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1st District Commissioner

John C. Russell
2nd District Commissioner



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County Administrator

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Executive Assistant

COUNTY COMMISSION
Greene County, Missouri
(417) 868-4112

Greene County Commission
Commission Briefing Minutes

Tuesday, February 8, 2022
8:45 AM
Commission Conference Room
1443 N. Robberson, 10th Floor

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Attendees: Bob Dixon, Rusty MacLachlan, John Russell, Chris Coulter, Megan Applegate, Robert Jehle and Jenny Hayward.

Teleconference Attendees: Jeff Scott, Tina Phillips, Mike Cagle, Kevin Barnes, Jeff Bassham Phil Corcoran, Royce Denny, Justin Hill Fred Lizama, Rick Artman, Jim Arnott, Crystal Richards, Andrea Stewart and Kevin Spaulding.

Informational Items

Budget-Jeff Scott

- ERA1 and ERA2 update.

Human Resources-Mailyn Jeffries

- Upcoming webinars that will be offered to employees.
- Recruitment update.

Items for Consideration and Action by the Commission

EX1 Discussion and Possible Vote: Warranty Deeds, Highway

Commissioner John Russell moved to approve the warranty deed between Greene County and Jeffrey and Jimmie Brown. Commissioner Rusty MacLachlan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Yes: Dixon, MacLachlan and Russell.

Commissioner John Russell moved to approve the warranty deed between Greene County and Johnathan Russell English. Commissioner Rusty MacLachlan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Yes: Dixon, MacLachlan and Russell.

Commissioner Rusty MacLachlan moved to approve the warranty deed between Greene County and Daniel Drew Harris. Commissioner John Russell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Yes: Dixon, MacLachlan and Russell.

Commissioner John Russell moved to approve the warranty deed between Greene County and Max and Linda Mooneyham. Commissioner Rusty MacLachlan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Yes: Dixon, MacLachlan and Russell.

Discussion and Possible Vote: Greene County Jail Staffing Restructure, Sheriff's Office

Commissioner John Russell moved to approve the jail staffing restructure as presented. Commissioner Rusty MacLachlan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Yes: Dixon, MacLachlan and Russell.

EX2 Discussion and Possible Vote: Letter of Support for EDA Good Jobs Grant

Commissioner John Russell moved to approve the letter of support for EDA good jobs as presented. Commissioner Rusty MacLachlan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Yes: Dixon, MacLachlan and Russell.

Other:

With no other business the meeting was adjourned.

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Informational Items

Budget
Human Resources
Chris Coulter
Public Information Office

Items for Consideration and Action by the Commission

Discussion and Possible Vote: Warranty Deeds, Highway

Discussion and Possible Vote: Greene County Jail Staffing Restructure, Sheriff's Office

Discussion and Possible Vote: Letter of Support for EDA Good Jobs Grant

Discussion and Possible Vote: Commission Board Appointments

Other:

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WARRANTY DEED

THIS INDENTURE, made this 12th day of November, 2021, by and between

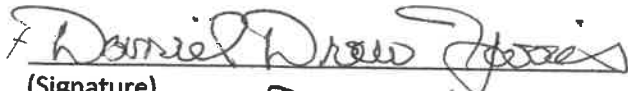
DANIEL DREW HARRIS, TRUSTEE OF THE DANIEL DREW HARRIS TRUST DATED 4/2/21 (hereinafter called "GRANTOR") and Greene County, Missouri (hereinafter called "GRANTEE"), whose mailing address is 940 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802.

WITNESSETH, That the said GRANTOR, in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other consideration paid by the said GRANTEE, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, does by these presents GRANT, BARGAIN AND SELL, CONVEY AND CONFIRM, unto the said GRANTEE, its successors and assignees, the following described real estate being situated in the County of Greene and State of Missouri, to-wit:

(SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A")

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same for a public road, or for such purposes herein set out, together with all and singular the rights, privileges, appurtenances and immunities thereto belonging, or in any way appertaining, unto the said GRANTEE, and unto its successors and assigns forever the said GRANTOR hereby covenanting on his/her part and on behalf of his/her heirs and assigns that said GRANTOR is lawfully seized of an indefeasible estate in fee in the premises herein conveyed; That said GRANTOR has good right to convey the same; That the said premises are free and clear of any encumbrances done or suffered by the GRANTOR or those under whom GRANTOR claims; and That said GRANTOR will warrant and defend the title to the said premises unto said GRANTEE and unto its successors and assigns, forever against the lawful claim and demands of any person whomsoever except as follows:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this deed has been executed the day and year first above written.



