TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

Your County Administration Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 2016 (prior to the creation of the Road Department), the Berrien County Road Commission approved an agreement with Lincoln Charter Township for the construction of a non-motorized shared use path along S. Roosevelt Road between Hidden Pines Trail and Marquette Woods Rd.; and

WHERES, partial funding from the project came from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Transportation Alternatives Grant Program and a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Grant; and

WHEREAS, as an Act 51 agency, the Berrien County Road Department is required by MDOT to act on behalf of Lincoln Charter Township for the construction of this project; and

WHEREAS, the project is located within the road right-of-way and on private easements; and

WHEREAS, MDOT requires a formal commitment from the public agency that will be receiving the funds and will be implementing and maintaining the infrastructure project; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Charter Township Board via Resolution #20-10, agreed to commit the funds necessary to carry out the project, and to own, operate, fund, and implement a maintenance program for the non-motorized shared use path upon its completion; and

WHEREAS, once the project is complete, the Berrien County Road Department wishes to transfer the ownership and operation and maintenance responsibilities of the non-motorized path to Lincoln Charter Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Berrien County Road Department to execute the process needed to transfer the ownership, operation and maintenance responsibilities of the non-motorized path along S. Roosevelt Road, Lincoln Charter Township, to the Lincoln Charter Township Board upon the completion of the project.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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