Resolution 2009 – 1207

Ogle County Supports Federal Purchase of Thomson Correctional Center

WHEREAS, the Thomson Correctional Center was built and completed in 2001 as maximum security correctional facility to be operated by the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the expected opening and full operation of the Thomson Correctional Center by the State of Illinois was to provide jobs and economic development to the area; and

WHEREAS, the Ogle County Board recognizes that our area is in need of economic growth and development and the opening and full operation of the Thomson Correctional Center would help to stimulate economic growth and create jobs within the area; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois, due to budgetary constraints and lack of adequate funding, has been unable since 2001 to appropriate ample funds for the full operation of the Thomson Correctional Center; and

WHEREAS, the United States Federal Bureau of Prisons has expressed an interest in purchasing the Thomason Correctional Center to fully operate a federal prison at said location, thus creating jobs for the area and stimulating economic growth for the area,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ogle County Board supports the United States Federal Bureau of Prisons purchasing the Thomson Correctional Center to operate a federal prison at said location.

Presented and Adopted at the December 15, 2009 Ogle County Board Meeting.

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W. Ed Rice, Chairman

Attest:

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Rebecca Huntley, County Clerk