

**PETTIS COUNTY PACHYDERM CLUB RESOLUTION NO. 01-2023
DRAFT COPY AS OF FRIDAY AUGUST 25, 2023**

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF UP TO \$40,000 IN CITY OF SEDALIA FUNDS
AND UP TO \$40,000 IN PETTIS COUNTY-AREA CIVIC CLUBS REGARDING THE PROPOSED
PAINTING OF THE WATER TOWER AT APPROXIMATELY 16TH STREET WEST OF THOMPSON
BOULEVARD**

WHEREAS, the Pettis County Pachyderm Club is a Civic Club that includes members dedicated to serving and supporting those who work, live and visit Pettis County and continue to focus its main purpose that Pachyderm Club founder George Parker shared in his philosophy that “Free Government Requires Active Citizens;”

WHEREAS, the Pettis County Pachyderm Club can pass resolutions demonstrating Club members support, opposition or recommendations regarding policy and initiatives at all levels of government;

WHEREAS, resolutions passed or rejected by the Pettis County Pachyderm Club do NOT reflect the official policy position of the Pettis County Republican Party Central Committee and its members, the Missouri Republican Party and its members, nor the United States Republican Party and its members;

WHEREAS, the City of Sedalia City Council approved by a 7-1 vote at its August 21st, 2023 meeting a resolution supporting a collaboration between the Sedalia Lions Club and partner civic organizations that, if those Civic Club and partners are able to raise \$40,000 toward the painting of the City of Sedalia logo on the Water Tower at approximately 16th Street West of Thompson Boulevard, the city would match those funds and use \$40,000 of City of Sedalia funds so up to \$80,000 could be used toward this effort to bolster community spirit;

WHEREAS, both elected officials with Sedalia City government and Lions Club members are well intended in their efforts to boost community spirit with this initiative;

WHEREAS, there is no better way to bolster community spirit than to help community members at times where they are unable or limited in their ability to help themselves;

WHEREAS, a cancer diagnosis can suddenly put immense financial burdens on individuals and families regardless of their insurance status, savings, income, or lifestyle;

WHEREAS, such a cancer diagnosis can ultimately prove fatal for individuals and families of limited means even if treatment is available but financially out of reach;

WHEREAS, Sedalia's most recent (2021) poverty rate, as defined by the United States Census, is 18.0% and is significantly higher than the Pettis County rate of 16.1%, the Missouri rate of 12.7% and the United States rate of 11.6%;

WHEREAS, it is critical that a maximum amount of local resources be made available to support as many individuals and families as possible to make critical oncology treatments financially feasible;

WHEREAS, individuals and families most often must pay out-of-pocket for travel and lodging expenses related to cancer treatment that are rarely covered by most conventional health insurance plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pettis County Pachyderm Club resolve that:

Section 1. The City of Sedalia City Council and the Sedalia Lions Club reconsider their support and efforts to secure up to \$80,000 for the painting of the City of Sedalia logo on the West water tower and instead for each party to secure up to \$20,000 each in collaboration with other civic clubs, community members and organizations and those funds be overseen by a partnership of those individuals and distributed to individuals and families over the course of one calendar year to help mitigate the costs of travel and lodging related expenses as part of those receiving treatment from a cancer diagnosis.

Section 2. This resolution shall express the majority opinion of the Pettis County Pachyderm Club effective immediately upon its passage.

Passed and Adopted by the Pettis County Pachyderm Club on this ____ day of _____, _____.

By: Kevin Lujin
Pettis County Pachyderm Club President

ATTEST: _____
By: Vaughn Heart
Pettis County Pachyderm Club Secretary