.6	0.0
Total Funding Impacting State and Local Government.....	\$5,694.7	\$989.4

Source: Federal Funds Information for States and Senate Fiscal Agency estimates

Summary of Major Components with Direct Michigan State Budget Impact

State Fiscal Stabilization Fund: The stimulus package includes the appropriation of \$53.6 billion for a State Fiscal Stabilization Fund. This funding is distributed to states and is to be used to assist them in balancing state budgets and avoiding the necessity for significant state appropriation reductions or tax increases. The bulk of the State Fiscal Stabilization Funding is distributed to states under three separate provisions. The first is a total of \$5.0 billion for education incentive grants. These grants will be distributed by the United States Secretary of Education based on a state's progress in four areas of K-12 education. These areas are: 1) equitable distribution of quality teachers between high- and low-poverty school districts, 2) the state's collection of and use of education data, 3) the use of assessments to collect data on students' educational progress, and 4) the support of struggling schools. Assuming Michigan receives a per-capita share of these education incentive grants, Michigan's share will total \$163.5 million. The remainder of the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund is distributed to states for two programs. The first program provides general fiscal relief to states. This general fiscal relief can be used by states for any purpose. Michigan's share of this general fiscal relief is \$293.1 million. The final component of the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund is funding for K-12 education and universities and community colleges. Michigan will receive an estimated \$1.3 billion of this funding. The first use of these funds is to ensure that FY 2009-10 state funding formula appropriations to K-12 school districts and universities and community colleges are not reduced below the FY 2008-09 levels. This means that the Governor's recommended foundation allowance reductions in K-12 and the average 3.2% reduction in university funding will have to be restored. The cost of this restoration is estimated at \$113.3 million in K-12 and \$81.2 million for universities. The balance of the funding, \$1.1 billion, is then distributed to K-12 school districts based on Federal at-risk funding formulas.

Enhanced Medicaid Match Rate: The stimulus package includes the appropriation of \$86.6 billion for enhanced Medicaid match rates for states. This funding is divided over FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10 and will continue into the first quarter of FY 2010-11. The Medicaid funding is distributed to states based on three separate criteria. The first is to ensure that no states have a reduction in their Federal Medicaid match rate during FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10. The State of Michigan does not benefit from this provision. The second is an increase in the state's Federal Medicaid match rate of 6.2 percentage points. The third is additional Federal Medicaid match rate funding based on changes in the state's unemployment rate from the beginning of calendar year 2006. The larger the state's increase in the unemployment rate is, the larger the funding under this provision will be. The SFA is estimating that the State of Michigan will receive \$882.6 million of additional Federal Medicaid funding during FY 2008-09, \$931.9 million of additional Federal Medicaid funding during FY 2009-10, and \$238.0 million of additional Federal Medicaid funding in FY 2010-11.

Summary of Major Components of K-12 Education Funding

Education for the Disadvantaged: The stimulus package includes the appropriation of \$13.0 billion to carry out Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Of the total, \$5.0 billion is available for targeted Title I grants, another \$5.0 billion is available for education finance incentive grants, and the remaining \$3.0 billion is for school improvement grants. Both the targeted and the education finance incentive grants are formula-driven grants, as prescribed by formulas in Federal law, using poverty measures as the basis for the formulas. The school improvement grant piece focuses the dollars on Title I schools not making Adequate Yearly Progress for multiple years. The Senate Fiscal Agency is estimating that the State of Michigan will receive a total of \$500.7 million of Title I funds during FY 2008-09, and these funds will be restricted to the purposes set out in Federal law for Title I grants.

Special Education: The stimulus package includes the appropriation of \$12.2 billion to carry out Section 611, Section 619, and Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Of the total, \$11.3 billion is available for Section 611, which provides formula grants to assist states in meeting the excess costs of providing special education and related services to children with disabilities; \$500.0 million is for Part C, which provides formula grants to states to assist them in implementing systems and making early intervention services available to children ages birth through two with disabilities; and \$400.0 million is for Section 619 of IDEA. The SFA is estimating that the State of Michigan will receive a total of \$419.5 million of Special Education funds, and these funds will be restricted to the purposes set out in Federal law for the specified parts of IDEA.

