



MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING LEGISLATIVE OBJECTIVES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITIZENS OF MADISON COUNTY DURING THE 2023 SESSION OF THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors recently acknowledged a report from the Madison County Business League regarding certain legislative goals and objectives to be presented to, and pursued by the county, during the upcoming 2023 state legislative session; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Madison County has enjoyed a rewarding and beneficial relationship with its state legislative delegation, which has diligently pursued actions and objections as identified by the county, which has resulted in the rapid economic growth of the county, and has which has enhanced the county's capacity and ability to attract significant industries such as the expansion of the Nissan assembly plant, the Levi Strauss distribution facility, and the construction of an important new industry- the Amazon Lifestyle Fulfillment Canter, among others; and

WHEREAS, the industries have added, and are projected to add, more than 15,000 jobs in Madison County, causing significant increase in wages and benefits to the employees, and causing increased value and financial benefit to the tax base of the county, without imposing additional tax burden on the local residents; and

WHEREAS, it is understood by all that in order to continue to attract large companies to locate in Madison County, more must be done to improve the quality of the infrastructure, including modernization and maintenance of roads and bridges, improvements to water and sewer, expansion to data transmission and, in particular, the comprehensive availability and equitable build-out of fiber-to-the-home broadband throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, in order that such positive economic impact can continue to achieved, Madison County, of necessity, must continue to solicit and to rely on the strong support of its state and federal legislative delegations, and in doing so, must identify and specify for them such programs and projects that to be pursued, which will inure to the economic benefit of the county and to all of its people; and

WHEREAS, therefore upon the proposal of the Madison County Business League, and with concurrence of the Madison County Board of Supervisors, the governing body of Madison County, the objectives, aims and programs to be pursued in the upcoming 2023 legislative session, are identified as follows:

1. Funding for the Bozeman Road and Reunion Crossing Parkway. This legislative objective is identified as the highest priority for Madison County;
2. Funding for Expansion of Fiber-to-the Home Broadband Connectivity for parts of Northeast, and Northwest Madison County, which will provide needed broadband access to low income, and economically impoverished areas of the county;
3. Funding for Storm Water, Drainage, Water & Sewer Projects, which are needed due to the rapid growth of residential homes, commercial businesses and industrial companies throughout the county;
4. Funding for the Expansion and Widening of Interstate-55 between Highway 463 and the Proposed New Reunion Crossing Interchange.

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors, in cooperation with the Madison County Business League, presents the foregoing "legislative wish list" for due consideration by the legislative delegation, and are confident that the legislative delegation will do all within its power to achieve the realization of said projects and funding requests during the upcoming 2023 legislative session.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors, in association with the Madison County Business League, officially and urgently requests and solicits the assistance of the Madison County state legislative delegation in achieving its legislative objectives and aims, during the 2023 legislative session, as identified above, to-wit: funding the Bozeman Road and Reunion Crossing Parkway Project, as Madison County highest legislative priority; funding to expand fiber-to-home broadband connectivity in NE and NW parts of the county; funding for improvements in storm water, drainage, water and sewer programs, and widening of I-55 between Highway 463 and the proposed Reunion Crossing Bridge and Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Madison County Board of Supervisors be authorized to sign this Resolution as a reflection of the unanimous vote of the board, and that the official minutes confirming such action are to be attached to this Resolution, before its official presentation to the Madison County legislative delegation, and before any public dissemination.

SO ORDERED, this the _____ day of December 2022

FOR MADISON COUNTY

Paul Griffin
President, Board of Supervisors

ATTESTATION

(SEAL)

Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk