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TO: Martha Kern, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Daniel R. Myers, P.E.
Director of Public Works

DATE: October 3, 2001

SUBJECT: Salem Township Wastewater System

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Board of Commissioners approve a resolution directing the Board of Public Works to undertake a wastewater project for the Township of Salem in Washtenaw County.

BACKGROUND

In the past Washtenaw County has assisted several communities with the construction of water, wastewater and solid waste facilities. Communities are able to access the County's excellent credit rating by utilizing the provisions of Act 185, through the Division of Public Works and the Board of Public Works.

Salem Township has passed a resolution requesting assistance from the County in the construction and financing of a wastewater improvement project. The Project would provide wastewater service to an area in the Township adjacent to their existing sewer service area for the Hamlet of Salem.

The system will serve a light industrial area along Chubb Road, east of the Hamlet, between Five Mile Road and Six Mile Road. There is an expected 90 residential equivalent units available for this area. The system will consist of pump stations and force mains to transport sewage from Chubb Road to the existing sewer system and wastewater treatment facility.

DISCUSSION

The total cost of this project is expected to be \$1,750,000. The proposed resolution for your consideration initiates the process for County assistance. Additional actions will be required in the future, including approval of a contract and a bond resolution. The Board of Public Works has recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve this resolution. The Township will pledge their full faith and credit on this debt and will be responsible for all debt retirement payments. The project will be financed through special assessments on the benefited properties and future growth.

The proposed project will be reviewed through the County's Full Faith and Credit Policy. Washtenaw County's Bond Counsel, Axe & Ecklund, have prepared this resolution and our financial advisor, Bendzinski & Co, is participating in ongoing planning for this project.

IMPACT ON PERSONNEL

There will be no impact on personnel.

IMPACT ON BUDGET

There will be no impact on the County general fund budget. All costs associated with administration of this project, including County staff time, will be reimbursed from the project funds.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS

There will be no impact on indirect costs. Administrative charges for this project are calculated utilizing a multiplier system that captures overhead costs including the indirect costs of the Cost Allocation Plan.

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES

There will be no impact on other County Departments.

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES

This action is in conformance with County policies. The resolution has been prepared by our bond counsel, and has been reviewed by the Board of Public Works, Corporation Counsel, Finance and County Administration.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES

Resolution

COUNTY OF WASHTENAW
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

At a _____ meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Washtenaw held in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on _____, 2001 at ___:___ .m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time, there were:

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following preamble and resolution were offered by _____ and seconded by _____.

RESOLUTION DIRECTING
THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS TO
UNDERTAKE A WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM
PROJECT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SALEM

WHEREAS, there has been submitted to this Board a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Salem in Washtenaw County (the "Township") requesting the County of Washtenaw (the "County") acting through its Department of Public Works, to undertake a project to construct a wastewater collection system (the "Project") all as preliminarily described in Exhibit A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the County will conduct its necessary review of this project under the County's Full Faith and Credit Policy and the various County departments and officials are expected to submit a positive recommendation; and

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board that the establishment and construction of the Project, as requested by the Township, is feasible and should be carried out subject to the final Full Faith and Credit review; and

WHEREAS, the Project would be established through the issuance of County bonds, financed pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 185, Michigan Public Acts of 1957, as amended ("Act 185"); and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with the request, it is necessary that the Project be approved by resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to Act 185;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board of Commissioners does hereby preliminarily approve, pursuant to Act 185 and subject to the final Full Faith and Credit Policy review, the constructing of a wastewater collection system for the Township as requested in the resolution adopted by the Township.

2. The Project shall be known as the "Salem Township Wastewater Collection System Project".

3. The County shall pledge its full faith and credit to the payment of the principal of and interest on any bonds or notes of the County issued for the Project.

4. The firm of Axe & Ecklund, P.C. attorneys of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, is hereby designated as bond counsel in connection with the Project, and the firm of Bendzinski & Company of Detroit, Michigan, is hereby designated as financial consultants for the County in connection with the Project.

5. The issuance and sale of Bonds in the amount of not to exceed \$1,750,000 shall be subject to the approval of the Michigan Department of Treasury, as required by law, and the Director of the Department of Public Works, or Bond Counsel is hereby authorized to make application to the Department of Treasury for permission to issue and sell Bonds. Alternatively, the Director of the Department of Public Works, or Bond Counsel, in his or her discretion, is authorized to apply for an exception to such prior approval from the Michigan Department of Treasury.

6. All resolutions, or portions thereof, insofar as they may be in conflict with this resolution, are hereby rescinded.

A vote on the foregoing resolution was taken and was as follows:

YES: _____

NO: _____
ABSTAIN: _____

The Resolution was declared adopted

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned County Clerk of Washtenaw County, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted at a _____ meeting of the County Board of Commissioners held on _____, 2001, the original of which is on file in my office, and that notice of such meeting was given and such meeting was conducted in compliance with and pursuant to Act No. 267, Michigan Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

County Clerk

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EXHIBIT A

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

HAMLET SANITARY SEWER EXPANSION FOR
SALEM TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

The proposed project will consist of approximately 7,800 lineal feet of 3-inch diameter pressure sewer along Chubb road, from Five Mile Road north to Six Mile Road, west along Six Mile Road to the existing sanitary sewer manhole located just west of the CSX Railroad. Approximately 18 to 20 grinder pumps and appropriate appurtenances would be included in the project.

The estimated cost for this project is approximately \$1,750,000.

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