Other Grants: The stimulus package includes the appropriation of supplemental funding for several other grants. School Improvement Programs (primarily Education Technology funding at \$630.0 million, and funds for educating homeless children at \$70.0 million) are appropriated, Rehabilitation and Disability Research is funded at \$680.0 million, Improving Teacher Quality is funded at \$100.0 million, Math and Science Centers are funded at \$40.0 million, and other smaller grants are funded. The SFA is estimating that the State of Michigan will receive a total of \$49.2 million from these other grants. Recipients of the grants must use the funds as prescribed in Federal law for these programs.

Summary of Major Infrastructure Spending to Benefit Michigan

Highway Infrastructure: The stimulus package includes the appropriation of \$27.5 billion for highway infrastructure grants. The funding is distributed to states by an existing Federal highway distribution formulas. Michigan's total share of the highway infrastructure funding will total \$846.0 million. Based on current state distribution formulas of this total amount to be received by Michigan, \$634.5 million will be for State projects and \$211.5 million will be passed along for local road projects. In addition, the stimulus package includes \$1.5 billion in surface transportation discretionary grants. One criteria of these grants is that the project will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region.

Transit Capital Assistance Grants: The stimulus package includes the appropriation of \$6.9 billion for transit capital assistance grants. The funding is distributed to states based on the existing Federal distribution formulas. The State of Michigan then will allocate the funds to local transit agencies based on Federal requirements. The SFA is estimating that the State of Michigan will receive a total of \$165.0 million of these funds during FY 2008-09.

Clean Water State Revolving Fund: The stimulus package includes the appropriation of \$3.9 billion for Clean Water State Revolving Funds. The funding is distributed to states based on existing Federal funding formulas. The State of Michigan then will use these funds to provide loans or grants for water projects to local units of government. The SFA is estimating that the State of Michigan will receive a total of \$171.1 million of these funds during FY 2008-09.

Drinking Water Projects: The stimulus package includes the appropriation of \$5.0 billion for drinking water projects. The funding is distributed to states based on existing Federal funding formulas. The State of Michigan then will use these funds to provide loans or grants to local units of government. The SFA is estimating that the State of Michigan will receive a total of \$68.0 million of these funds during FY 2008-09.

Weatherization Funding: The stimulus package includes the appropriation of \$5.0 billion for weatherization assistance for low-income homeowners. The funding will be distributed to states based on existing Federal funding formulas. The State of Michigan then will use these funds to increase existing weatherization programs. The SFA is estimating that the State of Michigan will receive \$279.9 million of these funds during FY 2008-09.

Other Major Spending Components

Reliable, Efficient Electricity Grid: \$11.0 billion to modernize the nation's electrical grid.

Local Government Energy Efficiency Block Grants: \$6.9 billion to help state and local governments make investments to make them more energy efficient.

Advanced Battery Loans and Grants: \$2.0 billion to support United States manufacturers develop advanced batteries for vehicles.

Wireless and Broadband Grants: \$7.2 billion for broadband grants to underserved areas.

Airport Improvement Grants: \$1.3 billion for airport improvement grants that will increase safety and reduce congestion.

Pell Grants: \$15.6 billion to increase the maximum Pell Grant by \$500, from \$4,850 to \$5,350.

Head Start: \$2.1 billion to provide comprehensive development services to help 124,000 additional children succeed in school.

Job Training: \$4.0 billion for increased training for displaced workers, including \$1.2 billion for create 1.0 million summer jobs for youths.

Health Care for the Unemployed: \$24.7 billion to extend health care coverage to the unemployed by extending the period of COBRA coverage for older and tenured workers beyond the 18 months currently in law and provide subsidies for the coverage for the first 12 months of unemployment.

Neighborhood Stabilization: \$4.0 billion to help communities purchase and rehabilitate foreclosed or vacant properties.

Food Stamps: \$19.9 billion to increase the income levels of families or individuals eligible to receive food stamps.

Unemployment Benefits: \$38.8 billion to continue the temporary 33-week extension of unemployment benefits and increase the level of benefits paid by \$26 per week.