(Signature)

DANIEL DREW HARRIS

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Print Name)

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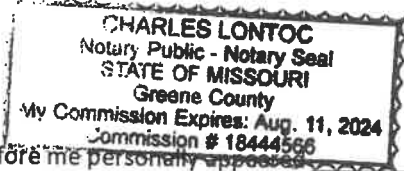
(Print Name)

STATE OF MISSOURI)

COUNTY OF GREENE)

SS.

On the 16th day of NOVEMBER, 2021, before me personally appeared



DANIEL DREW HARRIS

To me known to be the person(s) described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged he/she executed the same as his/her free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office in SPRINGFIELD Missouri, the day and year first above written.

[Signature]
CHARLES LONTOC

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 08-11-24

ACCEPTED: **GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI**

[Signature]
Bob Dixon, Presiding Commissioner

Date 2-8-22

[Signature]
Rusty MacLachlan, Associate Commissioner 1st District

Date 2-8-22

[Signature]
John C. Russell, Associate Commissioner 2nd District

Date 2/8/2022

ATTEST BY:

Shane Schoeller, Greene County Clerk

Date _____

[Signature]
Rick Artman, Administrator
Greene County Highway Department

Date 1-31-22

EXHIBIT " A "

REGARDING FARM ROAD #227

A road right-of-way located in part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE1/4 NW1/4) of Section 9, Township 28N, Range 20W, Greene County, Missouri, described as commencing at the Northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence along the East line thereof S01°00'42"W 658.16 feet for a true point of beginning; Thence continuing S01°00'42"W 601.45 feet; thence N87°51'58"W 31.00 feet; thence N01°00'42"E 601.56 feet; thence S87°39'25"E 31.00 feet to the point of beginning.

REGARDING FARM ROAD #164

A road right-of-way located in part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE1/4 NW1/4) of Section 9, Township 28N, Range 20W, Greene County, Missouri, described as commencing at the Northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence along the East line thereof S01°00'42"W 1259.61 feet for a true point of beginning; Thence continuing S01°00'42"W 56.00 feet to the South line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence along said South line N87°46'47"W 661.99 feet; thence N01°00'42"E 55.00 feet; thence S87°51'58"E 661.97 feet to the point of beginning.



WARRANTY DEED

THIS INDENTURE, made this 20th day of December, 2021, by and between

Max and Linda Mooneyham
(hereinafter called "GRANTOR") and Greene County, Missouri (hereinafter called "GRANTEE"), whose mailing address is 940 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802.

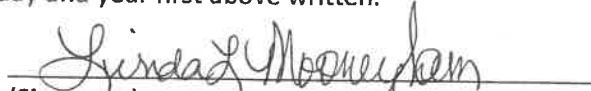
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(SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A")

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same for a public road, or for such purposes herein set out, together with all and singular the rights, privileges, appurtenances and immunities thereto belonging, or in any way appertaining, unto the said GRANTEE, and unto its successors and assigns forever the said GRANTOR hereby covenanting on his/her part and on behalf of his/her heirs and assigns that said GRANTOR is lawfully seized of an indefeasible estate in fee in the premises herein conveyed; That said GRANTOR has good right to convey the same; That the said premises are free and clear of any encumbrances done or suffered by the GRANTOR or those under whom GRANTOR claims; and That said GRANTOR will warrant and defend the title to the said premises unto said GRANTEE and unto its successors and assigns, forever against the lawful claim and demands of any person whomsoever except as follows:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this deed has been executed the day and year first above written.


(Signature)
Max Randall Mooneyham
(Print Name)


(Signature)
Linda L Mooneyham
(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Signature)

(Print Name)

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Signature)

(Print Name)

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Signature)

(Print Name)

(Print Name)

STATE OF MISSOURI)

COUNTY OF Greene)

SS.



