

**COUNTY OF UNION,  
ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION SUBMITTING SALES TAX PROPOSITION TO VOTERS OF UNION  
COUNTY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

**WHEREAS**, the Union County Courthouse has well-served the people of Union County for over 150 years; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the best efforts of County officials, in recent years the Courthouse has fallen into disrepair and does not constitute an adequate facility for Court, County offices or for the public conducting business within the Courthouse; and

**WHEREAS**, the condition of the Courthouse does not provide for the adequate safeguarding and preservation of Court and County records; and

**WHEREAS**, the Courthouse is not accessible to individuals with physical disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous County offices are currently housed in separate buildings because of space limitations in the Courthouse resulting in costly expenses in maintaining County offices in multiple locations and preventing the public from conducting business with the various County offices at one location; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost to repair and improve the Courthouse is estimated to be between six million and nine million dollars and such repairs and improvements would not provide additional space needed for record storage or expansion of County offices; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Union, Illinois believes that the best and most equitable way to pay for the cost of construction of a new Union County Courthouse would be through the imposition of a sales tax increase without raising property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/5-1006.5, a county board may impose a sales tax to provide revenue to be used exclusively for public facility purposes in that county, if a proposition for the tax has been submitted to the electors of that county and approved by a majority of those voting on the question; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Union, Illinois desires to place a proposition on the February 2, 2010 General Primary Election ballot so as to give the voters of Union County an opportunity to decide if the County's share of the sales tax should be increased by one percent to for the purpose of constructing a new Union County Courthouse.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Union, Illinois as follows:

1. A Proposition regarding the imposition of a sales tax for public facility purposes, being a new county courthouse, shall be submitted to the voters of Union County at the February 2, 2010 General Primary Election.
2. The Proposition to be submitted to the voters of Union County at the February 2, 2010 General Primary Election shall read as follows:

To pay for public facility purposes, being a new county courthouse, shall the County of Union be authorized to impose an increase on its share of the local sales tax by one percent (1%)?

Yes   
No

3. As additional information on the ballot below the Proposition shall appear the following:

This would mean that a consumer would pay an additional one dollar (\$1.00) in sales tax for every \$100 of tangible personal property bought at retail.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Union, Illinois this 5 day of November, 2009.

Chairman: John Gane voting yes.  
County Commissioner: Russell Hambleh voting yes.  
County Commissioner: Donald Denny voting yes.

Subscribed and Sworn to me this 5 day of November, 2009

County Clerk: Bobby John Jr.

