

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION 11-24-1D

Support for Clay County Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF)

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WHEREAS, the demand for additional PRTF beds across Minnesota is urgent to ensure children receive timely and appropriate care; and

WHEREAS, equitable distribution of PRTF beds throughout the state is essential to provide children with proximity to their home communities, families, and local service providers; and

WHEREAS, Clay County is committed to addressing this critical gap in mental health services by establishing a PRTF in partnership with a qualified service provider for the delivery of these essential services; and

WHEREAS, Clay County seeks bond proceeds funds from the commissioner of human services for a grant to Clay County to predesign, design, and remodel of the West Central Regional Juvenile Center non-secure unit into an 18-bed psychiatric residential treatment facility and address the predesign, design, construct, furnish, and equip of a non-secure unit within Clay County to replace the existing facility that will become a psychiatric residential treatment facility.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED. That the Board of County Commissioners of Becker County, Minnesota, supports Clay County in their request for Minnesota state funds to support infrastructure development for a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility in Clay County, ensuring access to specialized care for children with complex mental health needs across the region.

Duly adopted this 5th day of November, 2024, at Detroit Lakes, MN.

COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Becker County, Minnesota

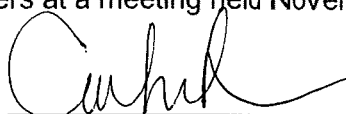
ATTEST:

/s/ Carrie Smith
Carrie Smith
County Administrator

/s/ John Okeson
John Okeson
Board Chair

State of Minnesota)
) ss
County of Becker)

I, the undersigned being the duly appointed and qualified County Administrator for the County of Becker, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed, adopted, and approved by the County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held November 5, 2024, as recorded in the record of proceedings.


Carrie Smith
County Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-1210P

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CLAY COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A
PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY**

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WEREAS, the City of Detroit Lakes recognizes the essential need for additional PRTF facilities and strong supports Clay County's efforts to secure funding and resources to expand mental health services for children in our region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Detroit Lakes hereby expresses its full support for Clay County's initiative to establish a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility, recognizing the importance of accessible, specialized care for children with complex mental health needs across the region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Detroit Lakes urges the Minnesota State Legislature and the Governor to prioritize funding for this critical mental health infrastructure,

benefiting not only Clay County but the surrounding communities in need of these essential services.

Passed and adopted this 10th day of December 2024.

Approved this 10th day of December 2024.



Matt Brenk
Detroit Lakes Mayor



Kelcey Klemm
Detroit Lakes City Administrator

CITY OF HAWLEY

Res 24-33

**Resolution to Support the Clay County Commission in Seeking Funds for a
Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility**

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WHEREAS, equitable distribution of PRTF beds throughout the state is essential to provide children with proximity to their home communities, families, and local service providers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hawley is committed to addressing this critical gap in mental health services by supporting Clay County establishing a PRTF in partnership with qualified service provider for the delivery of these essential services; and

WHEREAS, Clay County is seeking bond proceeds funds from the commissioner of human services for a grant to Clay County to predesign, design, and remodel of the West Central Regional Juvenile Center non-secure unit into an 18-bed psychiatric residential treatment facility and address the predesign, design, construct, furnish and equip of a non-secure unit within Clay County to replace the existing facility that will become a psychiatric residential treatment facility,

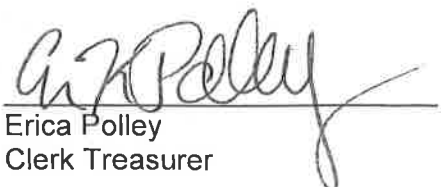
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hawley supports the Clay County Board of Commissioners request for Minnesota state funds to support infrastructure development for a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility in Clay County, ensuring access to specialized care for children with complex mental health needs across the region.

Adopted this 18th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:



Sean Mork
Mayor



Erica Polley
Clerk Treasurer



November 26, 2024

Commissioner Jenny Mongeau
Clay County Government Center
3510 12th Ave S
P.O. Box 280
Moorhead, MN 56560

Re: Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center

Dear Commissioner Mongeau,

Thank you for presenting Clay County's vision for a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center in Moorhead on November 25. We are writing to reiterate the Moorhead City Council's strong support for this important project to serve youth and families in our northwest region of Minnesota and beyond.

Your passion for this issue, along with the full Clay County Commission and many others in the region, is commendable. The information shared regarding the need for this facility is certainly compelling. Particularly, the knowledge that the existing bed capacity of Psychiatric Residential Treatment Centers statewide is inadequate to support the behavioral challenges and co-occurring physical health issues children are facing. The gap in care significantly impacts our communities, as many children require specialized services that are neither available within the existing system nor located within reasonable distance from family homes. We have not doubt a PRTC in our region will prove to be a life-saving asset for children and families.

A resolution of support specific to the proposed Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center will be included on the City Council's December 9 consent agenda.

Thank you again for your future-looking vision. We look forward to seeing this inspiring project a reality as we strive to see all children and families thrive with have access to healthy supports and wellbeing.

Sincerely,

Shelly Carlson, Mayor

Dan Mahli, City Manager

cc: Steve Larson, Clay County Administrator

RESOLUTION 2024-1125-2

Resolution to Adopt 2025 City of Moorhead Legislative Priorities

WHEREAS, the City of Moorhead advocates for targeted legislative initiatives to support a high quality of life for Moorhead residents and businesses, to respond to competitive disparities as a Minnesota Border City and to advance capital projects that benefit the City; and

WHEREAS, the City effectively utilizes the skills of the City's elected officials and staff together with contracted services of the City's legislative delegation (Flaherty & Hood; Fredrikson & Byron) to advance the City's legislative goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Moorhead, Minnesota, adopts the City's 2025 State Legislative Program goals as follows:

- **Flood Risk Mitigation:** Support of DNR's efforts and advocate for larger allocations of capital investment funding to continue and complete flood mitigation within Moorhead's 2009 Flood Mitigation Plan.
- **Border Cities Legislation:** Preserve and protect the Border City Enterprise Zone and Disparity Reduction Credit programs essential to business attraction and retention; seek opportunities for greater flexibility in use of these programs to benefit Moorhead businesses.
- **Downtown Center Revitalization:**
 - Tax Increment Financing/Redevelopment Opportunities
 - Sales Tax Exemption on Construction Materials for City Hall Renovation
- **Public Safety:** Address public safety challenges affecting Moorhead and Clay County, specifically workforce availability and preservation of interstate mutual aid.
- **Transit Assistance Funding Apportionment:** Pursue state transit funding specific to Moorhead outside of the state's budget for Greater Minnesota.
- **Sustainable Aviation Fuel Facility:** Legislative needs for the proposed project are yet to be defined.
- **Partnerships:** Offer support to community partners that are addressing opportunities and challenges that affect Moorhead residents, businesses, and visitors, including the following projects:
 - Moorhead Cultural Mall
 - Heartland Trail
 - Jasmin Childcare
 - Residential Psychiatric Treatment Center
 - FM Area Diversion
 - Passenger Rail Service
 - Moorhead High School Career Academy
- **Recreational Amenities:** Pursue and support local and regional parks and trails that connect Moorhead neighborhoods and surrounding communities.
- **Minnesota Cities Initiatives:** Support legislative activity of Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities and League of Minnesota Cities consistent with local plans and studies, including Onward Moorhead Comprehensive Plan and Moorhead Strategic Plan.

PASSED: November 25, 2024 by the City Council of the City of Moorhead.

APPROVED BY:


MICHELLE (SHELLY) A. CARLSON, Mayor

ATTEST:


CHRISTINA RUST, City Clerk

Clay County Board of Commissioners
Resolution 2024-32

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clay County Board of Commissioners hereby requests Minnesota state funds to support infrastructure development for a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility in Clay County, ensuring access to specialized care for children with complex mental health needs across the region.

Dated this 5th day of November 2024.



David Ebinger, Chair
Clay County Commissioners



Darren Brooke
Clay County HR Director/Assistant County Administrator



Stephen Larson
Clay County Administrator
PO Box 280
Moorhead, MN 56560

Dear Steve,

I am writing on behalf of Concordia College, Moorhead a proud member of the Clay County community, to express our strong support for the legislation advancing funding for the proposed juvenile center dedicated to providing much-needed psychiatric and mental health services to our youth. As an institution serving students and families in this region, we are deeply aware of the urgent and growing need for mental health support among our young people.

