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***** RESOLUTION NO. 20-011*****

BY COMMISSIONER: Brenner

ADOPTED: January 27, 2020

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Corrections conducts regular inspections of the current Carlton County jail facility and those inspections have identified that while the County has been diligent in making many operational improvements based on past inspections, the 41 year old physical plant has major deficiencies that render it non-compliant with state standards and furthermore, a lack of parity exists as is required in M.S. 241 Subd.1; and

WHEREAS, locally, regionally, statewide and nationally, the female offender jail population is increasing exponentially; and

WHEREAS, the building of a new correctional facility with adequate space for male and female offenders along with regional beds and programming designated solely for female offenders will have a regional significance and economic benefit besides filling a large void in parity that now exists between male and female offenders; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Revenue and the Minnesota Legislature have established guidelines for County Government to follow in order to meet the requirements for requesting authorization to conduct a voter referendum for a county-wide sales tax; and

WHEREAS, this Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) referendum authorization requested by Carlton County would be used to finance a correctional facility, jail and regional female offender program; and

WHEREAS, Carlton County Board of Commissioners urge that the total burden of financing such facility not be placed directly on local property tax payers through a property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, regional governments and Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa leadership have indicated strong support for this proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Carlton County Board of Commissioners hereby requests authorization to conduct a voter referendum for a one half of one percent (0.50%) LOST to raise an anticipated \$1.8 million annually used to pay for construction for a new correctional facility, jail and regional female offender program with a total project cost of \$40 million.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the proposed LOST will be in effect for 20 years or less as determined by debt satisfaction and is expected to raise \$36 million to meet the costs of new facility.

Upon motion by Brenner, seconded by Peterson, and carried, the above resolution was adopted.

Yea votes: Peterson, Thell, Brenner, Proulx and Bodie

Nay votes: None

Absent: None

I, Kathryn Kortuem, Acting Auditor of the County of Carlton, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 27th day of January, 2020, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE in Carlton, Minnesota, this 27th day of January, 2020.



Kathryn Kortuem
Acting Carlton County Auditor/Treasurer