

COUNTY OF OSCODA



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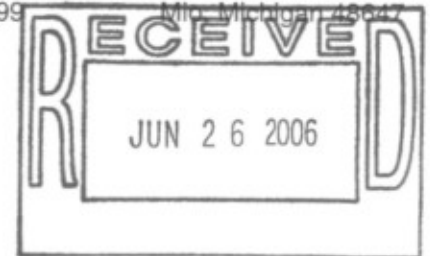
Oscoda County Courthouse

311 Morenci Street

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Resolution 2006-007

County of Oscoda County
State of Michigan



Michigan Association Of Counties Amicus Curia Brief

Whereas, it has been brought to the attention of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners that the Michigan Association has filed an Amicus Curiae Brief in the 46 Circuit Trial Court V. Crawford County et. AL. case and,

Whereas, the issues in this case are critical to the ability of the 83 County Boards of Commissioners who have been elected and entrusted by the public to set service base priorities and control the financial operations of county government and,

Whereas, without these most basic financial controls that are at issue in this lawsuit, the ability to maintain a balanced county budget and control the financial affairs of county government will be tremendously compromised or become non-existent and,

Now therefore be it Resolved, that in order to continue to be able to fulfill their statutory responsibilities, the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners wholeheartedly supports the Michigan Association of Counties in their arguments on the following crucial issues involved in this case:

- I. Trial courts should be prevented from unilaterally hiring of counsel, suing the county, which results in excessive legal fees, and having the county responsible for the payment of the fees.
- II. The Supreme Court of the State of Michigan should enforce its own administrative order which prevents trial courts from unilaterally raising employee benefit levels without the consent of the County Board of Commissioners.
- III. Michigan Association of Counties opposes the lower courts decision in the 46th Circuit Trial Court V. Crawford County et. al., which would require the county to direct all discretionary funds of the county, be used to fund the reasonable and necessary costs determined by the court.

- IV. If and whenever mediation (settlement) actions are required for financial related disagreements between the courts and county governments they should be facilitated and ultimately adjudicated by an independent body of judiciary rather than by the administrative arm of the supreme court ensuring a true separation of state government constitutional powers and therefore appropriately responsive to the people of Michigan and all the respective counties.

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Granholm, members of the legislature and the Michigan Associations of Counties.

Motion #2006-007: Moved by Commissioner Hunt and supported by Commissioner Emig to adopt the above Resolution at a Regular meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners held on **June 13th, 2006.**

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Kauffman; yes.
Commissioner Stone; yes.
Commissioner Cowger; yes.
Commissioner Emig; yes.
Commissioner Hunt; yes.

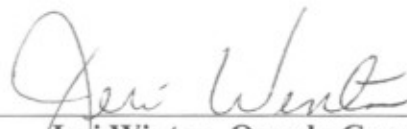
RESOLUTION #2006-007 DECLARED ADOPTED



**Joseph Stone-Chairman
Oscoda County Board of Commissioners**

STATE OF MICHIGAN}
COUNTY OF OSCODA}

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners held on **Tuesday, June 13th, 2006** and that the said minutes are on file in the office of the Oscoda County Clerk and are available for public inspection.



**Jeri Winton, Oscoda County
Clerk/Register of Deeds**