The creation of this center is crucial to filling a significant gap in our community's mental health resources. Currently, many youth facing mental health crises do not have access to dedicated psychiatric care locally, which can lead to worsening symptoms and limited recovery opportunities. This center will not only expand access to immediate care but also provide a specialized environment for comprehensive treatment, helping young people stabilize and engage in long-term healing. Additionally, with a facility focused specifically on juvenile psychiatric needs, the center will alleviate pressure on emergency rooms, general healthcare facilities, and law enforcement allowing them to focus on other equally pressing needs.

Our college sees this initiative as a foundational investment in the well-being of our community's youth, addressing a critical gap that, if left unfilled, can have profound effects on families and society. The availability of psychiatric treatment beds within the county will strengthen our local support network, ensuring that all youth, regardless of socioeconomic background, have the opportunity for early intervention and the support they need to thrive.

We wholeheartedly encourage your support for this initiative, which will not only meet an urgent need but will also foster a healthier, more resilient future for our community. If additional information would be helpful, please feel free to reach out to me at cirvine@cord.edu or 218.299.3000.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to the well-being of our youth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Colin Irvine', written in a cursive style.

Colin Irvine, President
Concordia College, Moorhead, MN

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Crow Wing County, Minnesota

DATE: February 13, 2024

Resolution 2024-15

OFFERED BY COMMISSIONERS: Koering and Franzen

AYES: Koering, Lubke, Franzen, Houge; **ABSENT:** Barrows

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CLAY COUNTY TO REQUEST MINNESOTA BOND FUNDS FOR
INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT
FACILITY IN CLAY COUNTY**

WHEREAS, throughout Minnesota there is inadequate capacity in the continuum of care to support children with high acuity, complex and/or co-occurring conditions that include violent or sexually inappropriate behavior and/or physical health challenges, and

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WHEREAS, currently there are four PRTF facilities operational in Minnesota with a total capacity of 166 beds and an additional PRTF set to open soon, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for additional PRTF beds in the State of Minnesota to meet the needs of children with serious and complex mental health needs, and

WHEREAS, the location of PRTF beds must be spread across the state to ensure equal access and proximity to a child's home community, family, and service providers, and

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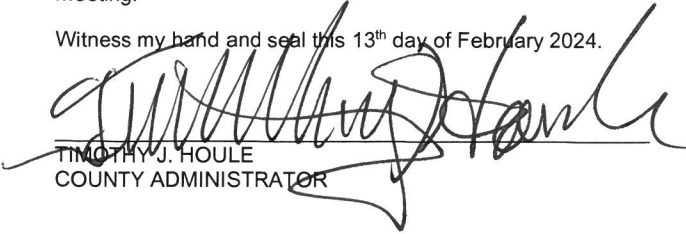
WHEREAS, Clay County is seeking Minnesota bond funds to aid in land acquisition and building a PRTF.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Crow Wing County, Minnesota, via this Resolution, supports Clay County to request Minnesota bond funds for infrastructure in the development of a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility in Clay County.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF CROW WING) ss

I, Timothy J. Houle, County Administrator, Crow Wing County, Minnesota, hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution of the county board of said county with the original record thereof on file in the Administration Office, Crow Wing County, Minnesota, as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said board at a meeting duly held on February 13, 2024, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original record and of the whole thereof, and that said resolution was duly passed by said board at said meeting.

Witness my hand and seal this 13th day of February 2024.


TIMOTHY J. HOULE
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

RESOLUTION NO. 24- 128

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Douglas County Board of Commissioners via this Resolution, supports Clay County to request Minnesota state funds for infrastructure development for a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility in Clay County, ensuring access to specialized care for children with complex mental health needs across the region.

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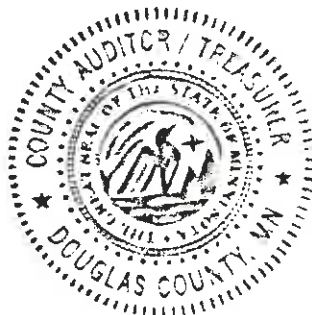
Dated at Alexandria, Minnesota, this 17th day of December, 2024.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DOUGLAS COUNTY, MINNESOTA


Keith England, Chair

ATTEST:


Lenae Roeser
Interim Clerk of the Board
Douglas County, Minnesota





Members of the Clay County Commission,

On behalf of our over 1,600 members, I would like to express The Chamber's support for the County's efforts to acquire state funding to establish a Residential Psychiatric Treatment Facility in Clay County.

As a community partner of Clay County, we believe that promoting a healthy and thriving community is vital to the vibrancy of our region and state. Due to the lack of capacity at the four existing psychiatric residential facilities across Minnesota, and the lack of access to these essential care services in Northwestern Minnesota, children and families must seek support outside of our state. It is critical that children receive services within proximity to their home communities, families, and local service providers. This facility is a fundamental addition to the healthcare infrastructure of not only Clay County but the entire State of Minnesota.

Bringing this facility to Clay County, will decrease pressures on emergency service providers, such as emergency rooms, general healthcare facilities, and law enforcement, and provide our community with specialized care for children with severe mental and psychiatric needs. This is why numerous Counties and Tribal Nations across the state have established strategic partnerships to support the funding and construction of this facility, to promote holistic and long-term health and healing services for the most vulnerable among us.

Moreover, The Chamber fully supports the creation of this facility to increase our state's healthcare capacity, promote robust healthcare solutions, and enhance the safety and well-being of our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical project and your dedication to Clay County!

Sincerely,

Shannon Full
President and CEO
Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce

RESOLUTION SHOWING SUPPORT FOR A PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT
FACILITY IN CLAY COUNTY
Resolution # GCR-20241119-1

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WHEREAS, Grant County seeks state funding to assist in the pre-design, design, construction, furnishing, and equipping of a non-secure residential facility in order to remodel an existing space to serve as a PRTF;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant County Board of Commissioners hereby requests Minnesota state funds to support infrastructure development for a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility in Clay County, ensuring access to specialized care for children with complex mental health needs across the region.

Dated this 19 day of November, 2024.



Ken Johnson,

Grant County Board of Commissioners Chair



Karl Lindquist,

Grant County Coordinator

**CERTIFIED COPY OF COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION
HUBBARD COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

Commissioner Christenson moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 0305202405

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WHEREAS, Clay County is seeking Minnesota bond funds to aid in land acquisition and building a PRTF;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the Hubbard County Board of Commissioners via this Resolution, supports Clay County to request Minnesota bond funds for infrastructure in the development of a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility in Clay County.

Commissioner De La Hunt seconded the motion for the adoption of the Resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote:

Ayes: 5 Nays 0

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
County of Hubbard)

Office of the Administrator

I, Jeffrey Cadwell, Hubbard County Administrator, certify the above is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Hubbard County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting held March 5, 2024.



Jeffrey Cadwell
Hubbard County Administrator

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

November 12, 2024

The Lake of The Woods County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at Lake of the Woods County Government Center in the Commissioners' Room.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cody Hasbargen called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited with the following members present: Commissioners: Cody Hasbargen, Jon Waibel, Buck Nordlof and Joe Grund. Also present was County Auditor-Treasurer Lorene Hanson. Absent: Commissioner Ed Arnesen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Motion was made by Commissioner Joe Grund, seconded by Commissioner Jon Waibel and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

Motion was made by Commissioner Jon Waibel, seconded by Commissioner Buck Nordlof and carried unanimously to approve the official minutes of October 22, 2024.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Claims

Motion

Motion was made by Commissioner Buck Nordlof, seconded by Commissioner Jon Waibel and carried unanimously to approve the following claims: Commissioners Warrants \$16,470.74; Commissioners Warrants \$5,209.89; Commissioners Warrants \$20,796.70.

PRTF Resolution

Resolution

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Buck Nordlof, seconded by Commissioner Jon Waibel and the same being put to a vote was unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY IN CLAY COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11-01

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Cell Phone Stipend Approval

Motion

Motion was made by Commissioner Jon Waibel, seconded by Commissioner Joe Grund and carried unanimously to approve a cell phone stipend for Office Support Specialist Val Canfield in the amount of \$60.00 per month effective December 1, 2024.

