RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MCHENRY AND PACE SUBURBAN BUS FOR MCRIDE DIAL-A-RIDE TRANSIT SERVICES IN 2020 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS

WHEREAS, the McHenry County 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan has a goal of improving public transportation services for County residents; and

WHEREAS, the adopted McHenry County Division of Transportation’s 2020 to 2024 Transportation Program includes the funding of transit services including the MCRide program; and

WHEREAS, MCRide has been operating under agreements renewed annually between McHenry County and Pace successfully since February 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, prior to the MCRide program, mobility for dial-a-ride transit services was very limited and individual municipalities and townships only provided trips within their individual boundaries; and

WHEREAS, this agreement allows all riders to travel within and between the municipalities of Crystal Lake, McHenry, Woodstock, Harvard, Marengo, Huntley, Johnsburg, Ringwood, Richmond, Union, Hebron and Fox River Grove and throughout the entirety of Marengo and Riley Townships, as well as to the Fox Lake Metra Station, Valley Hi Nursing Home, McHenry County Division of Transportation, Virginia Road Park and Ride lot, Brookdale Conservation Area, Lost Valley Visitor Center at Glacial Park, The Hollows Conservation Area, Island Foods, Walgreens in Lakemoor, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, McHenry County PADS Day Service Center, and the Illinois Railway Museum; and

WHEREAS, this agreement also allows seniors and individuals with disabilities the additional ability to travel to and from all locations in Alden Township, Dorr Township, Greenwood Township, McHenry Township, Nunda Township, Richmond Township, and Grafton Township; and

WHEREAS, this service has provided over 750,000 trips since its inception in February, 2012 through September, 2019; and

WHEREAS, to encourage greater efficiencies, promote service standardization, and expand rider options, the County filed applications for a federal Section 5310 grant with the Regional Transportation Authority for the McHenry County Service Integration and Coordination Project as approved by the County Board on March 4, 2014 (R-201403-82-050), June 21, 2016 (R201606-82-161), April 18, 2017 (R-201704-82-088) and again on April 16, 2019 (R-201904-82-98); and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2014, the Regional Transportation Authority awarded $600,000 in Section 5310 grant federal pass through funds from the Federal Transit Administration to the project; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2016, the Regional Transportation Authority awarded an additional $496,291 in Section 5310 grant federal pass through funds from the Federal Transit Administration to the project; and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2017, the Regional Transportation Authority awarded an additional $840,000 in Section 5310 grant federal pass through funds from the Federal Transit Administration to the project; and

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2019, the Regional Transportation Authority awarded an additional $1,200,000 in Section 5310 grant federal pass through funds from the Federal Transit Administration to the project; and
WHEREAS, the County of McHenry approved adequate funding to pay Pace Suburban Bus for the costs of the service each month before invoicing the municipalities and townships for their share of costs and before submitting for grant eligible reimbursements; and

WHEREAS, McHenry County, the cities of Crystal Lake, McHenry, Woodstock, Harvard, and Marengo, and the villages of Huntley, Johnsburg, Richmond, Ringwood, Union, Hebron, and Fox River Grove entered into an intergovernmental agreement to continue the operations of MCRide; and

WHEREAS, McHenry County and the townships of Alden, Dorr, Greenwood, Nunda, Richmond, McHenry, Riley, Marengo, and Grafton entered into an intergovernmental agreement to continue the operations of MCRide; and

WHEREAS, continuing with the MCRide Program aligns with the McHenry County 2017-2020 Strategic Plan Quality Infrastructure Goal 3: Promote mobility for all County residents by providing choices in the transportation network including walking, biking, and public transit; and

WHEREAS, the Finance & Audit Committee has reviewed the attached intergovernmental agreement with Pace Suburban Bus for MCRide dial-a-ride transit services in 2020 said agreement attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois hereby authorizes entering into an intergovernmental agreement with Pace, the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority for the provision of transit services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of one million two hundred one thousand two hundred thirteen dollars ($1,201,213.00) is hereby appropriated from the MCDOT RTA Sales Tax Project Fund, Fund-Dept.-Div.-Main Acct. 263-82-8210-423200; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chairman is authorized to execute an agreement on behalf of the County of McHenry with Pace and the County Clerk of the County of McHenry is authorized and directed on behalf of the County of McHenry to attest said agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a certified copy of this resolution to the County Administrator, Purchasing Director, and three copies to the Director of Transportation/County Engineer, one to be distributed to Pace Suburban Bus and one to be distributed to the Regional Transportation Authority.

DATED at Woodstock, Illinois, this 17th day of December, A.D., 2019.

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Jack D. Franks, Chairman
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

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Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:
- 2020 MCRide Pace IGA pending Board Approval (PDF)
TO:  McHenry County Board
FROM:  Scott Hennings
DATE:  December 17, 2019
SUBJECT:  Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County of McHenry and Pace Suburban Bus for MCRide Dial-A-Ride Transit Services in 2020 and Appropriating Funds

Board / Committee Action Requested:  For consideration is an intergovernmental agreement between McHenry County and Pace, the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) for FY2020 and appropriating funds.

Background and Discussion:  MCRide is a coordinated dial-a-ride transit program currently funded by passenger fares, Pace, McHenry County, the municipalities of Crystal Lake, McHenry, Woodstock, Harvard, Marengo, Huntley, Johnsburg, Ringwood, Richmond, Hebron, and Union, the townships of Dorr, Greenwood, Grafton, Nunda, McHenry, Riley, Marengo, and Richmond, and a Federal Section 5310 grant. The MCRide program has enabled intercommunity travel throughout the partner municipalities and townships creating a uniform fare structure and trip reservation process.

Since the MCRide program began in February of 2012, the ridership has fluctuated between 7,000 and 11,000 one-way rides per month.

Impact on Human Resources:  N/A

Impact on Budget (Revenue; Expenses, Fringe Benefits):  Each month, the County will be invoiced by Pace for MCRide services. Since the start of the service in February 2012, these invoices have ranged from a low in January 2019 of $59,960 to a high in July 2018 of $118,747. Over the last 12 months, the invoices have averaged $77,105 per month.

The County invoices the municipalities and townships for their share of costs and seeks reimbursements from the RTA for the Section 5310 grant. In 2019, the municipalities were invoiced between $1.05 and $1.45 per capita, depending on the financial need of the municipality, and the townships were invoiced between $2,520 and $7,560 annually, depending on the population of the township. In 2020, no changes are proposed to the municipal or township contribution amounts.

The County's share of final costs in 2018 was $159,000 out of a total program cost of $2,285,000, approximately 7%. The County's share of costs in 2019 is anticipated to be $161,000 out of a total program cost of $2,060,000, approximately 8%.

Impact on Capital Expenditures:  N/A

Impact on Physical Space:  N/A
**Impact on Other County Departments or Outside Agencies:** The municipalities and townships will be required to pay monthly invoices. Monthly payments will be made to Pace based on the hours of service provided, less Pace subsidy of fifty percent (50%) of the project operating deficit, not to exceed $1,157,553 annually. The RTA will be responsible for reimbursements.

**Conformity to Board Ordinances and Policies:** Conforms to County ordinances, policies and strategic plan.

**Attachments / Appendices:**
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**HISTORY:**
12/05/19 Finance & Audit RECOMMENDED