Potential One-Time Uses of Excess Federal Stimulus Funding

Provide Funding for Municipalities. The State could use some of the Federal stimulus revenue to provide grants to cities, villages, townships, or counties to assist these local units in balancing their budgets.

Establish State Budget Reserves. The State could use some of the State GF/GP and SAF appropriations that could be freed up with the additional Federal stimulus funds to increase the balances in the Budget Stabilization Fund, the Medicaid Benefits Trust Fund, or the School Aid Stabilization Fund.

Pay Down Outstanding State Debt. The State of Michigan currently has approximately \$1.5 billion of General Obligation bonds, \$3.1 billion of State Building Authority bonds, \$2.9 billion of transportation-related bonds, and \$1.1 billion of Tobacco Finance Authority bonds outstanding. Paying down a portion of these debt obligations would result in reduced debt service appropriations in future years.

Increase Funding of the State's Major Retirement Systems to a Full Level of Pension Obligation Funding. At the close of FY 2006-07, the State Employees Retirement System had an unfunded liability of \$1.8 billion and the Public School Employees Retirement System had an unfunded liability of \$5.8 billion. Paying down a portion of these unfunded liabilities would result in reduced pension contribution rates in future years.

Purchase Private Buildings that the State of Michigan is Currently Leasing with a Purchase Option Included in the Lease. An example is the new Department of State Police Headquarters, \$45.0 million. Purchasing these private buildings would reduce future departmental operating costs.

Begin Funding Post-Employment Retirement Benefits under the State's Major Retirement Systems. Governmental accounting standards require the pre-funding of retirement benefits, including health care benefits. The State Employees Retirement System obligation for post-employment benefits is underfunded by \$13.0 billion and the Public School Employees Retirement System obligation for post-employment benefits is underfunded by \$25.0 billion. These unfunded obligations will have to be met by the State in the future.

Endow Financial Aid Programs for University and Community College Students. Recently approved legislation created Michigan Promise Zones. These zones are contingent upon local school districts' raising private funds to endow scholarships. One-time Federal stimulus money could partially fund the Michigan Promise Zones.

SENATE CONSIDERING STORM WATER UTILITY LEGISLATION

Legislation has been introduced by Senator Patty Birkholz (R-Allegan County) that is intended to address the issue of how local governments pay for storm water management. This issue was brought into question through the 1998 BOLT v City of Lansing Supreme Court case. The City of Lansing imposed a fee on local residents to cover the cost of managing storm water. The court held that the fee imposed by the City of Lansing on all sewer users in the city to pay for a sewer project that would benefit only about 25% of the residents was a tax, and not a valid user fee, thereby violating constitutional and statutory limitations on a government's authority to impose taxes. Through this decision the court established a three-part test for distinguishing a valid user fee from a tax:

1. The fee must serve a regulatory purpose rather than a revenue raising purpose.

2. A user fee must be proportionate to the necessary costs of the service.
3. A user fee must be voluntary, users must be able to refuse or limit their use of the commodity or service.

As Michigan communities are required to clean up storm water pollution and neither the State nor the Federal Government will pay for service, it is important that locals have an appropriate funding mechanism to manage storm water. SB 45 is an attempt to find a way to allow local units to fund storm water control, while following the guidelines set forth by the BOLT case. This bill has the potential to affect counties in a couple of ways, including granting them the ability to create and manage a storm water utility. MAC is closely monitoring this legislation as it is developed and will continue to report on its progress.

BEYOND THE WEB PAGE: AN E-GOVERNMENT WORKSHOP

The Master of Public Administration program at the University of Illinois at Chicago invites you to attend **Beyond the Web Page: An e-Government Workshop**.

Most municipalities and government agencies now have Web sites. Relatively few, however, are taking full advantage of the Internet and related technologies that are revolutionizing communication and service delivery. Technological innovations developed by e-Government pioneers from the Midwest will be one highlight of this one-day workshop. You and your colleagues will be presented with strategies, tips and techniques necessary to:

- Use technology to save money
- Enhance citizen access
- Improve operational effectiveness

This interactive event has been designed to meet the specific needs of government managers and policy makers at the local, state and federal levels including:

- Police chiefs
- Fire chiefs
- Public works directors
- Parks and recreation directors
- Municipal elected officials
- State government managers
- Federal government managers
- And other government or local municipality organizations seeking to add electronic services

In addition to break-out sessions in both policy and management tracks, keynote speaker Mr. Phillip Bertolini, Chief Information Officer and Deputy County Executive of Oakland County, Michigan will speak on trends in e-Government. In July, Oakland County was named the second most digitally advanced county in America among counties with populations of 500,000 or more.