Auditor/Treasurer

Claims

Motion

Motion was made by Commissioner Joe Grund, seconded by Commissioner Buck Nordlof and carried unanimously to approve the claims against the County as follows: Revenue \$81,434.51; Road & Bridge \$18,166.40; County Development \$200.00; Natl Resc Enhanc \$2,352.00; Joint Ditch \$600.00; Solid Waste \$16,033.29.

WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION

Warrants Approved On 11/12/2024 For Payment 11/15/2024

Vendor Name	Amount
Co-Op Services, Inc.	3,592.84
Farmers Union Oil Co.	2,665.65
Hoffman, Philipp & Martell, PLLC	2,825.00
Howard's Oil Company	4,673.23
Larkin Hoffman Attorneys	16,390.00
Law Offices Of Patrick D. Moren	9,146.13
Marco Technologies LLC	4,933.44
Olson Construction Bdt LLC	21,720.00
Pomp's Tire-Thief River Falls	4,638.14
Quadient Finance USA Inc.	2,000.00
R & Q Trucking, Inc	6,264.00
WIDSETH & ASSOC., INC.	4,537.50
83 Payments less than 2000	35,400.27

Final Total: 118,786.20

Further moved to authorize the payment of the following auditor warrants: October 23, 2024 for \$360,380.64; October 30, 2024 for \$13,441.20; November 1, 2024 for \$361,439.08; November 6, 2024 for \$13,647.88.

Approval of Insurance Rates

Motion

Motion was made by Commissioner Buck Nordlof, seconded by Commissioner Joe Grund and carried unanimously to approve a \$75.00 health insurance single and family cap increase for 2025.

Cigarette License Application Approval

Motion

Motion was made by Commissioner Joe Grund, seconded by Commissioner Jon Waibel and carried unanimously to approve the cigarette license application for Northdale Oil, Inc.

Set Work Session

Motion

Motion was made by Commissioner Jon Waibel, seconded by Commissioner Buck Nordlof and carried unanimously to set a work session to review revenue and expenditure guidelines for December 17, 2024 following the regular board meeting.

Rinke Noonan Hourly Rates

Motion

Motion was made by Commissioner Joe Grund, seconded by Commissioner Jon Waibel and carried unanimously to approve the 2025 hourly rates for Rinke Noonan.

Human Resources

HEO Counteroffer

Human Resources Director Savanna Slick informed the board that they had offered the Heavy Equipment Operator position to an applicant and received a counteroffer of Grade 12, Step 9.

Motion

Motion was made by Commissioner Jon Waibel, seconded by Commissioner Buck Nordlof and carried unanimously to counteroffer with Grade 12, Step 6, at 26.69 per hour.

Permission to Hire-Heavy Equipment Operator NWA

Motion

Motion was made by Commissioner Buck Nordlof, seconded by Commissioner Joe Grund and carried unanimously to hire Richard McKeever as Heavy Equipment Operator at the Northwest Angle at Grade 12, Step 1, 274 points at \$24.12 per hour effective November 18, 2024.

County Attorney

Letter of Acceptance

Motion

Motion was made by Commissioner Buck Nordlof, seconded by Commissioner Jon Waibel and carried unanimously to approve a formal letter of acceptance for the City of Baudette's withdrawal from the Tourism Bureau and for Chair Cody Hasbargen to sign the same.

Department of Corrections

CY25 Proposed Probation Budget

District Supervisor Janelle Cheney reviewed the CY25 Proposed Budget and the Department of Corrections Comprehensive plan.

Motion

Motion was made by Buck Nordlof, seconded by Commissioner Jon Waibel and carried unanimously to approve the CY25 Proposed Probation Budget.

Motion

Motion was made by Commissioner Joe Grund, seconded by Commissioner Jon Waibel and carried unanimously to approve the Department of Corrections Comprehensive Plan effective July 2024.

Public Works

Updates

Assistant Engineer Boyd Johnson gave an update on various projects.

Solid Waste Assessment Fee Increase

Motion

Motion was made by Commissioner Joe Grund, seconded by Commissioner Buck Nordlof to approve the increase of solid waste fees from \$130.00 to \$150.00 per unit for taxes payable 2025 with the exception of railroads and utilities which will remain at \$130.00.

Permission to Bid-Landfill Cap

Motion

Motion was made by Commissioner Joe Grund, seconded by Commissioner Buck Nordlof and carried unanimously to approve the request to bid for the landfill cap.

Capping Williams School Well

Motion

Motion was made by Commissioner Buck Nordlof, seconded by Commissioner Joe Grund and carried unanimously to approve the request to cap the well at the Williams school.

Recognition of Years of Service

Resolution

The following resolution was offered by Chairman Cody Hasbargen and moved for adoption:

**Recognition of years of service
Michael Graves
Resolution No. 2024-11-03**

WHEREAS: Michael Graves has served Lake of the Woods County as the Northwest Angle Heavy Equipment Operator since October 30, 2017;

WHEREAS: Michael will retire from Lake of the Woods County effective November 15, 2024 with seven years of service;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Lake of the Woods Board of County Commissioners extends its deepest appreciation to Michael for his dedicated service and wishes him well on his retirement.

The resolution was seconded by Commissioner Jon Waibel and the same being put to a vote, was unanimously carried.

Closed Session

Resolution

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Joe Grund, seconded by Commissioner Buck Nordlof and carried unanimously to approve the following:

**Closed Session-Union Negotiation
RESOLUTION NO. 24-11-02**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Open Meeting Law, Minn. Stat. § 13D.03, subd. 1 states that:

“The governing body of a public employer may by a majority vote in a public meeting decide to hold a closed meeting to consider strategy for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies or developments or discussions and review of labor negotiation proposals, conducted pursuant to sections 179A.01 to 179A.25.”

WHEREAS, the Lake of the Woods County Board of Commissioners shall hold a closed meeting on November 12th, 2024 at 9:55 a.m. to consider strategy for labor negotiations. The closed session shall be held at the Lake of the Woods County Courthouse, Commissioners’ Room, 206 8th Ave. SE, Suite 234, Baudette Minnesota 56623; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Lake of the Woods County Board of Commissioners as follows:

- 1.) The Board of Commissioners hereby closes this meeting pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.03, subd. 1 to consider strategy for labor negotiations including negotiation strategies or developments or discussion and review of Labor negotiation proposals, conducted pursuant to sections 179A.01 to 179A.25.
- 2.) This closed session shall be tape recorded at the expense of the Lake of the Woods County Board of Commissioners and said recording shall be preserved for two years after the contract is signed and shall be made available to the public after all labor contracts are signed by the governing body for the current budget period.

Motion

Motion was made by Commissioner Jon Waibel, seconded by Commissioner Joe Grund and carried unanimously to close the closed session and open the regular meeting.

Motion

Motion was made by Commissioner Buck Nordlof, seconded by Commissioner Joe Grund and carried unanimously to approve the union contract with the Local 49ers for the years 2025,2026, and 2027 for the Highway and Solid Waste departments.

Motion

Motion was made by Commissioner Buck Nordlof, seconded by Commissioner Joe Grund and carried unanimously to approve the licensed union contract with Law Enforcement Labor Services Inc for the years 2025,2026, and 2027.

Motion

Motion was made by Commissioner Buck Nordlof, seconded by Commissioner Joe Grund and carried unanimously to approve the non-licensed union contract with Law Enforcement Labor Services Inc for the years 2025 and 2026.

Motion

Motion was made by Commissioner Buck Nordlof, seconded by Commissioner Jon Waibel and carried unanimously to follow the Local 49ers salary compensation plan for non-union employees for the years 2025, 2026, and 2027.

Adjourn

Motion

Motion was made by Commissioner Jon Waibel, seconded by Commissioner Joe Grund and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Attest:

November 26, 2024

Auditor/Treasurer Lorene Hanson

Chair Cody Hasbargen

October 25, 2024

Stephen Larson

County Administrator

Central Administration

Government Center

3510 12th Ave S,

P.O. Box 280, Moorhead, MN 56560

Greetings:

I am pleased to write that we, the Lakeland Mental Health Center (LMHC) Board of Directors, support Clay County's request for funding for a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF). LMHC serves the west central counties of Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, and Pope. Therefore, we represent a regional perspective of service needs.

There is a serious need for a regional PRTF in the continuum of care. Families from our communities have few options for their children, youth, or young adults to receive appropriate care for high acuity complex mental health issues. Sometimes the only option for this level of care is many miles away from a child's family, support system, and ongoing care providers. It becomes challenging for the family, and others, to remain involved in the treatment. Too many times, there are no options available throughout the state as existing psychiatric beds are at capacity.

