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Resolution 2006-25

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE ACQUISITION OF CENTRAL MICHIGAN RAILWAY PROPERTY BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN IN A COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT WITH CLINTON, IONIA, AND SHIAWASSEE COUNTIES

WHEREAS, the Central Michigan Railway Company owns a 41.3 mile railroad corridor, between Ionia and Owosso, suitable for rail-trail development, and

WHEREAS, the Counties of Ionia, Clinton, and Shiawassee could benefit from acquiring the property for the development of a rail-trail and have been promised a \$1.125 million grant from the Meijer Foundation for match dollars for the acquisition, development and maintenance of the trail, and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Milk Producer's Association desires the timely implementation of a plant expansion and other economic opportunities at the Ovid Plant which requires the potential realignment of the rail corridor across their property, and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation seeks to preserve the right-of-way for future use as a railroad line and desires a timely transfer of a portion of the rail right-of-way for other transportation purposes in order to accomplish a 2008 bridge repair project on US-127BR, and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation may allow the right-of-way being preserved for future rail use to be used as a recreational trail until such time as it is needed for rail use, and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation has offered to facilitate the acquisition of the rail corridor by applying for a federal transportation enhancement grant which would provide for 80% of the purchase price, and covering many of the associated costs that go along with the application process, and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has offered to facilitate the operation of a future rail-trail by leasing it according to provisions of state law, known as the State Transportation Preservation Act, as a recreational trail from Michigan Department of Transportation and then entering into a cooperative arrangement for maintenance and operation of the rail-trail through the 3 counties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Clinton, Ionia, and Shiawassee counties agree to contribute 20 percent of the fair market value purchase price of the corridor from their Meijer Foundation grant, up to a cap of \$400,000 to match the federal transportation enhancement grant to be prepared by the Michigan Department of Transportation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of this 20 percent match, the rail-trail corridor shall be named after Fred Meijer in consideration for his generous donation.

This resolution shall become effective upon its adoption by all three counties, Clinton, Ionia, and Shiawassee.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF CLINTON

I, DIANE ZUKER, Clerk of the County of Clinton do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting held August 29, 2006 and is on file in the records of this office.

Diane Zuker, Clinton County Clerk