

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Commission of the City of Sturgis, County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on March 25, 2009, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan 1976.

Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer

Commissioners present: Mayer, Stephens, Taulbee, Malone, Littman, Walters, Gay, Vice-Mayor Fisher, Mayor Carmichael

Commissioners absent: None

Moved by Comm. Mayer and seconded by Comm. Littman to adopt the Resolution of the Sturgis City Commission Regarding the Actions of our State Legislators to Facilitate the Development of the Proposed Fawn River Crossing Project.

Voting yea: Nine

Voting nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, Vanguard LLC, a property developer representing the Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, has proposed a retail development in the Fawn River Crossing area which involves the construction of hotels, restaurants, a freeway service facility and a gaming facility; and

WHEREAS, the proposed development will have a significant economic impact on the City of Sturgis by providing jobs, tax revenue and growth for the city and surrounding communities; and WHEREAS, the Sturgis City Commission has been duly elected to represent the public interests of the people of Sturgis; and

WHEREAS, the Sturgis City Commission at their meeting on February 11th voted unanimously to support the proposed Fawn River Crossing Development and urged State Representative Lori and State Senator Brown to take whatever action necessary to facilitate the completion of the development; and

WHEREAS, the Sturgis City Attorney has provided a legal opinion that Federal Law does not preempt a State from authorizing and regulating gaming by a Native American Tribe that is not recognized by the Federal Government and that the State of Michigan has authority to enact legislation authorizing and regulating the gaming operation proposed by the Burt Lake Band; and WHEREAS, without support from their elected state legislators, the citizens of Sturgis are in peril of losing a tremendous economic development opportunity that can provide employment for the many citizens who are unemployed or are otherwise in financial distress as a result of the current economic conditions;

Now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Sturgis City Commission requests that State Senator Cameron Brown and State Representative Matt Lori introduce legislation in their respective houses of the Michigan State Legislature that will support the completion of this development; and

Let it be further RESOLVED that the Sturgis City Commission requests that State Senator Cameron Brown and State Representative Matt Lori appear before the Commission at their regular meeting on April 8, 2009 to present their intended actions to facilitate the necessary legislation to move this development forward.