We support the development of a PRTF that would allow our counties to better serve our children, youth, young adults and their families. The investment in the development of a PRTF is truly an investment in our future. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jenny Mongeau, Chair

LMHC Board of Directors

November 1, 2024

Stephen Larson

County Administrator

Central Administration

Government Center

3510 12th Ave S,

P.O. Box 280, Moorhead, MN 56560

Greetings:

On behalf of Lakeland Mental Health Center (LMHC), I am pleased to express our support for development of a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) for which Clay County is requesting funding. LMHC serves the west central counties of Clay, Becker, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, and Pope. In 2023, LMHC provided mental health services to over 2,100 clients 18 years old and under. A PRTF would address an important need in our region. There are few options for children, youth, young adults, and their families to access high acuity treatment for complex mental health issues. PRTFs are critical in the continuum of services available in these situations.

The residential facilities that exist are located many miles away from our region. The family and ongoing care providers are challenged to remain actively involved in the treatment when the child or youth is placed so far away from home. Too often, there are no options as existing psychiatric beds are at capacity. Waiting lists are lengthy. Children and youth board in less than ideal settings until access to an appropriate placement can be found.

In conclusion, LMHC supports the development of a PRTF to serve our region. It will meet a missing need in the continuum of care for complex mental health issues. It will help the children, youth, young adults, and their families in our region receive the appropriate treatment and support needed. When the youngest members of our communities succeed, we all reap the benefits. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Donna Baker

Chief Executive Officer

**Mahnomen County
Board of Commissioners
Resolution 2024-11-1**

WHEREAS, there is inadequate capacity across Minnesota's continuum of care to support children with high-acuity, complex, and/or co-occurring conditions, including violent or sexually inappropriate behavior and significant physical health challenges; and

WHEREAS, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) play a critical role in serving children and youth under the age of 21 with severe mental health needs and aggression, as part of this continuum; and

WHEREAS, currently only four PRTF facilities are operational in Minnesota, offering a total of 166 beds, which is insufficient to meet the growing needs of children with serious and complex mental health conditions; and


WHEREAS, the demand for additional PRTF beds across Minnesota is urgent to ensure children receive timely and appropriate care; and

WHEREAS, equitable distribution of PRTF beds throughout the state is essential to provide children with proximity to their home communities, families, and local service providers; and

WHEREAS, Clay County is committed to addressing this critical gap in mental health services by establishing a PRTF in partnership with a qualified service provider for the delivery of these essential services; and

WHEREAS, Clay County seeks bond proceeds funds from the commissioner of human services for a grant to Clay County to predesign, design, and remodel of the West Central Regional Juvenile Center non-secure unit into an 18-bed psychiatric residential treatment facility and address the predesign, design, construct, furnish, and equip of a non-secure unit within Clay County to replace the existing facility that will become a psychiatric residential treatment facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mahnomen County Board of Commissioners via this Resolution, supports Clay County to request Minnesota state funds for infrastructure development for a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility in Clay County, ensuring access to specialized care for children with complex mental health needs across the region.



Darvin Schoenborn, Mahnomen County Board Chairman

Date: Nov 12 2024

I, Bruce Starkey, Mahnomen County Administrator and Clerk of the County Board of Mahnomen, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true copy of a resolution duly passed at a meeting of the Mahnomen County Board of Commissioners held April 23, 2024.



Bruce Starkey, Mahnomen County Administrator

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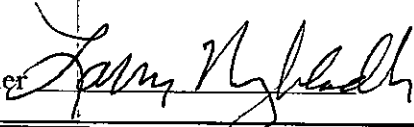
RESOLUTION

Marshall County Board of Commissioners
Warren, Minnesota 56762

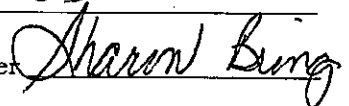
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Resolution No. 11-19-03

Motion by Commissioner



Seconded by Commissioner



WHEREAS, there is inadequate capacity across Minnesota's continuum of care to support children with high-acuity, complex, and/or co-occurring conditions, including violent or sexually inappropriate behavior and significant physical health challenges; and

WHEREAS, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) play a critical role in serving children and youth under the age of 21 with severe mental health needs and aggression, as part of this continuum; and

WHEREAS, currently only four PRTF facilities are operational in Minnesota, offering a total of 166 beds, which is insufficient to meet the growing needs of children with serious and complex mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, the demand for additional PRTF beds across Minnesota is urgent to ensure children receive timely and appropriate care; and

WHEREAS, equitable distribution of PRTF beds throughout the state is essential to provide children with proximity to their home communities, families, and local service providers; and

WHEREAS, Clay County is committed to addressing this critical gap in mental health services by establishing a PRTF in partnership with a qualified service provider for the delivery of these essential services; and

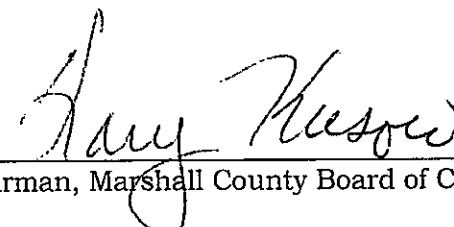
WHEREAS, Clay County seeks State appropriated funding through the Governor's budget and grants from the commissioner of human services for a grant to Clay County to predesign, design, and remodel of the West Central Regional Juvenile Center non-secure unit into an 18-bed psychiatric residential treatment facility and address the predesign, design, construct, furnish, and equip of a non-secure unit within Clay County to replace the existing facility that will become a psychiatric residential treatment facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marshall County Board of Commissioners via this Resolution, supports Clay County to request Minnesota state funds for infrastructure development for a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility in Clay County, ensuring access to specialized care for children with complex mental health needs across the region.

November 19, 2024

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Chairman, Marshall County Board of Commissioners

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March 18, 2025

RE: Minnesota Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) play a crucial role in serving children and youth under the age of 21 experiencing complex and/or co-occurring conditions, including violent or sexually inappropriate behavior and significant health challenges. Currently, in the State of Minnesota, there are four PRTFs, providing a total of only 166 beds, which is woefully insufficient to meet the growing needs of children with serious and complex mental health conditions. The demand for additional PRTF beds across Minnesota is urgent to ensure children receive timely and appropriate care. Equitable distribution of beds throughout the State is essential to provide children with proximity to their home communities, families and local service providers.

Clay County desires to partner with a qualified service provider for delivery of these essential services, and is seeking State appropriated funding through the Governor's budget and grants to remodel the West Central Regional Juvenile Center non-secure unit into an 18-bed Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility.

The Meeker County Board of Commissioners is greatly concerned about the deficiency of available services in this critical area for the youth of our state, and is entirely supportive of Clay County's commitment to addressing this gap in mental health services. Specifically, 2025 Senate File 1795, 2025 House File 1266 and 2025 House File 1380 (startup funding) are the means through which Clay County is requesting \$25,737,000. Meeker County strongly urges the State of Minnesota to provide the funding mechanisms to enable Clay County see this project through to fruition, for the betterment of our youth, and the entire State of Minnesota.

If you have any questions, please reach out to our County Administrator, Andrew Letson, at andrew.letson@co.meeker.mn.us or via phone at 320-693-5201.

