

**TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY:** Your County Personnel and Human Services Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approved applying for a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant for the purchase of approximately 33 acres of property adjacent and north of Madeline Bertrand County Park through Resolution #P2003200 dated March 19, 2020 (Tax ID: 11-14-0860-0072-01-1); and

**WHEREAS**, Berrien County was awarded the MNRTF Acquisition Grant (Grant #TF020-0182) and accepted the terms of the Project Agreement through Resolution #P2106243 dated June 10, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the original project cost was anticipated to be \$410,800, of which \$300,000 was awarded through the grant and the remaining cost of \$110,800 was approved as a match from Berrien County Parks budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the results of a property appraisal completed in December 2021, with appraisal approved by the MNRTF Real Estate Division, came to a market property value conclusion of \$700,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the final agreed upon purchase price and terms between the Seller and Berrien County include:

1. Property purchase price is \$425,000.
2. The owner will convey all title and interest to the County of Berrien by Warranty Deed.
3. County will pay all closing costs, necessary surveys and title insurance.
4. The County recognizes that the true cash value of the property is \$700,000. Therefore, if the Seller pursues a tax benefit for any portion of this conveyance that constitutes a charitable donation, the County will assist their preferred tax professional in pursuing this tax benefit; and

**WHEREAS**, a Purchase Agreement has been written between the Seller and Berrien County and reviewed and approved by Berrien County Corporate Counsel.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Parks Director to execute the related documents to finalize the purchase of 33 acres of property adjacent and north of Madeline Bertrand County Park identified as 11-14-0860-0072-01-1.

**BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Parks Department may move forward with depositing \$5,000 with Core Real Estate as earnest money.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
BERRIEN COUNTY PERSONNEL AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Robert P. Harrison, Chairperson

Michael J. Majerek, Vice-Chairperson

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