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RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
CITY & COUNTY JOINT FACILITY USE AGREEMENT
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FACILITY – SANFORD BUGGY FACTORY

WHEREAS, The City of Sanford and Lee County Intergovernmental relations committee has been discussing and developing a plan for over a year that would co-locate Community and Economic Development departments and agencies into one facility; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the co-location is to provide one-stop service to developers and businesses who wish to locate or expand their businesses or developments in Sanford and Lee County; and

WHEREAS, the newly formed "Partnership for Prosperity" is currently soliciting funds from private companies to help provide operational capital for the new organization and discussing the new co-location of these agencies and departments with businesses and industry and getting widespread support for the concept; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City and County to co-locate the following departments and agencies to the Buggy Factory: Partnership for Prosperity (Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development), Community Development, Planning, Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Downtown Sanford Inc., Strategic Services (GIS), Environmental Health and Marketing; and

WHEREAS, that by offering this one-stop service, the City and County will be creating a competitive advantage against other communities in the highly competitive world of economic development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that it is the intent of the County Commissioners to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Sanford and a third party contract with the Partnership for Prosperity to lease the historic Buggy Factory from Progressive Contractors for a 10 year period commencing on July 1, 2015, or as soon as the facility can be upgraded to plans and specifications approved by the City and County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Commissioners that the County Manager and Attorney develop the agreements with the City of Sanford and Partnership for Prosperity with the Partnership paying for the square footage that they occupy and the County and City splitting the remaining leased space 50/50 and also splitting all utility and operational expenses 50/50. These Lease and Operational expenditures will be separate from all current interlocal agreements between the City and County and both parties will agree that these expenses will not be added to the annual departmental budgets so that double payment is avoided. Staff is to prepare the agreements in time to be approved by Commissioners at their July 21, 2014 meeting.

Adopted this 16th day of June 2014

Charles T. Parks

Charles T. Parks, Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Gaynell M. Lee

Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk to the Board