Sincerely,



Paul Johnson, Chair
Meeker County Board of Commissioners

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INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL RESOLUTION 01102025_02

RESOLUTION 01102025_02

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council Membership consists of representatives of 10 of the 11 federally-recognized Indian Tribes located within the State of Minnesota, members of the legislature, commissioners from the state department, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council is a liaison between the state and local units of government in the delivery of services to American Indians in the State of Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, American Indian populations are often identified by the various federal and state agencies as a minority and smallest ethnic group in the United States, and

WHEREAS, American Indian people are citizens of, or descendants of citizens of sovereign nations, and possess a unique political status that is not racial or ethnic in nature; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Indian Affairs Council acknowledges there is inadequate capacity across Minnesota's continuum of care to support children with high-acuity, complex, and/or co-occurring conditions, including violent or sexually inappropriate behavior and significant physical health challenges; and

WHEREAS, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) play a critical role in serving children and youth under the age of 21 with severe mental health needs and aggression, as part of this continuum; and

WHEREAS, Currently only four PRTF facilities are operational in Minnesota, offering a total of 166 beds, which is insufficient to meet the growing needs of children with serious and complex mental health conditions. the demand for additional PRTF beds across Minnesota is urgent to ensure children receive timely and appropriate care. Equitable distribution of PRTF beds throughout the state is essential to provide children with proximity to their home communities, families, and local service providers; and

WHEREAS, Clay County is committed to addressing this critical gap in mental health services by establishing a PRTF in partnership with a qualified service provider, Solutions Behavioral Health Care Providers, for the delivery of these essential services; and

WHEREAS, Clay County and Solutions Behavioral Health Care Providers are committed to working with the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council and Minnesota Indian Tribes to ensure culturally infused programming is available within the proposed psychiatric residential treatment facility; and

WHEREAS, Clay County seeks State appropriated funding through the Governor's budget and grants from the Commissioner of Human Services for Clay County to predesign, design, and remodel of the West Central Regional Juvenile Center non-secure unit into an 18-bed psychiatric residential treatment facility and address the predesign, design, construct, furnish, and equip of a non-secure unit within Clay County to replace the existing facility that will become a psychiatric residential treatment facility.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Minnesota Indian affairs Council, hereby extends support of the Clay County Board of Commissioners requests for Minnesota state funds to support infrastructure development for a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility in Clay County, ensuring access to specialized care for children with complex mental health needs across the region and State of Minnesota.

CERTIFICATION: We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and acted upon y a vote of 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent at Regular Meeting held on January 10, 2025, at Tinta Wita / Prairie Island Indian Community, Minnesota.



Robert. L Larsen, Chairman
Minnesota Indian Affairs Council



Robert Deschampe, Vice Chairman
Minnesota Indian Affairs Council



Independent School District 152



1313 30th Ave. S., Moorhead, MN 56560



Phone: 218-284-3300



www.isd152.org



Fax: 218-284-3333

November 11, 2024

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to support Clay County in seeking State appropriated funding through the Governor's budget and grants from the Commissioner of human services for Clay County to predesign, design, and remodel of the West Central Regional Juvenile Center non-secure unit into an 18-bed psychiatric residential treatment facility and address the predesign, design, construct, furnish, and equip of a non-secure unit within Clay County to replace the existing facility that will become a psychiatric residential treatment facility.

The Moorhead Area School District recognizes the need for intensive in-patient psychiatric services for children and youth in our district and the surrounding area. The District will work collaboratively with Clay County to provide services to the facility should it be built within our district boundaries.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brandon Lunak
Superintendent

Morrison County Board of Commission
Resolution 2024-018

WHEREAS, throughout Minnesota there is inadequate capacity in the continuum of care to support children with high acuity, complex and/or co-occurring conditions that include violent or sexually inappropriate behavior and/or physical health challenges; and

WHEREAS, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) are a part of this continuum for children and youth under age 21 with complex mental health conditions and aggression; and

WHEREAS, currently there are four PRTF facilities operational in Minnesota with a total capacity of 166 beds and an additional PRTF set to open soon; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for additional PRTF beds in the State of Minnesota to meet the needs of children with serious and complex mental health needs; and

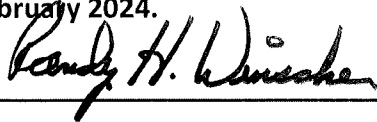
WHEREAS, the location of PRTF beds must be spread across the state to ensure equal access and proximity to a child's home community, family, and service providers; and

WHEREAS, Clay County is committed to establishing a PRTF and will partner with an eligible provider in the delivery of PRTF services; and

WHEREAS, Clay County is seeking Minnesota bond funds to aid in land acquisition and building a PRTF;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Morrison County Board of Commissioners via this Resolution, supports Clay County to request Minnesota bond funds for infrastructure in the development of a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility in Clay County.

Dated this 13th day of February 2024.



Chairperson

Morrison County Board of Commissioners

Norman County Board of Commissioners, Ada MN 56510

RESOLUTION CR 11-07-2024-1

Motion by Commissioner Jacobson Seconded by Commissioner Gundersen

RESOLUTION FOR
Clay County Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility

WHEREAS, there is inadequate capacity across Minnesota's continuum of care to support children with high-acuity, complex, and/or co-occurring conditions, including violent or sexually inappropriate behavior and significant physical health challenges; and

WHEREAS, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) play a critical role in serving children and youth under the age of 21 with severe mental health needs and aggression, as part of this continuum; and

WHEREAS, currently only four PRTF facilities are operational in Minnesota, offering a total of 166 beds, which is insufficient to meet the growing needs of children with serious and complex mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, the demand for additional PRTF beds across Minnesota is urgent to ensure children receive timely and appropriate care; and

WHEREAS, equitable distribution of PRTF beds throughout the state is essential to provide children with proximity to their home communities, families and local service providers; and

WHEREAS, Clay County is committed to addressing this critical gap in mental health services by establishing a PRTF in partnership with a qualified service provider for the delivery of these essential services; and

WHEREAS, Clay County seeks bond proceeds funds from the commissioner of human services for a grant to Clay County to predesign, design, and remodel of the West Central Regional Juvenile Center non-secure unit into an 18-bed psychiatric residential treatment facility and address the predesign, design, construct, furnish and equip of a non-secure unit within Clay County to replace the existing facility that will become a psychiatric residential treatment facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Commissioners of Norman County, Minnesota, that via this Resolution, supports Clay County to request Minnesota state funds for infrastructure development for a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility in Clay County, ensuring access to specialized care for children with complex mental health needs across the region.

Voting in favor

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Voting against

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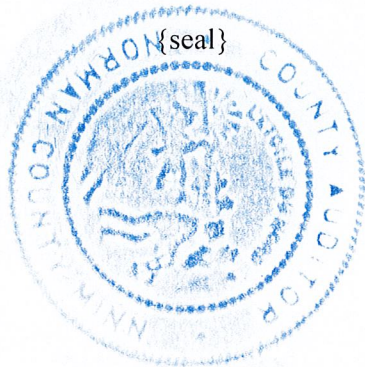
Lee Ann Hall, Chairman

Norman County Board of Commissioners

I, Amanda L. Riegert, Auditor/Treasurer of the County of Norman, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true copy of a resolution duly passed at a meeting of the Norman County Board of Commissioners held the 7th day of November, 2024.

Witness my hand and seal

Dated 11-7-2024



Amanda Riegert

Amanda L. Riegert

Norman County Auditor/Treasurer

Otter Tail County Board of Commission
Resolution No. 2024-13

WHEREAS, throughout Minnesota there is inadequate capacity in the continuum of care to support children with high acuity, complex and/or co-occurring conditions that include violent or sexually inappropriate behavior and/or physical health challenges; and

WHEREAS, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) are a part of this continuum for children and youth under age 21 with complex mental health conditions and aggression; and

WHEREAS, currently, there are four PRTF facilities operational in Minnesota with a total capacity of 166 beds and an additional PRTF set to open soon; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for additional PRTF beds in the State of Minnesota to meet the needs of children with serious and complex mental health needs; and

WHEREAS, the location of PRTF beds must be spread across the state to ensure equal access and proximity to a child's home community, family, and service providers; and

WHEREAS, Clay County is committed to establishing a PRTF and will partner with an eligible provider in the delivery of PRTF services; and

WHEREAS, Clay County is seeking Minnesota bond funds to aid in land acquisition and building a PRTF;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners via this Resolution, supports Clay County to request Minnesota bond funds for infrastructure in the development of a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility in Clay County.

Adopted at Fergus Falls, MN this 13th day of February 2024.

OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Dated: February 13, 2024

By: 
Kurt Mortenson, Board of Commissioners Chair

Attest: 
Nicole Hansen, Clerk



PENNINGTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

101 Main Ave. North
P.O. Box 340
Thief River Falls, MN 56701
(218) 681-2880

Pennington County Board of Commissioners Resolution

WHEREAS, there is inadequate capacity across Minnesota's continuum of care to support children with high-acuity, complex, and/or co-occurring conditions, including violent or sexually inappropriate behavior and significant physical health challenges; and

WHEREAS, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) play a critical role in serving children and youth under the age of 21 with severe mental health needs and aggression, as part of this continuum; and

WHEREAS, currently only four PRTF facilities are operational in Minnesota, offering a total of 166 beds, which is insufficient to meet the growing needs of children with serious and complex mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, the demand for additional PRTF beds across Minnesota is urgent to ensure children receive timely and appropriate care; and

WHEREAS, equitable distribution of PRTF beds throughout the state is essential to provide children with proximity to their home communities, families, and local service providers; and

WHEREAS, Clay County is committed to addressing this critical gap in mental health services by establishing a PRTF in partnership with a qualified service provider for the delivery of these essential services; and

WHEREAS, Clay County seeks bond proceeds funds from the commissioner of human services for a grant to Clay County to predesign, design, and remodel of the West Central Regional Juvenile Center non-secure unit into an 18-bed psychiatric residential treatment facility and address the predesign, design, construct, furnish, and equip of a non-secure unit within Clay County to replace the existing facility that will become a psychiatric residential treatment facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennington County Board of Commissioners via this Resolution, supports Clay County to request Minnesota state funds for infrastructure development for a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility in Clay County, ensuring access to specialized care for children with complex mental health needs across the region.

