

RESOLUTION
**Digital Advanced Meter Infrastructure Installation by
Detroit Edison Company**

WHEREAS, Detroit Edison Company (DTE) has deployed within the County of Lapeer digital advanced meter infrastructure to be henceforth known in this resolution as 'smart meters'; and,

WHEREAS, DTE and other utility companies desire these upgrades as a means of providing energy more efficiently; and,

WHEREAS, the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) is the state government agency responsible for regulating services provided by investor-owned natural gas, electric and telephone utilities, and rural electric cooperatives in Michigan, and has issued several orders and documents regarding 'advanced metering', authorizing their use while enumerating their benefits and minimizing any risks; and,

WHEREAS several residents have expressed concerns to the governing and administrative bodies of the County regarding such meters; and,

WHEREAS there has been concern expressed by some residential electric customers that smart meters are overly intrusive into their real-time and historical energy usage, and further question the security and usage of this information; and,

WHEREAS some residential electric customers have concerns that emissions from smart meters may actually be dangerous to their health, with contradictory opinions from various health professionals and research studies; and,

WHEREAS Michigan House Bill 4916, written to address the above-mentioned concerns regarding smart meters, has been forwarded to the Committee on Energy Policy; and,

WHEREAS the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners recognize the advantages of the utilities' Smart Meter deployment while also remaining sensitive to our residents' concerns, and thusly support the ability of its DTE customers to opt out of the Smart Meter program on their homes, without suffering financial penalties or incurring monthly charges; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners support the concepts of HB 4916 and encourages a procedure established for monthly self-reporting of non-transmitting meters without penalty when requested by concerned citizens, until more health research is conclusively presented and security of data is ensured, allowing most of the advantages of a smart grid through the installations made throughout the majority of the grid where no such objections exist; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners calls on the Committee on Energy Policy, and the Michigan Public Service Commission to undertake all regulatory procedures needed to investigate all the aforementioned concerns for the health and welfare of our citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Michigan Association of Counties, Governor Rick Snyder, Congresswoman Candice Miller, State Representative Gary Howell, State Senator Mike Green, Senator Phil Pavlov, Senate Energy Committee Chairman Mike Nofs, and Attorney General Bill Schuette.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted by a vote at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lapeer, State of Michigan, on this 28th day of April, 2016.



Theresa M. Spencer, County Clerk
Clerk of the Board