

**Resolution Organization of the
Committee to Study Potential Reorganization of the
Local Governments of Southeast Boone County, Indiana**

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Indiana has enacted legislation codified at the Indiana Code 36-1.5-1-1 et. seq., most commonly referred to as the “Government Modernization Act of 2006”, which allows political subdivisions to explore methods to increase efficiency and cooperation amongst themselves towards providing better government for their residents; and

WHEREAS, Eagle and Union Townships of Boone County and the Town of Zionsville have independently determined that the Government Modernization Act of 2006 affords a unique and timely opportunity for them to jointly study whether there is any potential for effective and cooperative reorganization of the local governance of their jurisdictions which already share a common school corporation and library board, as well as a common heritage in the Southeast corner of Boone County; and

WHEREAS, Eagle and Union Townships and the Town of Zionsville have each, in accordance with the Government Modernization Act of 2006, they passed a resolution and appointed three (3) members to a committee to study potential reorganization of local government within the present geographic boundaries of such presently existing governmental subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the Government Modernization Act of 2006 imposes certain procedures and requirements to be adhered to by such appointed committee members in discharge of their duties in studying potential reorganization of the local governments of Eagle and Union Townships and the Town of Zionsville;

NOW, THEREFORE the undersigned appointed committee members commence with their work guided by the Government Modernization Act of 2006 and this organization

Statement:

1. NAME. The official name of the committee shall be “Committee to Study Potential Reorganization of the local governments of Southeast Boone County”; also, unofficially referred to as “Communities of Zionsville Area for Better Government”.
2. GOAL. The desire and intent of the Committee is to examine potential governmental reorganization in Eagle and Union Townships and the Town of Zionsville, bearing in mind at all times the goals of efficiency and cooperation in governance and the objectives of:
 - maintaining and enhancing the small town heritage of the Zionsville area;
 - maintaining and enhancing the need for rural, agrarian areas to peacefully co-exists with residential, commercial, and industrial development within Southeast Boone County towards the end of advancing prudent fiscal planning and support for required local governmental services;
 - maintaining and enhancing the provision of fiscally sound government services within Southeast Boone County, including the following functions and services:
 - ◆ Infrastructure such as roads, streets, bridges, utilities,

- sanitary sewers, storm sewers and rural drainage; and
- ◆ Planning, zoning, land use and building standards; and
- ◆ Parks and Recreation; and
- ◆ Health, safety and welfare services, such as police, fire, EMS, health protection, pollution control and those services presently provided by the Township Trustees; and
- ◆ Other services and functions that may hereafter be deemed desirable or necessary by the associated government units.

3. COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION. The Committee shall elect a chair and vice-chair and will otherwise organize itself into working sub-committees as determined to be necessary by the majority of the members. Any working sub-committee so formed may be comprised of interested and appointed residents of Eagle or Union Townships or the Town of Zionsville, but the chair of any such sub-committee shall be a member of the nine (9) person Committee. Further, the Committee may appoint one of its members or some other non-member, as determined by majority vote of the Committee, to be its secretary.
4. COMMUNICATION and REPORTING PLAN. The Committee intends to carefully, but expeditiously engage in its study so as to be able to timely report to Eagle and Union Township and the Town of Zionsville its findings such that should the legislative bodies of two (2) or more such

governments desire to take action on such report those two (2) or more governments might be able to place a referendum for public vote on the ballot in May, 2008. Further, throughout the time of its study it is the Committees' desire to maintain a website for communicating the status of its study to interested residents.

WHEREFORE, the committee by unanimous vote hereby officially adopts this Resolution at their initial public meeting this 9th day of June, 2007.

Gene Thompson, Chair

Jim Longest, Member

Jay Parks, Vice-Chair

Alan Townsend, Member

Michael Andreoli, Assistant Secretary

Kevin Schiferl, Member

Steve Freeland, Member

Joe Turk, Member

Allan Rachles, Member