

RESOLUTION NO. 1998-43

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF CLINTON**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PROJECT AREA,
ESTABLISHING PROJECT DISTRICT AREA,
CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL DIRECTORS
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EDC
AND AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING**

(Veneer Specialties, Inc.)

Minutes of a regular meeting of the County Commission of the County of Clinton, Michigan, held at 9:00 o'clock a.m., Michigan time, on October 27, 1998, at which time the following members were present:

John Arehart, Lois Bracey, Sara Clark Pierson, Richard Hawks, Mary Rademacher and
Larry Martin

and the following were absent:

Clifford Flood

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Pierson and supported by Arehart:

WHEREAS, there exists in the County of Clinton the need for projects to alleviate and prevent conditions of unemployment, to assist and retain local industrial and commercial enterprises in order to strengthen and revitalize the County's economy and to encourage the location and expansion of such enterprises to provide needed services and facilities to the County and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Corporations Act, Act No. 338 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended (the "Act") provides a means for the encouragement of such projects in this County through the County's Economic Development Corporation (the "EDC"); and

WHEREAS, the EDC has commenced proceedings under the Act for the benefit of such a project at the request of Veneer Specialties, Inc. (the "Project"), and has designated to this County Commission a Project Area and Project District Area for its approval;

WHEREAS, this Commission wishes to set a date for a public hearing on the Project Plan for the Project, to be prepared by the EDC, and on the issuance of bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CLINTON, as follows:

1. The Project Area, as described in the attached Exhibit A, as designated by the EDC to this Commission is certified as approved.

2. It having been determined that the territory surrounding the designated Project Area will not be significantly affected by the Project because the surrounding territory is devoted to compatible uses, a Project District Area having the same description as and boundaries coterminous with the Project Area certified here as approved be established.

3. It has been determined that the Project does not include a zoning change or require the taking of private property, therefore, a Project Citizens District Council shall not be formed pursuant to Section 20(e) of the Act.

4. The appointments of Lee Kleinjans and Maurice Gove, who are representative of neighborhood residents and business interests likely to be affected by the Project, to the Board of Directors of the EDC are confirmed in accordance with Section 4(2) of the Act. Lee Kleinjans and Maurice Gove shall cease to serve when the Project for which they are appointed is either abandoned or, if undertaken, is completed in accordance with the Project Plan.

5. A public hearing upon the proposed Project Plan for the Project and the issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 shall be held.

6. The County Clerk is directed to give notice of the public hearing by (1) publishing a notice of the hearing in the Lansing State Journal, which is determined to be a newspaper of general circulation in the County, at least 14 days prior to the date of the hearing; (2) posting in at least 10 public and conspicuous places in the project district area; and (3) mailing to the last known owner of each parcel of real property in the project district area at the last known address of the owner as shown by the tax assessment records, the posting and mailed notices shall be given no later than 10 days prior to the hearing. The notice shall be substantially in the form attached as Exhibit B.

7. The County Clerk is directed to provide three certified copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the EDC.

8. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with this resolution are repealed, but only to the extent of the conflict.

YEAS: Members: Arehart, Bracey, Pierson, Rademacher, Martin and Hawks

NAYS:Members: None

ABSENT: Members: Clifford Flood

ABSTENTIONS: Members: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF CLINTON)

I certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Clinton, Michigan held on the 27th day of October, 1998, the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of this meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

Diane Zuker
County Clerk

Dated: October 27, 1998

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AREA

VENEER SPECIALTIES, INC.

That part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 7, Town 7 North, Range 2 West, Bingham Township, Clinton County, Michigan, lying South of the railroad. NOW SURVEYED AND DESCRIBED AS: Beginning at the South 1/4 of Section 7, Town 7 North, Range 2 West, Bingham Township, Clinton County, Michigan; thence North 01°27'26" West, 1073.36 feet along the North-South 1/4 line of said Section to the South railroad right of way line; thence North 88°11'26" East, 1323.45 feet along the said right of way line; thence South 01°23'12" East 1087.92 feet along the East line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section to the South line of said Section; thence South 88°49'16" West, 1322.10 feet along said South line to the point of beginning.

EXHIBIT B

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROJECT PLAN
FOR THE VENEER SPECIALTIES, INC. PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Clinton, Michigan, will hold a hearing at 201 Spring Street, St. Johns, Michigan, on Tuesday, the 24th day of November, 1998, beginning at 9:00 a.m., Michigan time.

The hearing shall consider whether the Project Plan recommended to the County Commission by The Economic Development Corporation of the County of Clinton for the Veneer Specialties, Inc. Project constitutes a public purpose as outlined by Act No. 338 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended. The implementation of the Project Plan does not require a zoning change or the taking of private property and, accordingly, the recommendations of the County Planning Division concerning the Project Plan are not required.

The Project will be comprised of acquisition of land for and construction of four buildings: a 50' x 60' building, a 400' x 60' building, a 100' x 150' building and a 80' x 50' building, together to be used as a veneer log manufacturing facility, and acquisition of related machinery and equipment.

The initial owner of the Project real property will be Veneer Specialties, Inc., d/b/a Michigan Veneer, Ltd., a Michigan corporation, which will manage and operate the Project property.

The Veneer Specialties, Inc. Project is located within the boundaries of the Township of Bingham and the County of Clinton, Michigan. No families or individuals will be displaced by the proposed Project. The location of the Project Area and the Project District Area is 3300 West M-21, St. Johns, Michigan 48879.

Also to be considered by the Board of County Commissioners is the method of financing the Project through the issuance by The Economic Development Corporation of the County of Clinton of economic development revenue bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$2,500,000.

Bond repayments will be from the payments of principal and interest by the Veneer Specialties, Inc. to The Economic Development Corporation of the County of Clinton. In no event will the bonds be payable by the County of Clinton, its taxpayers or The Economic Development Corporation of the County of Clinton.

Maps, plats, a copy of the Project Plan and all other information related to the Project is available for public inspection at the Office of the County Clerk, 100 E. State Street, St. Johns, Michigan, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., week days. Any aspect of the planned Project may be discussed at the public hearing and all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. The hearing will provide the fullest opportunity for expression of opinion, arguments on the merits and introduction of documentary evidence relative to the Project Plan.

If you would prefer to send written comments for consideration, please forward them to Diane Zuker, Clinton County Clerk, at the above address. Questions may be directed to the Clinton County Clerk's Office at (517) 224-5140.

Diane Zuker

County Clerk, County of Clinton, Michigan

