

**COUNTY OF GRATIOT
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH A PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN
ENERGY PROGRAM AND CALLING PUBLIC HEARING**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Gratiot, Michigan (the "County"), held on the July 18, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Bunting, Bongard, Smith, and Lambrecht.

ABSENT: Commissioners: Bailey.

WHEREAS, the Gratiot County Board of Commissioners intends to authorize the establishment of a property assessed clean energy program ("PACE Program") and create a PACE district pursuant to Act No. 270, Public Acts of Michigan, 2010 ("Act 270"), for the purpose of promoting the use of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements by owners of certain real property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners intends to find that financing energy projects is a valid public purpose because it reduces energy costs, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, stimulates economic development, improves property values and increases employment in the County; and

WHEREAS, the types of energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy systems that may be financed under the PACE Program include, but are not limited to: insulation in walls, roofs, floors, foundations, or heating and cooling distribution systems; storm windows and doors; multi-glazed windows and doors; heat-absorbing or heat-reflective glazed and coated window and door systems; and additional glazing, reductions in glass area, and other window and door system modifications that reduce energy consumption; automated energy control systems; heating, ventilating, or air-conditioning and distribution system modifications or replacements; caulking, weather-stripping, and air sealing; replacement or modification of lighting fixtures to reduce the energy use of the lighting system; energy recovery systems; day lighting systems; installation or upgrade of electrical wiring or outlets to charge a motor vehicle that is fully or partially powered by electricity; measures to reduce the usage of water or increase the efficiency of water usage; any other installation or modification of equipment, devices, or materials approved as a utility cost-savings measure by the PACE Program; a fixture, product, device, or interacting group of fixtures, products, or devices on the customer's side of the meter that use one or more renewable energy resources to generate electricity. Renewable energy resources include, but are not limited to: biomass (including a biomass stove but not an incinerator); solar and solar thermal energy; wind energy; geothermal energy and methane gas captured from a landfill; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners intends to create a PACE district having the same boundaries as the County's jurisdictional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners intends to join Lean & Green Michigan™, and intends to utilize Levin Energy Partners, LLC as PACE administrator (the "PACE Administrator") to administer its PACE Program; and

WHEREAS, the report referenced in Section 9(1) of Act 270 (the "PACE Report") shall be available on the County's website at <http://www.gratiotmi.com/>, and shall be available for viewing at the office of the County Clerk located at: 214 East Center Street Ithaca, Michigan 48847.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board of Commissioners, being fully apprised of the PACE Program, finds that financing energy projects is a valid public purpose because it reduces energy costs, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, stimulates economic development, improves property values and increases employment in the County.

2. The Board of Commissioners, by adoption of this Resolution, formally states its intention to establish a PACE district having the same boundaries as the County's jurisdictional boundaries and a PACE Program as described in and for the reasons set forth in this Resolution.

3. The Board of Commissioners formally states its intention to provide a property owner-based method of financing and funds for energy projects, including from owner-arranged financing from a commercial lender, which funds and financing shall be secured and repaid by assessments on the property benefited, with the agreement of the record owners, such that no County moneys, general County taxes or County credit of any kind whatsoever shall be pledged, committed or used in connection with any project as required by and subject to Act 270.

4. The Board of Commissioners, by adoption of this Resolution, formally states its intention to join Lean & Green Michigan™, and to utilize Levin Energy Partners, LLC as PACE Administrator.

5. The Board of Commissioners hereby sets a public hearing for July 18, 2017, at 4:30 p.m., in the Board of Commissioners office, 214 East Center Street Ithaca, Michigan 48847, to receive comments on the proposed PACE Program, including the PACE Report.

6. The County Clerk is authorized and directed to publish a notice of intent to establish a PACE district and a PACE Program, and a notice of the public hearing set by this Resolution in a newspaper of general circulation in the County as a display advertisement prominent in size. The County Clerk shall maintain on file for public review a copy of the PACE Report and shall cause the PACE Report to be available on the County's website in accordance with the requirements of Act 270.

7. All resolutions and parts of resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

YEAS: Commissioners: Bongard, Bunting, Smith, and Lambrecht.

NAYS: Commissioners: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Angie Thompson
County Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Gratiot, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on July 18, 2017, at 4:30 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976 and that minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by Act 267.



Angie Thompson
County Clerk

