

**COUNTY OF UNION,
ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORTING THE ROUTING OF INTERSTATE 66
THROUGH UNION COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Union, Illinois has determined that the shortest route, with the least amount of new construction, is from Cape Girardeau, Missouri, coming through Union County, onwards into Johnson County, and connecting with Interstate 24 at Vienna, Illinois, resulting in the most efficient use of taxpayer funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that by following a general route which would somewhat parallel IL Route 146, there would be extremely minimal environmental impact, as opposed to a more southerly route which would impact game preserves, wildlife refuges, wetlands and swamps; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that industrial commerce would be greatly served in a County that is several points above both the State and national unemployment averages; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that tourism, especially the Shawnee Bluffs Canopy Trail 'zip-line', the Shawnee Hills wine Trail, the Shawnee Hills B & B Association, the Shawnee Hills Cabin Association, and other related tourism industries, would benefit exponentially with Interstate 66 traversing Union County; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that over-the-road commercial semi truck traffic on I-66 would be removed from narrow municipal streets and winding two-lane highways; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the City of Anna in Union County serves as a regional medical hub, both for non-urgent medical care and emergency services. An east-west Interstate highway would greatly facilitate access to these medical facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the local agribusiness would be better served with a more efficient access to markets for their products; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the local merchants would be better served with a more efficient access to their suppliers; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Union, Illinois supports the routing of Interstate 66 through Union County, Illinois.

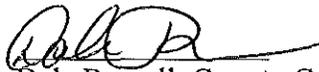
PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Union, Illinois this 15 day of November, 2012.


Randy Lambdin, Chairman:

Aye Nay Abstain
voting


Don Denny, County Commissioner:

voting


Dale Russell, County Commissioner:

voting

ATTEST:


Bobby Foler, Jr., Union County Clerk