

**Resolution #2017-02**

Resolution in Support of County-Wide Transit Service Plan for Calhoun County

**Purpose and Finding:** Calhoun County is the only county in Region 8, which includes Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass Kalamazoo and Van Buren, which does not provide public transit services county-wide. Approximately 15% of households in Calhoun County are without sufficient access to a vehicle and 7% are without access to a vehicle or mass transit. The numbers are even greater within the City of Albion. The City of Albion and Marshall have provided a connector service, however, there is not a sustainable long-term funding source for this much needed service. Calhoun County has created a Task Force in partnership with Albion, Battle Creek, Springfield, Marshall and the Village of Homer. The goal is to raise approximately \$175,000 in funding to hire a consultant to assist with developing a Calhoun County-wide Transit Service Plan that will provide a vision for all public transit in Calhoun County and will be the basis for developing and delivering transit projects and programs. MDOT will be approached for 80% of the funding and there is an anticipated local match of 20%. **FINDING:** It is found that supporting efforts to establish a county-wide transit service in Calhoun County would be beneficial to Albion residents and businesses.

Council Member Barnes moved, supported by Council Member French, to approve the following resolution.

**RESOLVED**, that Albion City Council hereby supports the Calhoun County grant application to secure funding to develop a County-wide Transit Service Plan that will provide a vision and plan for public transit services for the City of Albion and throughout Calhoun County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Albion City Manager is authorized to sign the letter of support on behalf of the City of Albion.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted on January 17, 2017, at a regular meeting of the Albion City Council, and this is a true copy of that resolution.

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Absent 0

Jill Domingo  
Jill Domingo, Albion City Clerk