Before the Board of Garfield County Commissioners

In the Matter of Establishing a County Transportation Authority  )  Resolution No.  

Whereas, Garfield County Public Transportation has been providing public transportation to the County of Garfield (the “County”) State of Washington, since 1994; and

Whereas, under the authority RCW 36.57.020 the Board of Garfield County Commissioners are authorized to create a County Transportation Authority, herein after called the “Authority”, which shall perform the function of public transportation; and

Whereas, pursuant to RCW 36.57.020, such Authority shall embrace all the territory within a single county and all cities and towns therein; and

Whereas, pursuant to RCW 36.57.030, the County is creating by resolution of the Garfield County Commissioners a County Transportation Authority with membership consisting of three (3) County Commissioners and the Mayor of the City of Pomeroy; and

Whereas, pursuant to RCW 36.57.050, the Authority shall appoint a general manager who shall be experienced in administration, and who shall act as executive secretary to, and administrative officer for, the Authority; and

Whereas, pursuant to RCW 36.57.060, the Authority shall establish a designated “transportation fund” in which shall be placed all sums received by the authority from any source, and out of which shall be expended all sums disbursed by the Authority. The County Treasurer shall be the custodian of the fund, and the County Auditor shall keep the record of the receipts and disbursement, and shall draw and the County Treasurer shall honor and pay all warrants, which shall be approved before the issuance and payment as directed by the Authority; and
Whereas, pursuant to RCW 36.57.060, the county and each city or town which is included in the Authority shall contribute such sums towards the expense for maintaining and operating the Authority as shall be agreed upon between them; and

Whereas, pursuant to RCW 36.57.080, the county and all cities within such county, upon demand of the Authority shall transfer to the Authority all unexpended funds earmarked or budgeted from any source for public transportation, including funds receivable; and

Whereas, pursuant to RCW 36.57.090, the County Transportation Authority may acquire any existing transportation system by conveyance, sale, or lease; and

Whereas, pursuant to RCW 36.57.090, all of the employees of such acquired transportation system whose duties are necessary to operate efficiently the facilities acquired shall be appointed to comparable positions to those which they held at the time of such transfer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Garfield County Commissioners establishes a County Transportation Authority as outlined above under RCW 36.57;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the boundaries of the Authority shall be the entire County of Garfield; State of Washington, including all incorporated cities therein;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that within sixty days of the effect date of this resolution, a legislative body will be established pursuant to RCW 36.57.030;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to RCW 36.57.030, the Authority’s legislative body shall consist four (4) Board Members only: Three (3) County Commissioners and the Mayor of the City of Pomeroy, herein after called the “City”;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to RCW 36.57.060, the Board of County Commissioners hereby authorize the County Treasurer to create a separate transportation fund, to be called the “County Transportation Authority Fund”, in which shall be placed all sums received by the Authority from any source, and out of which shall be expended all sums disbursed by the Authority;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to RCW 36.57.060, the County and the City shall contribute such sums towards the expense for maintaining and operating the Authority as shall be agreed upon between them. Agreements made between parties shall be by Memorandum of Agreement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to RCW 36.57.080, the Board of County Commissioners hereby authorize the County Treasurer to transfer, upon demand of the Authority, all unexpended funds earmarked or budgeted from any source for public transportation, including funds receivable, into the separate “County Transportation Authority Fund”;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to RCW 36.57.090, the County hereby authorizes the conveyance, at no cost to the Authority, all existing transportation system assets, including but not limited to, vehicles, computers, office equipment, tools, supplies, furniture, etc.;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to RCW 36.57.090, all of the employees of such acquired transportation system whose duties are necessary to operate efficiently the facilities acquired are hereby appointed to comparable positions in the newly formed Authority. Those necessary positions include existing driver staff and the Lead Dispatcher/Administrative Assistant;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to RCW 36.57.050, the Authority shall appoint a general manager. The County hereby agrees that the Authority may appoint the current Operations Manager of Garfield County Rural Transportation to said General Manager position;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conjunction with the formation of the authority, a Memorandum of Agreement shall be created between the County and the City. Said agreement shall outline the relationship, obligations and/or
terms to be established between the County, the City and the Authority. This agreement may be amended from time to time as needed;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the formation of the Authority shall not be complete until such time the initial Memorandum of Agreement has been fully executed by the County and the City.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Garfield County Board of Commissioners, State of Washington, this 7th day of November, 2016.

Board of Garfield County Commissioners

Garfield County, Washington

Chairman – Wynne McCabe

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Commissioner – Justin Dixon

APPROVED AS TO FORM: ATTEST:

By: Prosecuting Attorney, Matt Newberg

By: Clerk of the Board, Donna J. Deal