On the 20th day of December, 2021, before me personally appeared Linda L.

Mooneyham + Max Randall Mooneyham

To me known to be the person(s) described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged he/she executed the same as his/her free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office in Republic, Missouri, the day and year first above written.

Anna M. Bell
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: October 19th, 2025

ACCEPTED: **GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI**

Bob Dixon
Bob Dixon, Presiding Commissioner

Date 2-8-22

Rusty MacLachlan
Rusty MacLachlan, Associate Commissioner 1st District

Date 2-8-22

John C. Russell
John C. Russell, Associate Commissioner 2nd District

Date 2/8/2022

ATTEST BY:

Shane Schoeller, Greene County Clerk

Date _____

Rick Artman
Rick Artman, Administrator
Greene County Highway Department

Date 1-31-22

DESCRIPTION OF ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OR TRACT OF LAND BEING PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 24 WEST, BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT AN EXISTING 5/8" IRON PIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4;

THENCE, S88°45'38"E, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4, A DISTANCE OF 362.02 FEET TO A SET COTTON SPINDLE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE, CONTINUING S88°45'38"E, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 648.48 FEET TO AN EXISTING RAILROAD SPIKE;

THENCE, S01°50'51"W, A DISTANCE OF 35.00 FEET;

THENCE, N88°45'38"W, A DISTANCE OF 648.48 FEET;

THENCE, N01°50'33"E, A DISTANCE OF 35.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 22,696.8 SQUARE FEET, (0.52 ACRES) MORE OR LESS.

WARRANTY DEED

THIS INDENTURE, made this 16 day of December, 2021, by and between

Galloway Full Gospel Church (hereinafter called "GRANTOR") and Greene County, Missouri (hereinafter called "GRANTEE"), whose mailing address is 940 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802.

WITNESSETH, That the said GRANTOR, in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other consideration paid by the said GRANTEE, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, does by these presents GRANT, BARGAIN AND SELL, CONVEY AND CONFIRM, unto the said GRANTEE, its successors and assignees, the following described real estate being situated in the County of Greene and State of Missouri, to-wit:

(SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A")

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same for a public road, or for such purposes herein set out, together with all and singular the rights, privileges, appurtenances and immunities thereto belonging, or in any way appertaining, unto the said GRANTEE, and unto its successors and assigns forever the said GRANTOR hereby covenanting on his/her part and on behalf of his/her heirs and assigns that said GRANTOR is lawfully seized of an indefeasible estate in fee in the premises herein conveyed; That said GRANTOR has good right to convey the same; That the said premises are free and clear of any encumbrances done or suffered by the GRANTOR or those under whom GRANTOR claims; and That said GRANTOR will warrant and defend the title to the said premises unto said GRANTEE and unto its successors and assigns, forever against the lawful claim and demands of any person whomsoever except as follows:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this deed has been executed the day and year first above written.

(Signature) 

(Print Name) Jonathan English

(Signature)

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Print Name)

STATE OF MISSOURI)
)
COUNTY OF _____) SS.

On the 16 day of December, 2021, before me personally appeared _____

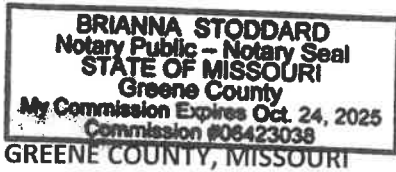
Jonathan Russell English

To me known to be the person(s) described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged he/she executed the same as his/her free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office in _____ Missouri, the day and year first above written.