Dated this 26 day of November 2024.

X Seth Webb
Board Chair

RESOLUTION OF THE POLK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION (2024-79)

**Support Clay County to Request Minnesota Bond Funds
for Development of a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility**

The following resolution (2024-79) was offered by Commissioner Lee:

WHEREAS, There is inadequate capacity across Minnesota's continuum of care to support children with high-acuity, complex, and/or co-occurring conditions, including violent or sexually inappropriate behavior and significant physical health challenges; and

WHEREAS, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) play a critical role in serving children and youth under the age of 21 with severe mental health needs and aggression, as part of this continuum; and

WHEREAS, Currently only four PRTF facilities are operational in Minnesota, offering a total of 166 beds, which is insufficient to meet the growing needs of children with serious and complex mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, The demand for additional PRTF beds across Minnesota is urgent to ensure children receive timely and appropriate care; and

WHEREAS, Equitable distribution of PRTF beds throughout the state is essential to provide children with proximity to their home communities, families, and local service providers; and

WHEREAS, Clay County is committed to addressing this critical gap in mental health services by establishing a PRTF in partnership with a qualified service provider for the delivery of these essential services; and


WHEREAS, Clay County seeks bond proceeds funds from the commissioner of human services for a grant to Clay County to predesign, design, and remodel the West Central Regional Juvenile Center non-secure unit into an 18-bed psychiatric residential treatment facility and address the predesign, design, construct, furnish, and equip of a non-secure unit within Clay County to replace the existing facility that will become a psychiatric residential treatment facility.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the County Board of Polk County, Minnesota as follows:

This resolution supports Clay County to request Minnesota state funds for infrastructure development for a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility in Clay County, ensuring access to specialized care for children with complex mental health needs across the region.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF POLK)

WITNESS my hand and Official Seal of Polk County at Crookston, Minnesota, this 19th day of November 2024.


Charles S. Whiting
Polk County Administrator
Clerk of the Board



Board of Commissioners
606 5th Ave. SW, Room #131
Roseau, MN 56751
Phone: 218-463-4248
Fax: 218-463-3252

A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wicklund, and carried unanimously to adopt the following Resolution:

2024-11-01

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY IN CLAY COUNTY**

WHEREAS, throughout Minnesota, there is inadequate capacity in the continuum of care to support children with high-acuity, complex and/or co-occurring conditions that include violent or sexually inappropriate behavior, and/or significant physical health challenges; and

WHEREAS, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) play a critical role in serving children and youth under age 21 with severe mental health needs and aggression, as part of this continuum; and

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WHEREAS, Clay County seeks bond proceeds funds from the Commissioner of Human Services for a grant to Clay County to predesign, design, and remodel of the West Central Regional Juvenile Center non-secure unit into an 18-bed psychiatric residential treatment facility and address the predesign, design, construct, furnish, and equip of a non-secure unit within Clay County to replace the existing facility that will become a psychiatric residential treatment facility.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Roseau County Board of Commissioners supports Clay County's request for Minnesota state funds for infrastructure development for a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility in Clay County, ensuring access to specialized care for children with complex mental health needs across the region.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss
COUNTY OF ROSEAU)

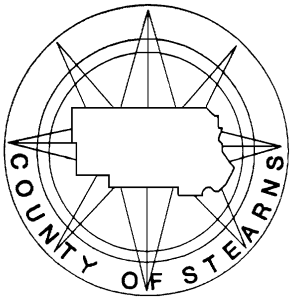
I, Jeff Pelowski, County Coordinator in and for Roseau County, Minnesota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a part of the proceedings adopted by the Roseau County Board of Commissioners on November 12, 2024.



Jeff Pelowski
Roseau County Coordinator

District 1, Glenda Phillipe - District 2, Jack Swanson - District 3, Levi Novacek, Chair
District 4, Kermit Jensen, Vice-Chair - District 5, Daryl Wicklund

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www.stearnscountymn.gov

Email: familychildrens@stearnscountymn.gov

December 13, 2024

RE: Letter of Support – Clay County Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF)

To Whom It May Concern:

Clay County and Solutions Behavioral Healthcare Professionals are partnering in the development of a PRTF in Moorhead, Minnesota. PRTFs play a critical role in serving youth under the age of 21 with severe mental health needs and aggression. There are only four PRTFs that are operational in Minnesota, which is inadequate across Minnesota's continuum of care to support children with high-acuity, complex, and/or co-occurring conditions, including violent or sexually inappropriate behavior and significant physical health challenges.

Stearns County Human Services wishes to express its support for the development of the PRTF in Clay County. Due to the lack of PRTFs, Stearns County Human Services has been faced with challenges in the placement of youth in need of residential psychiatric services. In the last year, one youth had to be sheltered, one youth remained in detention, and two youth were placed out of state. These situations could have been avoided with sufficient residential psychiatric treatment options within the state.

All of these youth have experienced trauma, which has been exacerbated by the loss of connection to their families and communities. The absence of adequate in-state resources has forced Stearns County to look outside our community and state for placement options, further contributing to the youth's disconnection and impacting their long-term well-being.

The shortage of psychiatric residential treatment beds in Minnesota highlights the urgent need for the expansion of these services. By increasing access to appropriate care closer to home, we can provide youth with the support they need, minimize disruption to their lives, and begin the critical process of healing and reintegration into their families and communities.

It is essential that we work together to address this gap and ensure that all youth in Minnesota have access to the care they need when they need it most.

Melissa Huberty, MSW, LICSW
Human Services Administrator

STEVENS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

DATE: November 19, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 33

Motion by Commissioner Ennen

Seconded by Commissioner Lesmeister-Nelson

RESOLUTION NO. 241119-33
Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF)

WHEREAS, there is inadequate capacity across Minnesota's continuum of care to support children with high-acuity, complex, and/or co-occurring conditions, including violent or sexually inappropriate behavior and significant physical health challenges; and

WHEREAS, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) play a critical role in serving children and youth under the age of 21 with severe mental health needs and aggression, as part of this continuum; and

WHEREAS, currently only four PRTF facilities are operational in Minnesota, offering a total of 166 beds, which is insufficient to meet the growing needs of children with serious and complex mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, the demand for additional PRTF beds across Minnesota is urgent to ensure children receive timely and appropriate care; and

WHEREAS, equitable distribution of PRTF beds throughout the state is essential to provide children with proximity to their home communities, families, and local service providers; and

WHEREAS, Clay County is committed to addressing this critical gap in mental health services by establishing a PRTF in partnership with a qualified service provider for the delivery of these essential services; and

WHEREAS, Clay County seeks bond proceeds funds from the commissioner of human services for a grant to Clay County to predesign, design, and remodel of the West Central Regional Juvenile Center non-secure unit into an 18-bed psychiatric residential treatment facility and address the predesign, design, construct, furnish, and equip of a non-secure unit within Clay County to replace the existing facility that will become a psychiatric residential treatment facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stevens County Board of Commissioners via this Resolution, supports Clay County to request Minnesota state funds for infrastructure development for a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility in Clay County, ensuring access to specialized care for children with complex mental health needs across the region.

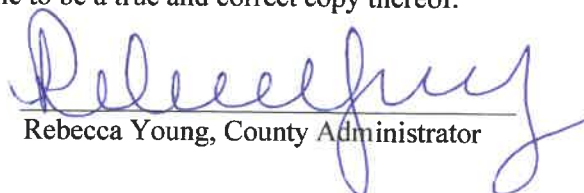
Staples	Aye	Ennen	Aye	Wohlers	Aye
Kopitzke	Absent	Lesmeister-Nelson	Aye		

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

) ss.

