

Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners
RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FLOODING CRISIS IN
TEXAS TOWNSHIP

Whereas, the mission of Kalamazoo County government is the pursuit of extraordinary governance to support the residents of the County and to ensure the health and safety of everyone in Kalamazoo County;

Whereas, in October 2017, a flooding event began in Texas Township that has been ongoing and increasing in severity;

Whereas, over the past 18 months, flooding due to record groundwater levels and precipitation at Crooked Lake, Eagle Lake, Pine Island Lake, and surrounding neighborhoods has resulted in record water levels with no natural outlet available;

Whereas, the impacts to residents of said flooding to date include: ten homes abandoned; 600 homes with property damage to flooded yards, basements and/or living spaces; residents having spent tens of thousands of dollars in attempting to save their properties; and extreme mental and financial stress;

Whereas, Texas Township has been granted a permit by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to pump water from Eagle and Crooked Lakes to Bass Lake where there is a natural outlet in an attempt to provide a short term solution to alleviate the flooding conditions;

Whereas, Kalamazoo County recognizes the extreme financial, mental and emotional impacts on the residents;

Whereas, Kalamazoo County recognizes the financial impact to the local taxing authorities due to loss in property valuations;

Whereas, the members of the County Board of Commissioners wish to express their concern and dedicate their efforts to help alleviate this crisis.

Therefore, be it resolved,
The Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners intends to continually monitor the crisis in collaboration with Texas Township, the Office of Kalamazoo County Drain Commission, the Office of Kalamazoo County Emergency Management and the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County to address issues as they arise and consider pursuit of any available remedies;

and the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners resolves to pursue a long term solution in coordination with Texas Township, relevant County agencies and its residents in an effort to mitigate future flooding

STATE OF MICHIGAN }
 } SS
COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO }

I, Timothy A. Snow, County Clerk/Register, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by

the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners at a regular session held on April 16, 2019.

Timothy A. Snow, County Clerk/Register