RESOLUTION

PROGRAM SERVICES AGREEMENT SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT – BM1947-001

ROCK COUNTY

Resolution No. 2025-6

Whereas: Rock County and Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) have previously executed a Program Services Agreement (BM1947) for a transportation project for which the Local Public Agency (LPA) would like to obtain Federal funds; and

Whereas: Rock County understands that it must continue to strictly follow all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines applicable to the funding of this Federal-aid project; and

Whereas: Rock County and NDOT wish to enter into a Program services supplemental agreement, setting out modifications and/or additional duties and/or funding responsibilities for the Federal-aid project.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Commissioners of Rock County, Nebraska that:

NDOT Project Number: ER-1895(2)

Signature City Clerk

Wade Hollenbeck, Chair, is hereby authorized to sign the attached Program services supplemental agreement No. 1 between Rock County and NDOT.

NDOT Project Description: Bassett Northeast
Adopted this 21 55 day of January, 20 25 at Bassett Nebraska.
The Board of Commissioners of Rock County, Nebraska:
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Board/Council Member Smith Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member HOLLENBECK Seconded the Motion
Roll Call: 3 Yes O No O Abstained O Absen
Resolution adopted, signed, and billed as adopted
Attest:

RESOLUTION -2024 - 2025-7

OPPOSITION TO Mandatory Electronic Identification (MEID) LIVESTOCK TAGS

WHERE AS: The traceability program is incremental. USDA APHIS stated on its website, updated October 11th, 2024 after approving the new rule, that it "is committed to implementing a modern system that tracks animals from birth to slaughter", and

WHERE AS: The cost of EID tags disproportionately burdens small and medium sized independent farmers and ranchers. The USDA rule allows large, corporate-owned herds to be grouped and tagged as one group, creating huge loophole that keep costs low for larger companies, and

WHERE AS: The EID mandate would potentially interfere with price discovery found in traditional markets, thereby furthering vertical integration of the US food supply at the expense of the consumer and independent producer, and

WHERE AS: The EID mandate is far overreaching, intrusive and potentially circumvents privacy laws, threatening the livelihood independent cattle and bison producers, and

WHERE AS: Independent, family owned cattle ranches are of paramount importance to our local economy and to the economy as a whole, and

WHERE AS: The comments received by USDA APHIS in the rulemaking process were overwhelmingly against the new rule, and

WHERE AS: America has the safest and highest quality meat in the world using our current, fully functioning and effective traceability system. The mandated rule claims to be about animal health, but does nothing to prevent or treat disease, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Rock County Board of Community opposes the implementation of any EID mandate by the USDA.

ADOPTED This 21 st day of January, 2025, at Bassett, Nebraska.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Jan Smith

ATTEST: Duntle Berry