COUNTY OF STEVENS)

I, Rebecca Young, County Administrator and Clerk To The Board, for the County of Stevens, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Stevens County, Minnesota at their session held on the 19th day of November, 2024, now stored electronically on the County's M-Files storage system, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.


Rebecca Young, County Administrator



WHERE THE FOREST MEETS THE PRAIRIE

Todd County

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Board Action Form

Requestor to Complete:

Type of Action Requested (Check one):		Board Action Tracking Number : <i>(Issued by Auditor/Treasurer Office)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Action/Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Report	20241119-22
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Agenda Topic Title for Publication:	Resolution Establishing Support for Clay County
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Date of Meeting: 11/19/2024	Total Topic Time Requested: 5 minutes
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Organization / Department Requesting Action: Health and Human Services
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Person Presenting Topic at Meeting: Jackie Och and Jon Mattson
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Background: Supporting Documentation enclosed <input type="checkbox"/>

Clay County is seeking support from surrounding counties in their efforts to request Minnesota grant funds design and remodel of the West Central Regional Juvenile Center non-secure unit into an 18 bed Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF). Furthermore, Clay County is seeking funding to design, construct, furnish and equip a non-secure unit within Clay County to replace the existing facility. The overall impact of this request is to establish PRTF programming to support the needs of children from the surrounding communities and counties with serious and complex mental health needs.

Options:

1. To approve the resolution establishing support for Clay County to request Minnesota bond funds for infrastructure in the development of a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility in Clay County..

2. Not approve

Recommendation:

The Todd County Board of Commissioners approves the following by Motion:
To approve the resolution establishing support for Clay County to request Minnesota grant funds to develop a psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility in Clay County, and construct and equip a new non-secure unit within Clay County to replace the existing facility.

Additional Information:	Budgeted:	Comments
Financial Implications: \$ None	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Funding Source(s):		

Auditor/Treasurer Archival Purposes Only:

Action Taken:	Voting in Favor	Voting Against
Motion: Byers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Becker	<input type="checkbox"/> Becker
Second: Denny	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neumann	<input type="checkbox"/> Neumann
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Official Certification

STATE OF MINNESOTA}
COUNTY OF TODD}
I, Denise Gaida, County Auditor-Treasurer, Todd County, Minnesota hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the proceedings of the County Board of said County with the original record thereof on file in the Auditor-Treasurer's Office of Todd County in Long Prairie, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said board and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original record and of the whole thereof, and that said motion was duly passed by said board at said meeting. Witness my hand and seal.





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On a motion by Byers and second by Denny the following was adopted by unanimous vote:

A Resolution Establishing Support for Clay County to Develop a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility and Replace Current Non-secure Unit

WHEREAS, there is inadequate capacity across Minnesota's continuum of care to support children with high-acuity, complex, and/or co-occurring conditions, including violent or sexually inappropriate behavior and significant physical health challenges; and

WHEREAS, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) play a critical role in serving children and youth under the age of 21 with severe mental health needs and aggression, as part of this continuum; and

WHEREAS, currently only four PRTF facilities are operational in Minnesota, offering a total of 166 beds, which is insufficient to meet the growing needs of children with serious and complex mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, the demand for additional PRTF beds across Minnesota is urgent to ensure children receive timely and appropriate care; and

WHEREAS, equitable distribution of PRTF beds throughout the state is essential to provide children with proximity to their home communities, families, and local service providers; and

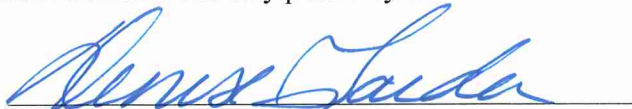
WHEREAS, Clay County is committed to addressing this critical gap in mental health services by establishing a PRTF in partnership with a qualified service provider for the delivery of these essential services; and

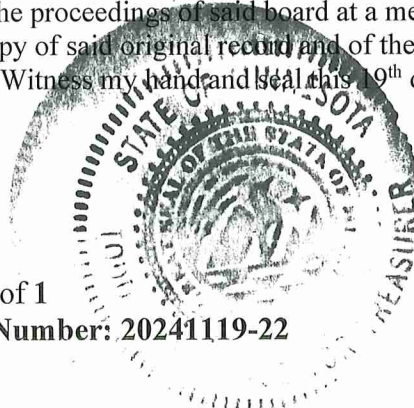
WHEREAS, Clay County seeks bond proceeds funds from the commissioner of human services for a grant to Clay County to predesign, design, and remodel of the West Central Regional Juvenile Center non-secure unit into an 18-bed psychiatric residential treatment facility and address the predesign, design, construct, furnish, and equip of a non-secure unit within Clay County to replace the existing facility that will become a psychiatric residential treatment facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners via this Resolution, supports Clay County to request Minnesota state funds for infrastructure development for a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility in Clay County, ensuring access to specialized care for children with complex mental health needs across the region.

STATE OF MINNESOTA }
COUNTY OF TODD }

I, Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor/Treasurer, hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution of the County Board of said County with the original record thereof on file in the Auditor-Treasurer's Office of Todd County in Long Prairie, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said board at a meeting duly held on November 19th, 2024, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original record and of the whole thereof, and that said resolution was duly passed by said board at said meeting. Witness my hand and seal this 19th day of November, 2024.


Denise Gaida, County Auditor/Treasurer





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County Board of Commissioners Resolution

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WHEREAS, equitable distribution of PRTF beds throughout the state is essential to provide children with proximity to their home communities, families, and local service providers; and

WHEREAS, Clay County is committed to addressing this critical gap in mental health services by establishing a PRTF in partnership with a qualified service provider for the delivery of these essential services; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Traverse County Board of Commissioners via this Resolution, supports Clay County to request Minnesota state funds for infrastructure development for a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility in Clay County, ensuring access to specialized care for children with complex mental health needs across the region.

Dated this 19 day of November, 2024.

Voting Aye Commissioners: ^{absent} Mark Gail ☒ Jerrel Olson ☒ Dwight Nelson ☒ Chad Metz ☒ Kayla Schmidt

Voting Nay Commissioners: Mark Gail Jerrel Olson Dwight Nelson Chad Metz Kayla Schmidt

**Wadena County Board of Commission
Resolution**

WHEREAS, throughout Minnesota there is inadequate capacity in the continuum of care to support children with high acuity, complex and/or co-occurring conditions that include violent or sexually inappropriate behavior and/or physical health challenges; and

WHEREAS, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) are a part of this continuum for children and youth under age 21 with complex mental health conditions and aggression; and

WHEREAS, currently there are four PRTF facilities operational in Minnesota with a total capacity of 166 beds and an additional PRTF set to open soon; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for additional PRTF beds in the State of Minnesota to meet the needs of children with serious and complex mental health needs; and

WHEREAS, the location of PRTF beds must be spread across the state to ensure equal access and proximity to a child's home community, family, and service providers; and

WHEREAS, Clay County is committed to establishing a PRTF and will partner with an eligible provider in the delivery of PRTF services; and

WHEREAS, Clay County is seeking Minnesota bond funds to aid in land acquisition and building a PRTF;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Wadena County Board of Commissioners via this Resolution, supports Clay County to request Minnesota bond funds for infrastructure in the development of a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility in Clay County.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF THE WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS has caused this resolution to be adopted this 13th day of February, 2024.

ATTEST:



Wadena County Auditor-Treasurer

WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY _____

Murlyn Kreklau, Chairperson

What is a PRTF:

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) provide active treatment to children and youth under age 21 with complex mental health conditions. This is an inpatient level of care provided in a residential facility rather than a hospital. Minnesota has struggled to meet the needs of children, youth, and young adults with complex mental health conditions and PRTF's are and have been instrumental in the continuum of care.

Who is Eligible for a PRTF:

To be admitted to a PRTF, the person needs to be under age 21 and have:

- Serious and complex mental health needs
- Severe aggression, or risk to self or others
- Difficulty functioning safely and successfully in the home school and community
- All other community-based mental health services utilized and exhausted
- Been found to require this level of care to improve the individual's condition or prevent further regression.

What Services are Provided in a PRTF:

PRTFs deliver services under the direction of a physician, seven days per week, to residents and their families.

