

RESOLUTION

Resolution Authorizing the Extension of the Intergovernmental Agreement between McHenry County and the Region 1 Joint Regional Planning Commission (18)

WHEREAS, the County of McHenry desires to extend Resolution R-202005-12-087, adopted on May 19, 2020, which authorized participation in the Region 1 Joint Regional Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, 55 ILCS 5/5-14001, et seq., authorizes county boards to create regional planning commissions or joint regional planning commissions; and

WHEREAS, 55 ILCS 5/5-14003 provides that when the region comprising the regional planning commission embraces more than one county, the county boards of said counties are empowered to cooperate in defining the boundaries of said region, and in the creation and organization of one joint regional planning commission for such region so mutually defined; and

WHEREAS, 55 ILCS 5/5-14003 further authorizes the county boards of such counties to be members of the joint regional planning commission and to appropriate funds for its use in amounts mutually agreed upon by said county boards; and

WHEREAS, 55 ILCS 5/5-14001 authorizes county boards within a region to create a plan for the purpose of guiding and accomplishing coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of such region and of public improvements and utilities therein, to promote the health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, efficiency, economy of development and the general welfare of the region; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 5 ILCS 220/9 and 55 ILCS 5/2-5009, the County Boards of Winnebago and Boone Counties created the Region 1 Joint Planning Commission through execution of an intergovernmental agreement effective August 21, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of McHenry County, as a party to the existing intergovernmental agreement and a member of the Region 1 Joint Planning Commission, supports the continued operation of the Commission and desires to extend the term of the existing agreement; and

WHEREAS, McHenry County may withdraw from the Joint Regional Planning Commission upon an affirmative vote of the McHenry County Board and by providing at least ninety (90) days written notice to the other Members of the Joint Regional Planning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of McHenry County, that the term of the intergovernmental agreement creating the Region 1 Joint Planning Commission is hereby extended in accordance with the terms and provisions set forth in the agreement and as mutually agreed upon by the member counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$49,402 annually, to be paid in quarterly installments of \$12,350.50, is hereby appropriated to fund the extension of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Region 1 Joint Planning Commission. This amount will be budgeted annually from account 400500 (Dues/Membership), 40 (Contractual), 19 (Risk Management), 1900 (Administration), 302 (Economic Development); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the County Board of McHenry County is authorized and directed to execute any necessary amendments or documents required to extend the intergovernmental agreement pursuant to 5 ILCS 220/9 and 55 ILCS 5/2-5009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board of McHenry County reaffirms its commitment to the obligations and duties set forth in the bylaws of the Region 1 Joint Planning Commission, a copy of which is attached hereto as *Exhibit A*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon adoption by the McHenry County Board and the respective governing bodies of the Region 1 Joint Planning Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the County Board is hereby authorized to prepare and deliver certified copies of this Resolution to the Chairman of the McHenry County Board and to the Region 1 Joint Planning Commission.

DATED at Woodstock, Illinois, this 20th day of May, A.D., 2025.

Michael Buehler, Chairman
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk

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SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Extension of the Intergovernmental Agreement between McHenry County and the Region 1 Joint Regional Planning Commission (18)

Board / Committee Action Requested:

To approve a resolution authorizing the extension of the IGA between McHenry County and the Region 1 Joint Regional Planning Commission.

Background and Discussion:

R1's ongoing support continues to align with McHenry County's operational and strategic goals. In addition to providing grant research and writing services, R1 leads the Northern Illinois Bank Authority, of which McHenry County is a member. The organization remains a key partner in regional economic development initiatives, legislative collaboration, and grant acquisition efforts. As the County's population grows, coordination with Boone and Winnebago Counties through R1 will be essential for progress in economic development, housing, and transportation infrastructure.

Impact on Human Resources:

No direct impact on Human Resources.

Impact on Budget (Revenue; Expenses, Fringe Benefits):

The annual membership cost of \$49,402 was included in the FY25 budget. The value of this membership is clear, as R1 has already helped the State's Attorney's Office secure \$148,000 in grant funding this fiscal year. From July 2024 through March 2025, R1 has provided 663 hours of service, including significant grant-writing support, such as a major submission for Wonder Lake that secured \$3M from the State of Illinois. R1 will play a key role in supporting the anticipated economic growth at the 23/90 interchange and will be an essential resource. The scope and quality of these services would be costly to replicate with internal resources or contracted vendors.

Position Reclassification or Regrade, please address the following:

Not applicable

Impact on Capital Expenditures:

No impact

Impact on Physical Space:

No impact

Impact on Other County Departments or Outside Agencies:

R1's work has provided direct benefits to multiple County departments, particularly through grant writing and research support. The partnership enhances coordination with outside agencies on regional initiatives, offering a collaborative framework that would be difficult to replicate independently.

Conformity to Board Ordinances, Policies and Strategic Plan:

The relationship with R1 aligns with the County's strategic objectives related to economic growth, intergovernmental cooperation, and resource efficiency. The contract is functioning well and supports long-term priorities. As regional developments such as the Rockford Airport and future rail expansion progress, McHenry County's participation in R1 positions the County to capitalize on emerging economic opportunities.