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TO: Al Robinson, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Ronald J. Schebil, Sheriff

DATE: December 8, 1999

SUBJECT: Request to approve the recommendation of the Drug Forfeiture Allocation
Committee for expenditures of drug forfeiture monies in the amount of \$35,222.35.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Sheriff's Office is requesting the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners approve the recommendation of the Drug Forfeiture Allocation Committee for expenditures of drug forfeiture monies in the amount of \$35,222. The funds will be used to purchase equipment. An itemized list is attached, per memorandum, dated 4-14-99.

BACKGROUND:

Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated, Sections 7521, 7522, 7523 and 7524 of Act 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended by Act No. 251 of the Public Acts of 1982 and Act No. 135 of the Public Acts of 1985, provides for the forfeiture of property related to violations of Dangerous Drugs and Narcotics Laws. Under authority of these laws, Sheriff's Office personnel engaging in law enforcement activity may seize property which may be subject to legal forfeiture. Such property could include, but is not limited to: motor vehicles, watercraft, aircraft, buildings, money and/or other real property.

Substance abuse is a serious social justice problem that destroys lives, individual health, breaks down families, contributes to crime, and lowers the quality of life in our communities. The Sheriff's Office, in partnership with other law enforcement agencies within our community, continuously focus resources on

this issue.

In recognizing that through this Act, police activities could become less costly to the citizens of Washtenaw County, the Board of Commissioners established a special account within the County to receive and expend monies from drug forfeitures occurring as a result of allocations made from Public Act 135 of 1985. A committee was formed in 1986, to review and approve activities of this account. The committee consists of the Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, the Public and Community Mental Health Directors, the Finance Director, and a representative of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners.

DISCUSSION:

Pursuant to Washtenaw County General Operations Policy #86-0252, the Sheriff, as Chairperson, convened a meeting of the Drug Forfeiture Committee on October 14, 1999. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the expenditures of forfeiture monies seized during the several previous years ending in 1998, as recommended by Sheriff's Office staff. The Drug Forfeiture Allocation Committee discussed, evaluated and approved the allocation of these funds and a budget was adopted and supported by the committee.

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The Sheriff's Office is requesting the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners approve the recommendation of the Drug Forfeiture Allocation Committee for expenditures of drug forfeiture monies in the amount of \$35,222. An itemized list of equipment requesting to be purchase is attached, per memo dated 4-14-99.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

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None.

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

Funding for this budget is available from funds generated from drug forfeitures.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

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None.

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IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

None.

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

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This contract is in conformity with County policies.

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ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:

Resolution

Budget Sheet

Itemization of Equipment/Purchase Request Form

RJS:vjc

H:contracts/drugforfeiture99memo

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DRUG FORFEITURE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE'S
RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPENDITURE OF DRUG FORFEITURE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$35,222**

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 8, 1999

WHEREAS, Michigan Public Act 135 of 1985 provides for retention with the County of monies received from drug enforcement activities by the Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, police activities in this area are continuous and through this Act could become less costly to the citizens of Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, substance abuse is a serious social justice problem that destroys lives, individual health, contributes to crime, and lowers the quality of life in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners has established a special account within the County to receive and expend monies from drug forfeitures occurring as a result of allocations made from Public Act 135 of 1985 (2140 Drug Forfeiture); and

WHEREAS, the Drug Forfeiture Allocation Committee met on 10-14-99 to discuss, evaluate and approve the decision as to how these funds will be allocated; and

WHEREAS, the budget was adopted and supported by the committee; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the Finance Department, Corporate Council, the County Administrator's Office, Health Department, Community Mental Health, the Prosecutor's Office, the Sheriff's Office and the Ways & Means Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the recommendation of the Drug Forfeiture Allocation Committee for expenditures of drug forfeitures monies, in the amount of \$35,222, as attached hereto and made a part hereof

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DRUG FORFEITURE FUND / NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT

13005000

| ACCOUNT | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 69470 | Fund Balance | \$35,222 |
| | TOTAL REVENUE: | \$35,222 |
| 98550 | Machinery & Equipment | \$35,222 |
| | TOTAL EXPENDITURES: | \$35,222 |