Learn more by visiting our Web site or joining our mailing list to continue to receive up-to-date information about this event.

As a member of the Michigan Association of Counties, you and your colleagues are eligible for a 20% discount.

Beyond the Web Page: An e-Government Workshop will be held at the UIC Forum in Chicago on March 13, 2009 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost to attend is \$180, with discounts available, and includes notepads, workshop materials and resources as well as breakfast and lunch.

For more information, visit www.externaledu.uic.edu/egovernment or call UIC External Education at (312) 355-0423.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, no other unit of Michigan Government impacts the area residents more so than County Government and a Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties was formed in 1898 to advocate for the interests of all Michigan's county governments; and

WHEREAS, there are 83 counties in Michigan and currently 82 of those 83 counties are dues paying members of the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC); and

WHEREAS, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners endorse and supports the goals of the Michigan Association of Counties and believes that they are an integrated part of addressing critical issues facing many counties on a day to day basis; and

WHEREAS, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners feel very strongly that these unified efforts have a greater affect when ALL counties are joined together through an association such as the Michigan Association of Counties with their diverse staff of professionals who have decades of experience in managing governments and communicating with legislators; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties has Affiliate and Corporate members that offer beneficial programs and services to the members of the Michigan Association of Counties; and

WHEREAS, Mason County currently is not a member of the Michigan Association of Counties, but may be in the process of considering joining the association.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners through many years of successful years of working together with MAC endorses, supports, and strongly encourages Mason County Board of Commissioners to join the Michigan Association of Counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the County Clerks of all Michigan Counties, to each Mason County Commissioner, and to the Michigan Association of Counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners urge each of the other 81 Counties to follow this initiative and support and encourage Mason County to join the Michigan Association of Counties and be a part and a voice in the unified efforts of all.

Passed by roll call vote of the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on February 26, 2009 in the Old County Courthouse, Adrian, Michigan.

James E. Van Doren
James E. Van Doren, Chair

Roxann Holloway
Roxann Holloway, County Clerk

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Economics and Statistics Administration
U.S. Census Bureau
Washington, DC 20233-0001
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FROM THE ACTING DIRECTOR
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

Every decade since 1790, the U.S. Census Bureau has conducted a constitutionally mandated census to determine the number of people living within the United States and our territories. These data are used by our Nation's leaders to help make vital decisions on behalf of all residents, including reapportionment and redistricting. Census data also affect how more than \$300 billion in federal funds are distributed to tribal, state, and local governments each year.

One of the primary goals of the 2010 Census is to increase the national mail back response rate. This not only reduces the overall cost of the census, but it also increases the accuracy of these data as well. Tribal, state, and local governments, as well as community and business organizations can help us achieve this goal by bringing local knowledge and expertise to the process.

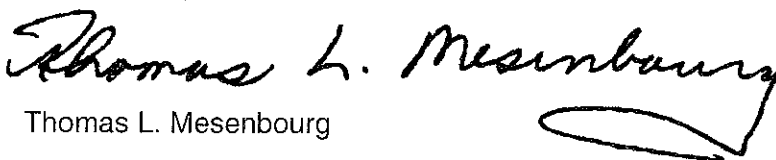
The Complete Count Committee is a major vehicle for planning and implementing local, targeted efforts that will uniquely address the special characteristics of your community. The role of the Complete Count Committee will be to plan and implement local outreach efforts to publicize the importance of the 2010 Census. The work of this Committee will be innovative, exciting, and rewarding.

