

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION # 04123

By: Sue Ann Douglas, District #12; Bill Bullard, Jr, District #2; Eileen Kowall, District #6; John Scott, District #5;
Peter Webster, District #18

IN RE: **Oppose Governor's Budget Plan to Collect County Taxes in July of Each Year and to Recommend to Cities, Villages and Townships Language to Place on Summer Tax Statements**

TO THE OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS through MR 04071, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners' unanimously opposed the Governor's budget plan to suspend State Revenue Sharing to counties and to permanently advance the 2004 county property tax collection date from December to July; and

WHEREAS the Governor's plan required each county to place all of the money from the early tax collection into a restricted fund to pay itself the equivalent of state revenue sharing each year until each county's fund is exhausted, leaving counties with a serious cash flow problem and causing taxpayers to pay their county tax twice in a 12-month period; and

WHEREAS a new proposal to pause State Revenue Sharing to counties has come forward that permanently advances the county property tax collection date from December 2005 to July 2005; and

WHEREAS the new proposal requires that counties place 1/3 of the operating millage collected into a restricted fund for three successive years for the purpose of funding State Revenue Sharing to the county until the fund is depleted; and

WHEREAS the new proposal would force taxpayers to pay their county tax twice in a 12-month period for the purpose of assisting the state in balancing their 2005 budget and would have the effect of forcing property tax payers to pay four years of taxes in three years; and

WHEREAS the Governor's proposed budget effectively shifts a statewide \$1.4 billion State Revenue Sharing responsibility from the State of Michigan's budget to local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of local units of government in Oakland County to send out the summer tax statements.

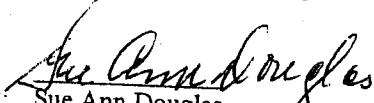
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners opposes the State of Michigan's new plan to impose a new tax burden on county taxpayers by shifting \$1.4 billion statewide to county taxpayers to replace State Revenue Sharing by requiring the early collection of county property taxes.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the Governor's tax shift plan pass the Legislature, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners requests that all local units of Government please place the following information on their 2005 summer tax statements:

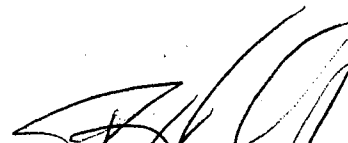
"Your summer tax bill has increased because the Governor and Legislature decided to collect county taxes early and shift a \$1.4 billion State Revenue Sharing burden to local taxpayers. Oakland County has opposed this action and recommends that you contact the Governor and State elected officials to voice your opinion."

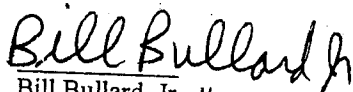
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the legislative bodies in all Oakland County cities, villages and townships, city, village and township clerks, the Michigan Association of Counties, Governor Jennifer Granholm and all Oakland County state legislators.


Chairperson; I move adoption of the foregoing resolution.


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Moved by Patterson supported by Douglas the resolution be adopted.

Moved by Patterson supported by Gregory the General Government Committee Report be accepted.

A sufficient majority having voted therefore, the report was accepted.

Vote on resolution:

AYES: Gregory, Hatchett, Knollenberg, Kowall, Law, Long, McMillin, Middleton, Moffitt, Moss, Palmer, Patterson, Potter, Scott, Suarez, Webster, Wilson, Zack, Bullard, Coleman, Coulter, Crawford, Douglas. (23)

NAYS: None. (0)

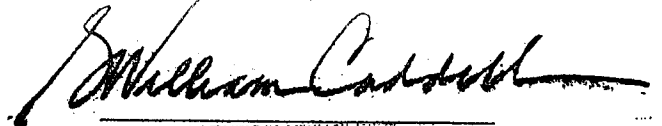
A sufficient majority having voted therefore, the resolution was adopted.

DOES NOT REQUIRE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, G. William Caddell, Clerk of the County of Oakland, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners on June 3, 2004 with the original record thereof now remaining in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Oakland at Pontiac, Michigan this 3rd day of June, 2004.



G. William Caddell, County Clerk