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CLINTON COUNTY ROADS JURISDICTION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is proposing to assume jurisdiction of 99 miles of Clinton County Road Commission primary roads and 1 mile of Clinton County Road Commission local roads, and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Road Commission and Clinton County have made substantial investment in the improvement of these roads, and

WHEREAS, the MDOT plan provides no equitable financial plan involved in the transfer of these roads;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Clinton County opposes the transfer of any Clinton County roads to the Michigan Department of Transportation for the following reasons:

- 1) No arrangement has been made to reimburse the Clinton County Road Commission or County for recent investments made to improve these roads.
- 2) Savings from reduced maintenance of improved roads originally intended for use in other county roads will instead be diverted to priorities established by the Michigan Department of Transportation.
- 3) Loss of local control and input on future road improvements from local elected officials.
- 4) Loss of State and Federal funding to meet locally identified road improvement priorities.
- 5) A loss of \$449,576.82 in primary road revenue and \$10,179.42 in local road revenue, per year, on all remaining roads within the Clinton County road system.
- 6) Concern that this proposal will force increased local funding for the remaining county roads while at the same time undermining the population base willing to support local road funding.

- 7) MDOT has significantly reduced its staff while proposing to dramatically increase their responsibility.
- 8) MDOT proposes to take bids on maintenance of these roadways leading to a potential of various contractors, sub-contractors working in various areas of the county.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Senator Mike Rogers, Representative Clark Harder, Representative Alan Cropsey, the Michigan Township Association, the County Road Association of Michigan and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Richard Hawks, Chairperson
Clinton County Board of Commissioners

Diane Zuker, County Clerk

Said resolution adopted by the County Board at a regular meeting on November 20, 1997.

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.

Diane Zuker, County Clerk