

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING INTENT FOR MUTUAL COOPERATION IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL HEALTHCARE PARK; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, counties are authorized under Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution and Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended ("Act") to jointly develop an industrial or business park in the geographical boundaries of one or more contiguous counties; and

WHEREAS, Allendale County, Bamberg County and Barnwell County (collectively, "Counties") are engaged in a cooperative effort to improve and enhance the healthcare available to the citizens of the Counties through the establishment of a new regional healthcare system to include existing facilities in each of the Counties and a new regional healthcare facility ("Facility"); and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Act, the Counties desire to establish the Tri-County Regional Healthcare Park ("Park") to provide an ideal location for the Facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Barnwell County Council of Barnwell County, South Carolina ("County Council") as follows:

Section 1. Intent to Establish Park. The County Council hereby expresses its intent to cooperate with the other Counties in the establishment of the Park and hereby authorizes the Chair and the County Administrator to proceed with negotiations with their counterparts in the other Counties.

Section 2. Park Agreement. The County Council hereby expresses its intent to negotiate and enter into an agreement among the Counties for purposes of forming the Park, the terms of which shall reflect an equal split of (i) revenues from the Facility and associated facilities in the Park and (ii) expenses, if any, relating to the construction of necessary infrastructure to serve the Facility location, as well as provisions to offset incremental operating expenditures (i.e. police and fire protection) to be incurred by the host county. The agreement shall not take effect until approved by an Ordinance of the County Council.

Section 3. Effectiveness of Resolution. All orders, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed. This resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage by the County Council.

Adopted December 15, 2010

BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL

By: Thomas Williams
Thomas Williams, Chairman

(SEAL)

Attest this 15th day of December, 2010

Pickens Williams Jr., Administrator

