

RE: HISTORICAL COMMISSION

September 17, 1974 (74-202)

An Ordinance to Create a Historical Commission, provide for its Appointment and Prescribe its Functions

Section 1. There is hereby created an Ingham County Historical Commission (hereinafter called "the Commission") of 9 members to be appointed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and approved by the Board of County Commissioners (hereinafter called "the Board"). Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner for the unexpired term. Of the first members, 3 shall be appointed for 3-year terms, 3 for 2-year terms and 3 for 1-year terms. Such terms shall run from the date of such appointments. Thereafter all terms shall be 3 years.

Section 2. In making appointments, the Chairman of the Board shall endeavor to secure representative persons who have demonstrated their interest in the County's history and their ability to render valuable services in historical and civic matters. Members of the Board may be appointed to the Commission.

Section 3. The Commission shall have the following functions, powers and duties:

- a. To study and advise the Board with respect to all matters pertaining to history, to act as liaison on historical matters between the Board and other organizations and persons, to keep a record of its proceedings and actions, and to report to the Board in writing at least annually its activities and recommendations.
- b. To develop, promote, conduct and participate in historical projects, programs, activities and services.
- c. To perform such duties pertaining to historical matters as the Board by resolution may prescribe.
- d. To accept, hold, control, administer and disburse property and money for historical purposes in the name of the County, subject to the approval of the Board.
- e. To negotiate and enter into or recommend contracts pertaining to historical matters in the name of the County, subject to the approval of the Board.
- f. To select its officers and adopt rules for its proceedings.

Section 4. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or application of this Ordinance is held void by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance and its other applications shall not be affected thereby.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take immediate effect.