

## **Credit Card Acceptance Policy**

#F97-01

Date of Adoption: December 1997

Date of Amendments: Health Department - December, 2003; Jail - July, 2005

### **A. County– December 10, 1997**

Whereas, Public Act 280 of 1995 authorizes the acceptance of payment by credit card, debit card or electronic transfer cards for amounts collected by the County, provided the same is authorized by the Board of Commissioners, and

Whereas, acceptance of such devices for certain payments collected by the County has been determined to be to the benefit of the citizens of Lenawee County, and

Whereas, the County Treasurer has recommended that an agreement be entered into with United Bank and Trust to process payments by financial transaction devices for the County, and

Whereas, this matter has been reviewed by the County Treasurer, County Administrator, Prosecuting Attorney, and Personnel/Ways & Means Committee.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Treasurer to accept payment by financial transaction devices for certain fees and amounts collected by the County, and

Be It Further Resolved that payment of current and delinquent real and person property taxes, special assessments and bond, trust and restitution transactions is specifically exempted from the use of financial transaction devices, and

Be It Further Resolved that the County Treasurer is authorized to determine the specific fees and collections that are eligible for payment by these methods and to make program modifications as needed, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Commissioners will periodically review and evaluate this program and make policy modifications as needed.

### **B. Health Department – December 10, 2003**

Comm. Tillotson moved that the request of the Health Department to accept credit card payments for services provided by the Health Department be approved per guidelines established by the County Treasurer and County Commission policy, Comm. Bolton seconded, Motion CARRIED.

### **C. County Jail – July 13, 2005**

**Whereas**, Public Act 280 of 1995 authorizes the acceptance of payment by credit card, debit card or electronic transfer cards for amounts collected by the County, provided the same is authorized by the Board of Commissioners, and

**Whereas**, The County Board of Commissioners has previously authorized the acceptance of credit cards by District Court and the Health Department, and

**Whereas**, It has been determined that the acceptance of credit cards by the County Jail would assist in the collection of fees and charges that are due and payable, and

**Whereas**, The inmate accounts for which credit cards would be accepted at the Jail include, but are not limited to, room and board, health care, property damage, education materials, copies, non-sufficient funds check charges and finance charges.

**Therefore Be It Resolved**, On Wednesday, July 13, 2005 the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners authorized the Lenawee County Jail to accept credit, debit or electronic transfer cards for payments in accordance with guidelines established by the County Treasurer and existing County Commission policy.