

**MARTIN TOWNSHIP  
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION 2022-14 OPPOSING RELOCATION OF THE ALLEGAN COUNTY OFFICES**

At a Regular Meeting of the Martin Township Board, Allegan County, Michigan, held October 12, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Leep, Sipple, Schipper, Smit and Tiemeyer

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

The following resolution was offered by Leep and supported by Smit.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Allegan, which is located within Allegan Township, is the county seat for the County of Allegan; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan law, including specific provisions of the Michigan Constitution, can require certain county offices to have a principal office in the county seat. *Kyes v Allegan Cnty Bd of Com'rs*, 54 Mich App 741, 743; 221 NW2d 449 (1974); Const 1963, art 7 § 5; and

**WHEREAS**, the Drain Code also mandates that the principal office of the drain commissioner must be located and maintained at the county seat. MCL 280.27; and

**WHEREAS**, under the County Board of Commissioners Act, Act 156 of 1851, MCL 46.17, a county seat may only be relocated if the removal and new location are approved by a two-thirds vote of an elected county board of commissioners and by a majority of a county's qualified electors. MCL 46.17; and

**WHEREAS**, the Allegan County Board of Commissioners has expressed a desire to relocate several county offices, including the Offices of the Allegan County Clerk, Drain Commissioner, Treasurer and Register of Deeds, to the Dumont Complex, which is outside of the current boundaries of the county seat; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Allegan is considering whether to relocate several county offices to the Dumont Complex, which is currently outside of the boundaries of the City of Allegan, the current county seat; and

**WHEREAS**, after careful review, the Township opposes relocating any county offices currently operating in the City of Allegan to Dumont Complex because the Dumont Complex is approximately five miles away from the current location of the county seat. The Township believes that relocation of these offices would cause undue hardship, cost, and confusion. The Township opposes any amendment or modification to the current location of these county offices from the City of Allegan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE MARTIN TOWNSHIP BOARD RESOLVES:**

1. The Township opposes any relocation of county offices currently operating in the county seat, the City of Allegan to the Dumont Complex. The Township also supports maintaining the county seat's current location.

2. The Township finds that preserving the county seat's current boundaries and refraining from relocating principal County offices would be in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the Township.

3. The Township opposes any decision or vote aimed at amending the boundaries of the county seat to include the Dumont Complex or the relocation of county offices outside of the current boundaries of the county seat.

5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution shall be and they are rescinded.

**Roll call vote:**

YEAS: Keep, Sipple, Schipper, Smit, Tiemeyer

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

The Supervisor declared the above Resolution adopted.

**CERTIFICATION**

STATE OF MICHIGAN    )  
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COUNTY OF ALLEGAN    )

I, Rachelle Smit, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Martin Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Martin Township Board at a meeting held on October 12, 2022 at Martin, Michigan.

  
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Rachelle Smit, Clerk