



Genesee County Chapter

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October 23, 2023

Dear Genesee County Board of Commissioners:

It has been brought to our attention that the Board of Commissioners are planning to close the satellite out-county district court buildings and move all current services to the downtown Flint location. At a meeting of the Michigan Township Association Genesee County Chapter held on Thursday, October 19, 2023, the subject was discussed at length. We would like to express that we are not in favor of this change.

Our police departments use the local courts and by moving the courts out of the area this causes additional expenses to our local municipalities. To have a police officer going to the City of Flint will increase mileage, wear and tear on vehicles and the police officers decreased time in their jurisdiction. Most municipalities have only one officer on duty at a time. If that officer is in downtown Flint, the municipality will not have an officer available for their residents. The residents that use our local courts will be inconvenienced and burdened with additional mileage, expenses and travel time. The extra time it will take to have cases heard by using only one location will affect all involved.

This plan to close the out satellite out-county court houses will take services away from our residents. This plan will increase costs for the local governments with less services being provided. The residents will pay the same county taxes for less services. Every township and the residents would be negatively impacted. Please take this information into consideration before moving forward with any changes.

Sincerely,

Wendy D. Meinburg
Michigan Township Association Genesee County Chapter, President

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