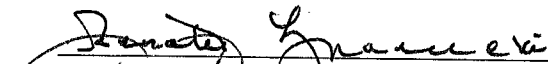
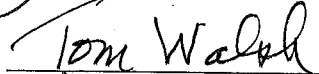


We, the undersigned members of the Committee on Appointments and Legislation & Rules Committee, do hereby recommend to the LaSalle County Board for consideration the attached:

RESOLUTION

	SIGNATURE	A Y E	N A Y	A I N	A B S T E N T
Arratta Znaniecki Board & Committee Chairman		X			
Jill Bernal		X			
Tom Walsh		X			
Tina Busch		X			
Donald Jensen		X			
Doug Trager		X			
Gary Small					X

Date: June 3, 2024

RESOLUTION: A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO OSF HEALTHCARE'S
PLAN FOR OSF SAINT ELIZABETH MEDICAL CENTER
IN OTTAWA, ILLINOIS

LASALLE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. #24-81 -

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO OSF HEALTHCARE'S PLAN FOR OSF SAINT ELIZABETH MEDICAL CENTER IN OTTAWA, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2024, OSF HealthCare announced it would be constructing a new multi-million dollar hospital in Ottawa to replace the current Saint Elizabeth Medical Center in Ottawa, Illinois, which it states is nearing the end of its useful life; and

WHEREAS, with this new multi-million dollar hospital, OSF HealthCare will be reducing the services provided at Saint Elizabeth Medical Center - Ottawa; and

WHEREAS, Saint Elizabeth Medical Center - Ottawa will lose vital services such as in-patient intensive care, in-patient obstetric care, birthing rooms, several operating rooms, and other services essential to Ottawa and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, OSF HealthCare is reducing the number of medical/surgical beds in Ottawa to only twelve beds, a significant decrease from its current bed capacity; and

WHEREAS, the lack of medical services being provided in Ottawa will strain the emergency medical services and transport community, as there will be a large flux of patients requiring transport to other locations, wasting the valuable time of emergency medical service staff of not just Ottawa, but other local districts' EMS; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in medical services provided at Saint Elizabeth Medical Center - Ottawa will require longer transportation times for the citizens of Ottawa and surrounding communities in LaSalle County who require services no longer provided in Ottawa; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in medical services will have a direct negative effect on Ottawa's and LaSalle County's ability to attract quality health care providers; and

WHEREAS, the lack of medical services being provided in Ottawa will have a direct negative effect on the ability of LaSalle County to attract economic development; and

WHEREAS, at the time Ottawa Regional Hospital merged with OSF HealthCare, OSF stated residents will experience greater access to health care services, but OSF HealthCare's plan for Saint Elizabeth Medical Center - Ottawa is instead reducing vital health care services to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the LaSalle County Board finds OSF HealthCare's plans regarding Saint Elizabeth Medical Center - Ottawa negatively affects the health, safety, and welfare of both the citizens of LaSalle County and Ottawa; and

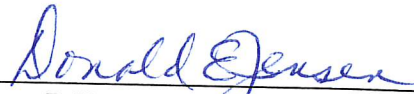
WHEREAS, the LaSalle County Board finds it in the best interests of the citizens of LaSalle County to publicly oppose OSF HealthCare's current plans regarding Saint Elizabeth Medical Center - Ottawa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section One: The above recitals are incorporated and adopted by this County Board.

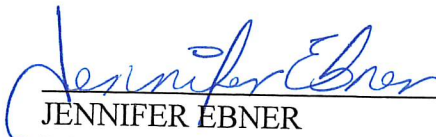
Section Two: The LaSalle County Board hereby opposes OSF HealthCare's current plans for Saint Elizabeth Medical Center - Ottawa and strongly urge for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of LaSalle County, Ottawa, and the surrounding communities, and EMS providers, that OSF HealthCare reconsider their decision and provide LaSalle County and Ottawa with the full-service hospital it deserves and currently has.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 10TH DAY OF JUNE, 2024 AT OTTAWA, ILLINOIS.



DON JENSEN, CHAIRMAN
LASALLE COUNTY BOARD

ATTEST:



JENNIFER EBNER
LASALLE COUNTY CLERK