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### **RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR A NEW COUNTY FACILITY ON THE SITE OF THE CURRENT COURTHOUSE**

WHEREAS, Clinton County government currently is located in nine different buildings in five separate locations, and the current facilities are inadequate for the needs of the various county offices, and

WHEREAS, many problems have been associated with the current county courthouse, including crowded and divided offices, code violations, handicapper inaccessibility, inadequate security features, and inadequate mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems, and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Commissioners has been preparing to address and rectify the inadequacies of County facilities over the past five years, and contracted with an architectural firm to provide a feasibility study of the county's options, which was rendered July 23, 1997, and

WHEREAS, the architect found that many of the problems with the current courthouse could not be rectified "...to the extent that they would render the courthouse code compliant and properly functional," and

WHEREAS, in addition to commissioning a feasibility study, the Board has taken several other steps toward addressing these problems, including setting aside funds in the budget for future debt service needs, appointing a building committee of officials from throughout the county to direct the study, and holding public forums where interested citizens could voice their opinions regarding the proposed location of the new facility, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the location for the new facility should be on the site of the current courthouse, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, through appropriations established over the past four years in its annual budget process, has accumulated approximately \$1.2 million specifically for building improvements, and has appropriated \$900,000 to the public improvements fund for this purpose in 1998, and

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WHEREAS, the feasibility study estimated the cost of a new county facility on the site of the current courthouse at \$11.4 million, and the aforementioned financing for this project is now in place, and

WHEREAS, first step in building a new facility is to send out requests for proposals to architectural firms to create design specifications for the building, and the Finance Committee has discussed the possibility of hiring a construction manager to work with the architect and oversee the architectural planning process.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton County Board of Commissioners shall construct a new facility on the site of the current Clinton County Courthouse to consolidate much of Clinton County government offices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clinton County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Administrator to prepare and advertise a Request for Proposals for Architectural/Engineering Services, and a Request for Proposals for Construction Management Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Building and Grounds Committee shall review the Proposals for Architectural/Engineering Services and make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners regarding selection of an architect to create design specifications for a new county facility on the site of the current courthouse.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Building and Grounds Committee shall also review the Proposals for Construction Management Services and make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners regarding selection of a Construction Manager for a new county facility on the site of the current courthouse.

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 a regular meeting held November 20, 1997 and is on file in the records of this office.

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Diane Zuker, County Clerk