The *2010 Census Complete Count Committee Guide* provides guidelines for the active involvement of government officials, community leaders, and businesses in promoting the 2010 Census to residents in your area. The guide suggests a structure for organizing a local campaign, provides examples of activities that may be implemented, and gives a timetable for these activities. If you have any questions about the guide or how to get started forming your own Complete Count Committee, please refer to the back of this Guide for your local Census Bureau Regional Office or visit <www.census.gov/2010Census>.

Your participation in the 2010 Census programs is voluntary. However, many government officials and community leaders understand that their participation is vital to help ensure an accurate and complete count of their community.

The Census Bureau is strongly committed to the most accurate and efficient census in 2010. With your help, we will ensure every resident is counted once—only once—and in the right place. We look forward to partnering with you to obtain an accurate count for your community.

Sincerely,


Thomas L. Mesenbourg

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www.census.gov

Jason Brooks

From: jacqueline Belk [write1212@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2009 11:13 AM
To: i-boc
Subject: Housing Crisis

Dear Board of Commissioners,
Please read my letter.

February 27, 2009

Countrywide Home Loans
ATTN: Home Retention Division
Countrywide Modification
100 Beecham Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

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Jacqueline Belk
6259 South Mohawk Avenue
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Re: The terms of the Home Retention Division to avoid Foreclosure
Loan Number: **38841412**

Dear Sirs'

I have looked long and diligently at the proposal that you have made to me under the guise of Home Retention. I have had assistance from the Michigan State University Extension Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program, working with Kathy Grant, a Certified Foreclosure Intervention Counselor. I set up an appointment with her to discuss the merits of this proposal and its implications. Let me comment that this proposal was reviewed by Ms. Grant, who also assisted me in contacting the Home Retention Division, after being given misleading information on whom to speak to for clarification. It was difficult to discover who had actually purchased the mortgage and that information is still unclear, but appears to have been purchased by Deutsche Bank. Also, the language in the contract is deceptive, misleading, and ambiguous.

Between the two of us, Ms. Grant and I, after reading the proposal closely, it appears that you want me to sign an agreement that would place me in an interest-only payment for ten years with the interest beginning at 4.125%. The interest rate would increase .25% each year for the next six years. After which, the interest rate would increase .375% for three years. The last year, the rate would increase 1%.

The document further states that the amount of the new mortgage payment would be \$498.25. This is not true according to the fine print and it was verified during the phone conversation with one of your representatives. The fact is after you calculate the fees which are listed as \$1,828.40 and the small print, (Fees may include but are not limited to property inspection fees, property preservation fees, legal fees, appraisal fees, BPO fees, title report fees, and/or subordination fees), and the actual amount of the mortgage is almost three times as much.

There is also small print information stating that ...this modification will bring your loan current, however, it may increase your monthly payment. Once Ms. Grant was able to receive an answer about how it may increase my monthly payment, the response was, my monthly payment would be in the range of \$1,248.00 per month, and increasing as described above by .25% for six years. This information is not in the document clearly and if I had not had Ms. Grant's expertise at my disposal and had signed the document and agreed to the terms I would have been victimized further by Countrywide's predatory tactics and practices.

In essence, the modification is actually a hostage situation whereas; Countrywide would gain over \$14,900.00 per year for the first year and an interest increase of .25% beginning the following year, an increase of \$3000. I am told that I can

make payments above the \$1,248.00 to impact my principal. This is not possible because I am a disabled veteran on a fixed income. If this is the manner in which I can retain my home, it is not only out of the question, it is far beyond my reach. I believe that giving Countrywide over \$14,900.00 per year, with increases of approximately \$3000.00 each consecutive year is outrageous and despicable. The language of this proposal is actually scurrilous, because the profit margin for Countrywide is predatory.

The last note in this obscene document is that this modification will not take effect if we are not able to verify your income. The insinuation that I may have a higher income so that I can be furthered violated is ridiculous. I have lived in my home for over sixteen years. I was diagnosed with Systemic Lupus in 1994. I lost my job in April 2001. I filed for bankruptcy in 2003. I filed for Social Security Disability in 2003. I was awarded my benefits and that is all I have for an income. I attempted to work with Countrywide in 2005 to avoid the repercussions of my mortgage entering into the Adjusted Rate. They refused to assist me and my mortgage went from \$928.00 to \$1,348.00 in 2007.

