

Resolution No. 2009.8

**Resolution Directing the County Engineer to Explore Using ARRA Funds
Designated to the County to Aid Municipalities**

WHEREAS, the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) of 2009 will allocate approximately \$600,000 to Macoupin County for surface transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments (cities and villages) under 5,000 in population were not made eligible for ARRA funds; and

WHEREAS, Macoupin County is unique in Downstate Illinois in that it has 27 municipal governments, of which only two (the City of Carlinville and the City of Staunton) will be receiving ARRA funds; and

WHEREAS, the Macoupin County Board recognizes that infrastructure needs are prevalent not just on roads and bridges under the County's jurisdiction but in all cities and villages in Macoupin County; and

WHEREAS, the Macoupin County Board continually seeks to form partnerships with municipal governments knowing that all local governments in rural areas have challenges to address infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, only projects meeting certain criteria are eligible for funds from ARRA; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Macoupin County, Illinois directs the County Engineer to immediately begin working with the Illinois Department of Transportation to explore ways to make a portion of the County's ARRA allotment more available to municipalities within the borders of Macoupin County; and therefore

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to all cities and villages in Macoupin County.

SIGNED this 14th day of April, 2009.

Voting Yes: 26

Voting No: 0


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