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Cox Calls for Full Disclosure on Budget

February 24 - Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox (R-Livonia), Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means, announced today the kick off of the Transparency in Wayne County Government Task Force.

“The purpose of the task force,” says Cox, “is to position county government to have our revenue streams, program priorities and all spending available for public viewing 24 hours a day, seven days a week in real time on the Internet.”

Cox will chair the Task Force and commissioners Kevin McNamara (D-Canton) and Ilona Varga (D-Lincoln Park) will serve as members.

Cox also will be celebrating Sunshine Week by holding a public hearing on the issue of Transparency in Wayne County Government, on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. The location will be the Livonia City Hall auditorium (33000 Civic Center Drive).

Cox is asking all members of the Commission to pledge to the citizens of Wayne County their support, and is urging County Executive Robert Ficano to expeditiously implement the creation of a transparency website.

“During these troublesome and difficult times of declining revenue, cutbacks and layoffs,” Cox added, “it is incumbent on all elected officials to reveal in the cold light of day the justification for these cuts to both our employees and our constituents.

“Families in Wayne County deserve the ability to monitor how their tax dollars are spent in a way that is open, nonpartisan and representative of good government,” she concluded.

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