

RESOLUTION NO. 2023/2024- _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, CERTIFYING THAT THE PROPOSED RENOVATIONS TO THE CLAY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, AN AGRICULTURE EDUCATION AND PROMOTION FACILITY, SERVE A PUBLIC PURPOSE PURSUANT TO SECTION 288.1175, FLORIDA STATUTES AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 288.1175, Florida Statutes, provides for the certification by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services of agriculture education and promotion facilities that serve a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the significant role of agriculture in the economic and cultural life of Clay County; and

WHEREAS, the Clay County Fairgrounds, located within the unincorporated portion of Clay County, has long served as the center of the County's agricultural community by hosting the Clay County Agricultural Fair along with 4-H, FFA, Master Gardeners, and other educational, community and civic events; and

WHEREAS, the County intends to promote the continued use of the Clay County Fairgrounds through maintenance, renovation, and expansion of the agriculture education and promotion facility to enhance the educational, physical, economic, and cultural interests of the public; and

WHEREAS, the County previously adopted Resolution 2019/2020-114 certifying that improvements related to the Livestock Pavilion at the Clay County Fairgrounds serve a public purpose pursuant to Section 288.1175, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to perform renovations to the Cattlemen's Kitchen Event Center and Exhibit Halls and complete Phase II of the Livestock Pavilion at the Clay County Fairgrounds and wishes to submit applications for funding to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) in order to perform such renovations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed renovations to the Clay County Fairgrounds serve a public purpose through the availability of exhibitions, demonstrations, trade shows, classrooms, civic events and other purposes that promote agriculture, horticulture, livestock, equestrian, and other resources of the state and educate the residents as to these resources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida (the "Board")

hereby certifies that the proposed renovations to the Clay County Fairgrounds serve a public purpose pursuant to Section 288.1175, Florida Statutes.

Section 3. The Board hereby approves the County submitting grant applications to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) to request funding for the renovations to the Clay County Fairgrounds.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida this _____ day of September, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Jim Renninger, Its Chairman

ATTEST:

Tara S. Green
Clay County Clerk of Court and Comptroller
Ex Officio Clerk to the Board