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Subject: Regional Energy Office Interlocal Agreement

Colleagues,

Attached is a resolution approving amendments to the interlocal agreement among several southeast Michigan communities creating a public body corporate for our regional energy office. I would very much appreciate your support for moving this through both Ways & Means and the Board on Wednesday evening.

This interlocal agreement has already been approved by the BOC but requires the approval of the governor for implementation. The Attorney General requested several technical amendments that do not change the substance of the agreement before the governor will sign it. Those amendments need to be approved by the original signatories.

The Regional Energy Office requested the BOC address this on December 11, 2012. Understandably, we were not able to take it up in December or at our first meeting in January. I had expected staff to bring it to our last meeting but that did not happen. At the Working Session, I requested this be included on the BOC agenda, but again staff did not expeditiously prepare the very brief cover memo that is necessary. I communicated directly with staff in person and by email about this, but the memo was not provided until yesterday. I learned today that it has been included on the Ways & Means agenda rather than the Board agenda, despite our agreement at Working Session to send it to the BOC and the fact that this is not, at least in my opinion, a change in County policy.

I am very frustrated by this process. I feel I have been patient and supportive, but not received prompt attention to what is a minor ministerial matter. At this point, all the other communities have approved the amendments and Washtenaw is holding up the process. I would very much appreciate it if we can complete action on this item next week.

I'm happy to answer questions about the Regional Energy Office and this public body corporate to ensure you have a solid understanding of the issue, especially if that facilitates us moving forward speedily!

Thanks,

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