

Res. 24-90

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORD COUNTY BOARD REGARDING RURAL PUBLIC  
TRANSPORTATION USING SECTION 5311 & DOAP FUNDING**

**WHEREAS**, the Ford County Board ("BOARD"), is currently party to an Intergovernmental Agreement to Provide for Public Transportation in Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, DeWitt, Macon, and McLean Counties ("IGA") to persons in non-urbanized areas, which has since been amended to include DeWitt and Macon Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the IGA establishes a subrecipient oversight structure, whereby McLean County serves as the "primary participant" with authority to apply for and accept State and Federal non-urban grant assistance under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act of 1991 ("Section 5311") and the Illinois Downstate Operating Assistance Program ("DOAP") through the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") on behalf of and for the support of rural transportation in participating counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Ford is currently party to an annual Purchase of Service Agreement ("AGREEMENT") with an independent not-for-profit agency, SHOW BUS, using Section 5311 and DOAP funding for rural transportation services to non-urban areas within the participating counties of the IGA; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 13, 2024, MCLEAN COUNTY adopted a resolution finding that the IGA model does not optimize rural transit services for residents of McLean County and authorizing the MCLEAN Chairperson to notify IDOT that the County intends to relinquish its role as Primary Recipient of Section 5311 funding under the IGA; and

**WHEREAS**, McLean County has notified IDOT of its intention to terminate the AGREEMENT with SHOW BUS on June 30, 2025 (State Fiscal Year 2025); and

**WHEREAS**, McLean County has notified IDOT of its intention to establish rural transportation services focused on McLean County citizens beginning on July 1, 2025 (State Fiscal Year 2026); and thereby terminating the IGA with Livingston, Ford, and Iroquois Counties, and

**WHEREAS**, the Counties of Ford, Livingston, and Iroquois wish to establish a sub recipient structure whereby Livingston County serves as the "primary participant" with authority to apply for and accept State and Federal non-urban grant assistance under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act of 1991 ["Section 5311"] and the Illinois Downstate Operating Assistance Program ["DOAP"] through the Illinois Department of

Transportation ["IDOT"] on behalf of and for the support of rural transportation in the participating counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the ~~Ford Board~~ <sup>Ford County Board</sup> wishes to assign and transfer all Section 5311 and DOAP funding for rural transportation services to Livingston County as the primary recipient subject to the negotiation of a mutually acceptable intergovernmental agreement with Ford, Livingston, and Iroquois Counties prior to July 1, 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ford County Board will assign and transfer to Livingston County the responsibility of providing rural transportation services subject to the negotiation of a mutually acceptable agreement prior to the projected transition date of July 1, 2025.


**ADOPTED** by the Ford County Board this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

**APPROVED:**



Debbie Smith, Chairman  
Ford County Board

**ATTEST:**

  
Amy Frederick, Clerk of the County Board  
Ford County, Illinois