

Coopersville environmental consulting firm files for Ch. 11 bankruptcy; plans sale to competitor

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Superior Environmental Corp. filed with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Western District of Michigan on Feb. 25 under Subchapter V of the federal bankruptcy code, a variation of Chapter 11 designed to expedite the process and make it more accessible for small to mid-sized companies.

Based in Coopersville, Superior Environmental cited extreme staff turnover and hardships associated with the COVID-19 pandemic as reasons for dwindling revenue. The company also faces a \$584,000 payment under a judgment in a lawsuit filed by a former client.

In the bankruptcy filing, Superior Environmental claimed \$1.29 million in liabilities compared to \$1.28 million in assets. The company employs 18 full-time and two part-time workers in addition to using a variety of contractors. Its biweekly payroll totals around \$42,000.

In a sworn statement filed on Feb. 28 on behalf of Superior Environmental Chief Operating Officer Jeff Skendrovic, who has been with the company for 32 years, the company outlined how it plans to liquidate before selling its non-cash assets to Saginaw-based AKT Peerless Environmental Services LLC for \$250,000 via a Section 363 sale.

In the statement, Skendrovic said the company's board of directors shopped around for a strategic buyer and has received a letter of intent from AKT Peerless. Skendrovic wrote that he anticipates a quick closing of the sale and that AKT Peerless would have the option to hire Superior employees while also assuming existing projects, including accounts with companies such as AT&T, the state of Michigan and nationwide convenience store chain Casey's Retail Co.

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