Today, I can honestly say that I enjoyed every moment of owning my own home before this fatal incident occurred and I am now on the brink of foreclosure along with many other hardworking Americans. While living here, it was truly my home, now it is a property. It is a property that Countrywide can retain for itself because I am in no position to be gouged in this manner. The mere thought that Countrywide will gain in excess of \$140,000.00 for this property if I chose to stay with their terms is the reason why many American are in this position. The advantage certainly goes to Countrywide. I may have to accept the fact that I will now have a foreclosure on my credit, but I can relocate and find another home and not be held hostage to a piece of property.

If my actual monthly payment would be \$498.25, I would be able to make that payment and make additional payments to my principal in order to lower my principal considerably and Countrywide would never receive \$14,900.00 from me in any year. However, unless they can produce a document that clearly and unequivocally reflects that this will be my monthly mortgage payment, \$498.25, I refuse to be a hostage to this proposal. I will however continue to pray for those that Countrywide has victimized throughout the United States and possibly abroad. I am forwarding this letter to all of my State Representatives, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, Ms. Grant, and to the President of the United States, Michigan Attorney General, and the Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation. I can be contacted at 734-547-9823 for appropriate consideration regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Belk

CC: President Barak Obama
Liz Brater, Senator
Richard LeBlanc, House of Representatives
Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners
Katherine Grant, MSU Extension
Michigan Attorney General
Senator Carl Levin
Senator Debbie Stabenow
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March 2, 2009

Dear Elected Official:

I am writing today to Township Supervisors, City Mayors, Village Managers and County Commission Chairs to provide you information about the services of the Bureau of Construction Codes. While many may have the opportunity to work with members of our staff, I know others have not been directly involved in construction code related activities.

I know many local units of government are facing the same challenges we face in state government as a result of the economy and the continual decline of construction permits. With these challenges, I believe it is more important than ever for local and state government agencies to work together toward our common goals.

This communication is provided to assure you that the Bureau of Construction Codes stands ready to partner with you in any way possible. The Stille-DeRossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act, 1972 PA 230, provides the bureau authority for oversight of construction throughout the state; however, the bureau only has enforcement authority in those areas where a local unit of government has not received Construction Code Commission approval to administer and enforce the code.

You may not be aware that Section 125.1520 of the act provides the authority for the bureau to offer temporary plan review and inspection assistance to local units of government. Many units of government have taken advantage of the bureau's services during leaves of absences, or on larger scale projects where full-time staff is not available. During a period of temporary assistance, plan review documents and permits are submitted directly to our office with bureau staff coordinating any necessary local approvals through the appropriate unit of government.

Additionally, the bureau is available to provide full-time services when a local unit of government determines they are no longer able to maintain a local program. This does not mean that a local unit of government may not seek approval to provide those services at a future date. The law provides the mechanism to return services to the state with appropriate notification and then once again receive approval through the Construction Code Commission to administer and enforce codes locally.

Except where a local delegation of authority exists, the bureau is responsible to perform construction code plan reviews and conduct inspections of K-12 schools. The bureau's web site, www.michigan.gov/bcc outlines the authority for school construction as well as the process to secure a local delegation of authority to inspect school construction.

Providing for Michigan's Safety in the Built Environment

BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION CODES
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The bureau is responsible to update construction code rules every 3 years after publication of the International Codes. The bureau establishes a committee to review new code requirements and propose Michigan specific modifications. Many local code officials have served on committees established to update the rules. During the code review committee process, the bureau's web site contains information about submission of proposed code changes. Additionally, input is sought during the public hearing process. As local units of government are mandated by law to enforce codes adopted at the state level, it is important to assure your voice is heard.

We are also available to assist you with questions relating to enforcement of the state construction codes and want to assure a successful partnership in doing so. In many units of government, we continue to have shared responsibility where a local unit of government enforces the building code and the state enforces electrical, mechanical and plumbing codes. In those cases, I encourage you to let us know how we are doing. You may reach me at 517/241-9302 or by e-mail at abenb@michigan.gov.