Psychiatric residential treatment facility services include:

- Psychiatrist or physician services for development of an individual care plan
- Active treatment to include individual, family, and group therapy
- Family engagement activities
- 24-hour nursing
- Consultation with other professionals
- Coordination of educational services
- Supportive services for daily living, safety, and positive behavior management

Current PRTFs in Minnesota:

As of October 23, 2024, there are four PRTFs currently operating in Minnesota. The facilities, location, capacity, and waitlist are as follows:

Facility	Location	Bed Capacity	Demographic Served	Waitlist	Travel Distance
Grafton Integrated Health Network	Cold Spring	28	Males and Females 8-17, Intellectual disabilities, Autism and/or developmental delays with a psychiatric diagnosis.	2-3 Months	2.5 hrs
Hoffman Center	St. Peter	40	Males 11-17	1-2 month wait list for younger and 2-3 month older. Operating 60% capacity-workforce	4.25 hrs
Nexus-East Bethel Family Healing	East Bethel	40	Only taking females up to age 12. Opened in November 2023.	No males	3.5 hrs
Northwood Children's Services-West Campus	Duluth	56	Males and Females 5-21	Two-years for Females. One year for males 12-21 yr. olds. 4-6 months for 5-13 yr. olds.	4.25 hrs

Why do we need additional PRTFs:

Throughout Minnesota there is inadequate capacity in the continuum of care to support children with high acuity, complex and/or co-occurring conditions that include violent or sexually inappropriate behavior and/or physical health challenges. Children are being boarded in acute care emergency departments, juvenile detention settings, and even county office spaces and hotels, while agencies work to locate appropriate providers to meet their needs. In many cases this involves dozens of calls both within and outside of Minnesota to try to locate a provider to meet the child's needs.

Much of the time, specialized resources are not available in local communities or even within the State. For children there can be real damage and harm to their relationships with caregivers, siblings, and family systems that significantly impact their growth and development when they must be served several hours away or even several States away from their home.

While access to mental health services is problematic throughout the continuum, children's residential treatment care has shrunk significantly. In a report prepared by AspireMN in July 2023, it is noted that in 2023 "MN has 93 licensed Children's Residential Facilities, 154 have closed since 2005". With these closures, the bed capacity has reduced from 2,474 in 2005 to 1,586 in 2023. This represents a loss of 888 beds or a 36% reduction. "The impact of COVID, between 2020 and 2023, 601 beds closed, meaning 30% of total capacity has been lost in the last three years."

A March 2021 article in the Minnesota Physicians Journal indicated "Minnesota ranks 50 out of all states on having the fewest number of psychiatric beds per capita (3.5 beds per 100,000). The recommendation by health policy experts is 40-60 mental health beds for every 100,000. Most psychiatric units are at max capacity, most of the time- especially child and adolescent units."

The 2023 Final Report from the Minnesota Medical Association-Minnesota American College of Emergency Physicians (MMA-MNACEP) Taskforce to Reduce ED Boarding of Patients with Psychiatric Diagnoses highlighted the following specific to children and residential/hospital level of care:

- "Generally, as the age of an ED patient with a psychiatric diagnosis increases, the odds that said patient will board decreases, Nolan et al, suggest that this may be due to the particular difficulty in locating psychiatric services and securing placement for the pediatric population."
- "The estimated percentage of Minnesota teens experiencing a major depressive episode in 2019-2020 was 19.4% which is a significant increase from the 2005-2006 estimate of 8.4% (Ibid)."
- The "nonprofit Mental Health Minnesota reports that the number of Minnesota children screened online for mental health problems increased 373%, or 1,662 to 7,882, between 2019 and 2020 (Serres, 2021)."
- "The Task Force has heard from multiple stakeholders that the number, regional distribution, and bed type distribution..... of mental health residential treatment beds in Minnesota are inadequate."
- The Task Force recommends advocating for a "supply of mental health residential treatment beds that better accommodates the needs of Minnesotans."

- “The Task Force urges that new residential treatment beds should be distributed equitably across bed types and geographic regions.”
- The Task Force recommends support for legislation to require all health plans in Minnesota to offer meaningful coverage for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities for children.

Past reports have also illustrated the need for PRTFs. In 2014, the Minnesota Association of County Social Services Administrators participated in a survey on how many children and youth within the previous two years fit the profile for PRTF. From the 53 counties (out of 87) who responded: 339 children and youth were unserved in 2012 and 385 children and youth were unserved in 2013.

In August 2015, Wilder Research published a services gaps analysis. Key findings suggested a lack of access to psychiatric services, as well as residential and residential treatment services for youth with complex mental health conditions. Counties, in their role of lead agencies, rated residential child and youth psychiatry beds, psychiatric prescribers, and residential placements for children and youth with aggressive behaviors (particularly for youth under age 13) as the largest or most significant gaps.

What are Next Steps:

1. Clay County and Solutions Behavioral Healthcare Professionals seek to partner in the development of a PRTF in Moorhead, Mn (Clay County).
2. Unofficial understanding is that the State Department of Human Services has a desire to establish an additional 100 PRTF beds.
3. The proposal considered is Clay County would secure the facility and would be looking for infrastructure grants and bonding for renovation and facility development.
4. Solutions Behavioral Healthcare Professionals would respond to the next Request for Proposal (RFP) process and would need to be enrolled with Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) to be eligible for reimbursement.



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Western Prairie Board of Commissioners Resolution

WHEREAS, there is inadequate capacity across Minnesota's continuum of care to support children with high-acuity, complex, and/or co-occurring conditions, including violent or sexually inappropriate behavior and significant physical health challenges; and

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WHEREAS, currently only four PRTF facilities are operational in Minnesota, offering a total of 166 beds, which is insufficient to meet the growing needs of children with serious and complex mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, the demand for additional PRTF beds across Minnesota is urgent to ensure children receive timely and appropriate care; and

WHEREAS, equitable distribution of PRTF beds throughout the state is essential to provide children with proximity to their home communities, families, and local service providers; and

WHEREAS, Clay County is committed to addressing this critical gap in mental health services by establishing a PRTF in partnership with a qualified service provider for the delivery of these essential services; and

WHEREAS, Clay County seeks bond proceeds funds from the commissioner of human services for a grant to Clay County to predesign, design, and remodel of the West Central Regional Juvenile Center non-secure unit into an 18-bed psychiatric residential treatment facility and address the predesign, design, construct, furnish, and equip of a non-secure unit within Clay County to replace the existing facility that will become a psychiatric residential treatment facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Western Prairie Board of Commissioners via this Resolution, supports Clay County to request Minnesota state funds for infrastructure development for a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility in Clay County, ensuring access to specialized care for children with complex mental health needs across the region.

Dated this 1st day of November 2024.

Voting Aye Commissioners ☒ Troy Johnson ☒ Ken Johnson ☒ Doyel Sperr ☒ Dwight Walvatne
☐ Larry Lindor ☐ Bill LaValley ☒ Paul Gremmels ☒ Paul Wildman ☒ Paul Gerde ☐ Gordy Wagner

Voting Nay Commissioners ☐ Troy Johnson ☐ Ken Johnson ☐ Doyel Sperr ☐ Dwight Walvatne
☐ Larry Lindor ☐ Bill LaValley ☐ Paul Gremmels ☐ Paul Wildman ☐ Paul Gerde ☐ Gordy Wagner

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RESOLUTION 17-2024
Supporting Clay County PRTF Facility Request

WHEREAS, there is inadequate capacity across Minnesota's continuum of care to support children with high-acuity, complex, and/or co-occurring conditions, including violent or sexually inappropriate behavior and significant physical health challenges; and

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WHEREAS, the demand for additional PRTF beds across Minnesota is urgent to ensure children receive timely and appropriate care; and

WHEREAS, equitable distribution of PRTF beds throughout the state is essential to provide children with proximity to their home communities, families, and local service providers; and

WHEREAS, Wilkin County is committed to addressing this critical gap in mental health services by establishing a PRTF in partnership with a qualified service provider for the delivery of these essential services; and

WHEREAS, Clay County seeks state funding to assist in the pre-design, construction, furnishing, and equipping of a non-secure residential facility in order to remodel an existing space to serve as a PRTF;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wilkin County Board of Commissioners support Clay County's request for Minnesota state funds to support infrastructure development for a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility in Clay County, ensuring access to specialized care for children with complex mental health needs across the region.

Adopted this 12th day of November, 2024.



Board Chair

Attest:



Stephanie Sandbakken

County Administrator

(Seal)

11-19-03

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