

## VILLAGE OF DEXTER - STEPPING INTO CITYHOOD

### Steps Taken as of January 15, 2010

- The City Study Committee comprised of residents was formed and met from July 31, 2006 to March 7, 2007
- After completing its research the committee presented its findings to the public on March 7, 2007 and to the Village Council on March 26, 2007 that included their recommendation that the Village Council move forward in the process
- May 14, 2007 - Village Council passes Resolution 21-2007 Declaring Intent to Pursue City Status and Incorporate as the City of Dexter
- September 2007 - Village solicits Village Engineer Orchard, Hiltz, and McCliment to submit a proposal to create a boundary map
- November 26, 2007 - Village hires former State Boundary Commissioner David Rutledge to assist in the process at a cost not to exceed \$3,000
- February 25, 2008 - Village accepts proposal from Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment to complete Phases 1 & 2 of the boundary map process for a cost not to exceed \$10,000
- Orchard, Hiltz, and McCliment completes Phases 1 & 2 of the boundary map process
- May 12, 2008 - Council authorizes Orchard, Hiltz, and McCliment to complete Phases 3 & 4 of the boundary map process at a cost not to exceed \$19,500
- Completed boundary map - January 2009
- Circulated petitions for signatures - gathered 164 signature or approx. 7% of eligible voters and property owners in the Village
- Filed petition with the State Boundary Commission on November 6, 2009
- Boundary Commission holds hearing to determine legal sufficiency - **Meeting set for February 11, 2010**

### Potential Future Steps

- If petition is found to be sufficient, the Boundary Commission conducts a public hearing
  - o If the petition is not found to be sufficient the process stops
- Boundary Commission adopts its findings -
  - o If it finds that the process should move forward the Commission approves the petition
  - o If not the petition is denied and the process stops
- If a referendum petition is filed within 45 days of the Commission's approval the issue is placed on the ballot - need 5 % of Village of Dexter registered voters (currently approx. 122 signatures) on the petition
- If a referendum petition is not filed Village voters elects a nine (9) member Charter Commission
- Charter Commission writes a City Charter
- City Charter sent to Governor for approval
- Once the Charter receives the approval of the Governor the Village electors vote on it
  - o If the charter is not adopted within three years the process ends
- If residents adopt the Charter within the three year period, the Village becomes a City