In addition to those responsibilities outlined in Act 230, the bureau is also responsible for enforcement of the Land Survey and Remonumentation Act, the Manufactured Housing Commission Act as well as the Boiler and Elevator laws and rules. Please visit the bureau's web site at www.michigan.gov/bcc for additional information about these programs. You may also wish to review the bureau's newsletter, "Code Works" for additional information about bureau responsibilities.

I look forward to our continued partnership to assure the safety of the built environment and look forward to the opportunity to discuss any enforcement issues with you if the need arises.

Sincerely,



Beth Aben
Deputy Director

cc: Irvin J. Poke, Director
David Viges, Director, Office of Management Services
Deborah Young, Director, Office of Administrative Services
Keith Lambert, Director, Office of Land Survey & Remonumentation
Robert J. Aben Jr., Chief, Boiler Division
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COUNTY OF OGEMAW

I, Gary R. Klacking, Clerk for the County of Ogemaw, do hereby certify that the attached resolution and/or motion was adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Ogemaw, on February 26, 2009 and appears on record in my office, and that I have compared the same with the original, and that it is a true transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County at West Branch, Michigan, dated this 5th day of March, 2009.

Gary R. Klacking, County Clerk

by: _____



County Clerk/~~Deputy Clerk~~

Motion by Colclasure, second by Illig, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners adopt the Resolution of Intent requiring municipal courts bearing the responsibility for funding lawsuits against counties or other local units. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Illig, West, Hennard, Quackenbush, and Colclasure. Motion carried. [2-3-#9]

OGEMAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COUNTY BUILDING · COMMISSIONERS ROOM
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WHEREAS, counties and local units of government across the great State of Michigan find themselves facing increasingly difficult challenges balancing general fund budgets; and,

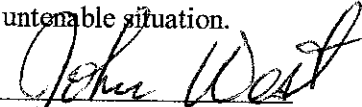
WHEREAS, counties find themselves beleaguered with burdensome and unnecessary legal challenges in the form of costly and time-consuming lawsuits and their related defense. In the course of serving its constituents and taxpayers, it has become apparent that courts have also brought lawsuits against counties; and,

WHEREAS, there exists within the Constitution of the State of Michigan, Article III, Section 2, *The Separation of Powers of Government*, which sets forth the *Executive, Judiciary, and Legislative* branches shall co-exist yet stand alone in the performance of their respective duties; and,

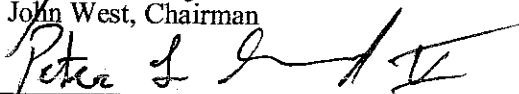
WHEREAS, courts have the *benefit* of bringing lawsuits against the funding units (counties) that finance their department and operations while *not* incurring any of the related costs of litigation; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that counties desire the same level of fiscal responsibility for courts vis-à-vis the funding of litigation that counties or other local units of government would be expected to pay in the course of lawsuits; and,

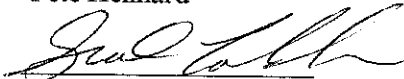
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this board of county commissioners requests legislative assistance in the remedy of this apparent injustice. This board humbly requests counties all across this great state to join in this effort to bring a measure of parity to an untenable situation.



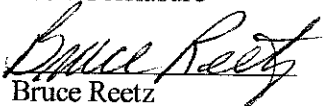
John West, Chairman



Pete Hennard



Scott Colclasure

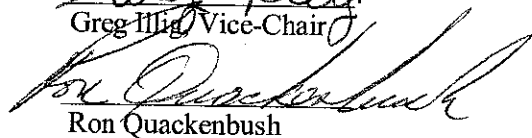


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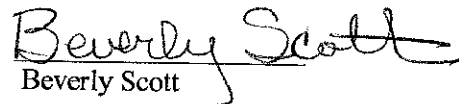
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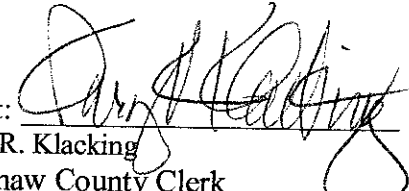
Greg Illig, Vice-Chair



Ron Quackenbush



Beverly Scott

Attest: 
Gary R. Klacking
Ogemaw County Clerk