Brianna Stoddard
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 10/24/2025



ACCEPTED:

Bob Dixon
Bob Dixon, Presiding Commissioner

Date 2/8/2022

Rusty MacLachlan
Rusty MacLachlan, Associate Commissioner 1st District

Date 2-8-22

John C. Russell
John C. Russell, Associate Commissioner 2nd District

Date 2/8/2022

ATTEST BY:

Shane Schoeller, Greene County Clerk

Date _____

Rick Artman
Rick Artman, Administrator
Greene County Highway Department

Date 1-31-22

Exhibit A

ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY-GALLOWAY FULL GOSPEL CHURCH PROPERTY

THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OR TRACT OF LAND BEING LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 22 WEST, BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT AN EXISTING NAIL BEING N88°56'26"W, A DISTANCE OF 736.89 FEET (44 2/3 RODS- DEED), FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4;

THENCE, N00°34'45"E, A DISTANCE OF 11.35 FEET TO AN EXISTING 1/2" IRON PIN;

THENCE, N02°15'49"E, A DISTANCE OF 19.26 FEET TO A SET 1/2" IRON PIN WITH A CAP STAMPED "WLS LSC 370", SAID POINT BEING ON THE NEW NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FARM ROAD 146;

THENCE, S89°05'23"E, A DISTANCE OF 297.55 FEET AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE, CONTINUING S89°05'23"E, A DISTANCE OF 199.07 FEET;

THENCE, S02°10'28"W, A DISTANCE OF 31.90 FEET; THENCE, N88°56'26"W, A DISTANCE OF 199.06 FEET;

THENCE, N02°10'32"E, A DISTANCE OF 31.38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 6,297.8 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS.

WARRANTY DEED

THIS INDENTURE, made on the 7 day of February, 2022, by and between Party of the first part, (Grantor) and the Greene County Commission, Party of the Second Part (Grantee), whose mailing address is 940 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802, of the County of Greene, in the State of Missouri.

WITNESSTH, That the said GRANTOR, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other consideration paid by the said GRANTEE, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, does by these present GRANT, BARGAIN AND SELL, CONVEY AND CONFIRM, unto the said GRANTEE, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate being and situated in the County of Greene and State of Missouri, to-wit:

(SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A")

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same for the purchase of constructing and maintaining a County or State road, or for such purposes herein set out, together with all and singular the rights, privileges, appurtenances and immunities thereto belonging, or in any way appertaining, unto the said GRANTEE, and unto its successors and assigns forever the said GRANTOR hereby covenanting on his/her part and on behalf of his/her heirs and assigns that said GRANTOR is lawfully seized of an indefeasible estate in fee in the premises herein conveyed; That said GRANTOR has good right to convey the same; That the said premises are free and clear of any encumbrances done or suffered by the GRANTOR or those under whom GRANTOR claims; and that said GRANTOR will warrant and defend the title to the said premises unto said GRANTEE and unto its successors and assigns, forever against the lawful claim and demands of any person whomsoever, except as follows: _____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part has hereunto set its hand the day and year first above written.

James D Brown
(Signature)

Jimmie D. Brown
(Print Name)

Tiffany Brown
(Signature)

Tiffany Brown
(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Signature)

(Print Name)

(Print Name)

STATE OF MISSOURI)

COUNTY OF Greene)

SS.

On the 7th day of January, 2022, before me personally appeared

Jeffery Glenn Brown

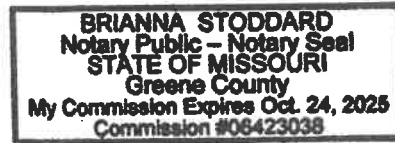
Jimmie D Brown

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office in Greene, Missouri, the day and year first above written.

Brianna Stoddard, Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 10/24/2025



ACCEPTED:

GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI COMMISSION

Bob Dixon
Bob Dixon, Presiding Commissioner

Date 2/8/2022

Rusty MacLachlan
Rusty MacLachlan, Associate Commissioner 1st District

Date 2-8-22

John C. Russell
John C. Russell, Associate Commissioner 2nd District

Date 2/8/2022

Rick Artman
Rick Artman, Administrator
Greene County Highway Department

Date 1-31-22

DESCRIPTION: NEW R/W

A PARCEL OF LAND FOR RIGHT OF WAY PURPOSES BEING A PART OF THE EAST HALF ($E\frac{1}{2}$) OF LOT SEVEN (7) OF THE NORTHWEST FRACTIONAL QUARTER (NW.FRAC. $\frac{1}{4}$) OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 23 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M. IN GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI, THE BOUNDARY BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID $E\frac{1}{2}$ OF LOT 7 OF THE NW.FRAC. $\frac{1}{4}$, THENCE $S02^{\circ}09'56''W$, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID $E\frac{1}{2}$ OF LOT 7, 524.36 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE $S87^{\circ}59'14''E$, 27.31 FEET; THENCE $S01^{\circ}51'37''W$, 623.17 FEET; THENCE $N87^{\circ}59'14''W$, 35.00 FEET; THENCE $N01^{\circ}51'37''E$, 623.17 FEET; THENCE $S87^{\circ}59'14''E$, 7.69 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS AND COVENANTS OF RECORD. BEARINGS ARE BASED ON THE MISSOURI COORDINATE SYSTEM OF 1983, CENTRAL ZONE.

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February 8, 2022

Alejandra Y. Castillo
Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development
United States Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration

RE: Support for CODEFI Good Jobs Challenge Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Castillo,

The City of Springfield is the largest city in Greene county and the largest in the region, and our purpose is to enhance the public safety and welfare of the 293,086 citizens of our County. One of the areas that has strong potential for future economic and workforce growth in our region is the digital technology sector. Companies in all industries rely more on digital technologies than ever before but the supply of talent in areas liked software development and cybersecurity in the region is not sufficient. Demand for these occupations is projected to be among the fastest growing in our region and state over the next few years, which will make it even harder for companies and organizations to fill these positions.

We are excited to support the Codefi Foundation on Rural Innovation's ("CODEFI") application for the United States Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration ("EDA") Good Jobs Challenge. CODEFI's regional training system has delivered outstanding results in rural communities in 55 counties across southeast Missouri and west Kentucky. Those partnerships and systems have provided access to an increased number and diversity of workers and students otherwise left behind by many traditional education and emerging training approaches. In just the last three years they have trained over 300 adults and provided coding education to over 2,000 youth, resulting in the creation of over 200 high-wage software development jobs.

This makes CODEFI an ideal organization with support from outstanding strategic partners to lead the work necessary to assess employer needs and align and connect regional job training resources to train, develop and support employable software developers, security analysts and other digital talent in southwest Missouri, and continue advancement of the successful system in southeast Missouri. We think this aligns perfectly with needs in our region and with the goals of the Good Jobs Challenge.

As the local economic development organization, we are thrilled to participate in the ongoing conversation about workforce needs and to evaluate ways we can support trainees and efforts

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to expand access to training opportunities. We have reviewed the project proposed by CODEFI and are committed to support this project by:

- Referring individuals to apply for admission into the training programs
- Referring local employers who hire digital talent to engage in the project to guide training, provide capstone and paid work experience projects, and hire qualified graduates through apprenticeships, contract employment, or direct employment
- Increasing awareness among our regional network of stakeholders by promoting the programs and associated activities throughout the three-year project
- Engaging throughout the project to give feedback and ensure the workforce development process is working, the approach improves over time, and the field sees best practices for this kind of regional partnership.

Over the years we've seen and participated in various approaches to solving skilled workforce deficiencies in rural areas. Traditional systems nor more scalable virtual training distributed by national or statewide networks or organizations sufficiently engage regional employers, provide access or the required mix of practical training, coaching, experiential development, and ongoing support required to increase the number and diversity of individuals successfully prepared for the rapidly growing number of these technical positions.

We are confident this partnership will provide access to important new training opportunities and jobs in our region, leading to better economic outcomes.

Thank you for your consideration of this important proposal.

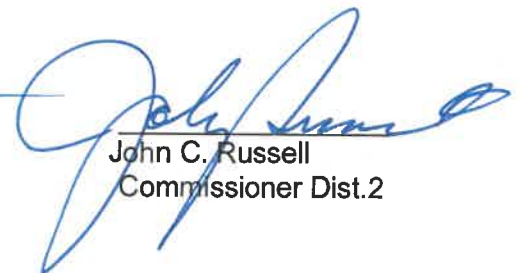
Sincerely,



Bob Dixon
Presiding Commissioner



Rusty MacLachlan
Commissioner Dist. 1



John C. Russell
Commissioner Dist.2