

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

RESOLUTION NO. 20410

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY COMMISSION'S CALL FOR AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL LEVY FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE PROPOSED REMODELED DETENTION CENTER

WHEREAS, the County is in the process of designing, remodeling, expanding, equipping, furnishing and financing its detention center located at 221 Breckenridge in Helena, Montana (the "Facility"), which is intended to be funded by \$6,500,000 principal amount of County General Obligation Bonds (the "Bonds") approved for such purpose in a general election held on November 8, 2016, upon the completion of a successful County election approving an annual mill levy for fifteen years to raise \$4,000,000 annually for maintenance and operations costs for the Facility (the "Initial Companion Mill Levy Election"); and

WHEREAS, the County held the Initial Companion Mill Levy Election and the election was not successful; and

WHEREAS, the County proposes to conduct another companion mill levy election on November 7, 2017 approving an annual mill levy for fifteen years to raise \$4,000,000 annually for maintenance and operation costs for the Facility; and

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WHEREAS, when the Facility is expanded and remodeled, the County wants to ensure that the County has the financial capacity to properly operate and maintain the Facility; and

WHEREAS, the current facility was designed to house 54 inmates, and the County averages over 100 inmates in custody; and

WHEREAS, the majority of inmates in Lewis and Clark County custody are felony level offenders awaiting disposition of their criminal charges; and

WHEREAS, the current system and facility has a direct adverse impact on services provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, the identified system improvements include early childhood intervention coordination; implementation of pretrial services to establish a risk assessment and implement supervision techniques for people that can be released from custody; adoption and evaluation of appropriate jail standards; mental health programming, case management, and discharge planning for incarcerated individuals needing services; and stability funding

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for crisis services throughout our community; and

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the best interests of the City of Helena and the inhabitants thereof that they be allowed to vote on the identified improvements to the Detention Center and system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSISON OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA:

Section 1. The Helena City Commission supports the Lewis and Clark County Commission's call for an election on the question of establishing an annual levy for maintenance and operation of the proposed remodeled detention center.

PASSED AND EFFECTIVE BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA, THIS 16th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2017.

ATTEST:

/S/ JAMES E. SMITH
MAYOR

/S/ DEBBIE HAVENS
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION