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TO: Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Ypsilanti Township Contract Reduction of 7 Deputies

Ypsilanti Township currently contracts with the Washtenaw County Sheriff for 38 Deputies and 1 Community Services Officer. With the failure of the township police services millage in November 2009, Ypsilanti Township will not be able to sustain their current level of contracted deputies. Through conversations between the Sheriff and County Administration in conjunction with Ypsilanti Township, it is desired that the contract be amended and seven (7) deputy positions be placed on hold-vacant status. There are currently enough vacant positions in the Sheriff's Office where the seven employees can land based on seniority and qualifications. Human Resources will initiate the contractual bumping process. Current eligible vacant positions include:

### **Current Sheriff vacant positions**

<u>Division</u>	<u>Position ID #</u>	<u>Title</u>
Road Patrol Policing	55070019	Community Service Officer
Road Patrol Policing	57010062	Deputy <sup>1</sup>
Central Dispatch	56060012	Communication Operator
Central Dispatch	56060016	Communication Operator
Central Dispatch	56060017	Communication Operator
Detective Bureau	57040001	Deputy/Special Assignment
Corrections – Inmate Housing	56010044	Corrections Officer
Corrections – Inmate Housing	56010093	Corrections Officer
Corrections – Inmate Housing	56010057	Corrections Officer
Court Security	56070005	Court Officer <sup>1</sup>

1. Anticipated vacancy by 12/31/2009

### **Proposed modification in Sheriff Patrol Budget**

The county's police services cost methodology is based on an incremental cost model and thus with the reduction of deputies there will also be a reduction in other operating expenses. Below is the planned budget modification to both revenues and expenditures.

<b>Loss of revenue</b>	<b>(\$1,013,614)</b>
Reduction in 7 Deputy Salary & Fringes	\$535,225
Reduction in gun and uniform allowance	\$16,800
Reduction in fleet	\$65,339
Reduction in supplies and other services	<u>\$22,488</u>
<b>Total expenditure reduction</b>	<b>\$639,852</b>
<b>Net Projected County Shortfall</b>	<b>(\$373,762)</b>

The Sheriff is exploring ways to increase revenue growth and cost containment to make this change budget neutral. The ventures will be closely monitored by the Sheriff's Office, County Administration and the Budget Office to ensure realization.

With Board of Commissioner authorization to amend the contract, the above mentioned personnel and budget modifications can be implemented by the County Administrator by way of policy II.C.2. as contained within the 2010/11 Budget Resolution. These changes are desired to take effect on January 1, 2010. In addition, it is possible that the Community Service Officer revenue contract will terminate thereby eliminating one CSO position. This action is anticipated to be cost neutral.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO SIGN AN AMENDMENT TO THE POLICE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH YPSILANTI CHARTER TOWNSHIP AND THE WASHTENAW COUNTY SHERIFF TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CONTRACT DEPUTIES UNDER THE CONTRACT BY SEVEN DEPUTIES

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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WHEREAS, in December of 2006, Washtenaw County, ("County") the Washtenaw County Sheriff ("Sheriff") and Ypsilanti Charter Township ("Township") executed a contract for police services extending through calendar year 2009; and

WHEREAS, because under the contract the methodology used to charge local governmental entities for the contractual police services was changed for the last two years of the contract (2008-2009), each contracting local governmental entity, including the Township, was given the opportunity to indicate to the County how many deputies they wished to contract for 2008-2009; and

WHEREAS, the Township indicated to the County that they wanted to retain 38 contractual deputies for years 2008-2009 of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the contract was mutually extended by the parties through 2011; and

WHEREAS, in November, 2009 a police millage proposed by the Township to help pay for the cost of the contract deputies was defeated, thus leaving the Township with a shortage of funds to pay for the 38 contract deputies; and

WHEREAS, Ypsilanti Township officials approached the County and the Sheriff about amending the contract to reduce the number of contract deputies beginning in January, 2010; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the negotiations between the Township, County and Sheriff, it was tentatively agreed, subject to approval by the Board of Commissioners, to amend the existing police services contract between the Township, County and Sheriff by reducing the number of contract deputies by seven from 38 to 31 deputies; and

WHEREAS, article XIV of the contract provides that the contract may be amended by mutual written agreement of the County, Township and Sheriff.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED, that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners approves an amendment to the police services contract with Ypsilanti Charter Township and the Washtenaw County Sheriff to reduce the number of contract deputies under the contract by seven from 38 to 31, effective January 1, 2010 and authorizes the Chair of the Board to sign the amendment.