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STARK COUNTY RESOLUTION NO.:

A RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
IN STARK COUNTY

WHEREAS, public transportation in Stark County, Illinois, has provided an economical, safe and reliable form of mobility to citizens of all ages, their families and our communities; and

WHEREAS, the personal mobility provided by the public transportation system in Stark County improves the quality of life for our residents by providing critical assistance in their pursuit of employment and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, public transportation in Stark County may be used for medical appointments and treatment in central Illinois, providing relief to an individual and their family for the issue of transportation for medical services, shopping and social events; and

WHEREAS, the issue of mobility may be related to the ability of a citizen to continue to reside in their home and our communities, public transportation provides a service which enhances the quality of life when needed; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1985, the public transportation system in Stark County has been funded entirely through Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act and grants available through the Illinois Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the public transportation system in Stark County has been a joint operation with Marshall County, Illinois, through the cooperation of the county boards of Stark and Marshall counties; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 census reflects a population of 5,994 in Stark County and 12,640 in Marshall County, the two counties comprise a population base of 18,634 for the multi-county public transit systems; and

WHEREAS, the population of Stark County comprises thirty two percent (32%) of the population base and Marshall County comprises 68% of the population base; and

WHEREAS, the allocation of services to each county is proportionate to its population; and

WHEREAS, the office and transportation center for MSW Projects of Henry, Illinois, the transportation service provider for both counties since 1985 has been and continues to be in Henry, Marshall County, Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, the majority of the population and the service provider are located in Marshall County; and

WHEREAS, the population demographics and continuing efforts to improve use of the public transportation system favor Marshall County as Grantee and Stark County as an active and supporting participant; and

WHEREAS, the Stark County Board of Supervisors desires to continue their cooperative effort with Marshall County to provide a public transportation system for each county as an active participant rather than Grantee; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stark County Board of Supervisors will continue to provide a public transportation system funded by Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act and grant funding through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That it is the recommendation of the Stark County Board of Supervisors, to maximize the resources available through Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act and grants available through the Illinois Department of Transportation, that Marshall County, as the population base and center of service, assume the role of Grantee beginning June 1, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the cooperative effort of Stark County to provide public transportation to its citizens will continue to include the efforts of offices within Stark County government to accommodate the county boards of Stark and Marshall counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Stark County Board of Supervisors extends its gratitude to the Marshall County Board of Supervisors and MSW Projects of Henry, Illinois, for the cooperative effort of all parties since 1985 to provide the benefit of public transportation to citizens in Stark and Marshall counties.

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NAYS: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

APPROVED by the Stark County Board of Supervisors meeting in regular session on January 14, 2014.

Coleen R. Magnussen
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Chairman, Stark County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Linda K. Pyell
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Stark County Clerk &
DATE: January 14, 2014