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HEALTH FACILITIES &
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June 19, 2024

TO: Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62761

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

COPY: Grand Ridge Village Clerk (w/o encl.)

RE: OSF HealthCare's application for service changes in La Salle County,

The following is/are enclosed:

Village of Grand Ridge, Illinois, Resolution No. 2024-06-18

A Resolution Opposing OSF Healthcare's Plan for Decreasing
Services At OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center in Ottawa, Illinois

The enclosed is/are:

- ☐ Pursuant to your request
- ☐ Pursuant to our correspondence
- ☐ For your file
- ☒ **Other: For consideration by the Health Facilities and Services Review Board**

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*Please contact us if you have
questions, comments, or need additional information.*

**VILLAGE OF GRAND RIDGE, ILLINOIS
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06-18 B**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING OSF HEALTHCARE'S
PLAN FOR DECREASING SERVICES AT
OSF SAINT ELIZABETH MEDICAL CENTER IN OTTAWA, ILLINOIS**

RECITALS

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

WHEREAS, the plan proposed by OSF HealthCare will reduce the services provided at Saint Elizabeth Medical Center - Ottawa; that is, Ottawa will lose vital services such as in-patient intensive care, in-patient obstetric care, birthing rooms, several operating rooms, and other essential services to the community including the Village of Grand Ridge; and

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

WHEREAS, the reduction in medical services provided at Saint Elizabeth Medical Center – Ottawa will require longer transportation times for local citizens, including residents of the Village of Grand Ridge, who require services no longer provided in Ottawa; 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 local EMS providers and, worse, delaying patient care; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in medical services will negatively affect the ability to attract quality health care providers to this area; and,

WHEREAS, OSF HealthCare only informed the local community a few hours prior to its public announcement of the proposed reduction of services; and

WHEREAS, at the time Ottawa Regional Hospital merged with OSF Healthcare, OSF assured 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 Grand Ridge Village Board of Trustees finds OSF HealthCare's plans regarding the services to be offered at Saint Elizabeth Medical Center – Ottawa negatively affects the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Grand Ridge; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Ridge Village Board of Trustees finds it in the best interests of the citizens of the Village of Grand Ridge to publicly oppose OSF HealthCare's plans regarding the services to be offered at the proposed new Saint Elizabeth Medical Center – Ottawa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE VILLAGE OF GRAND RIDGE, LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS HEREIN.

Section One: The Grand Ridge Village Board of Trustees hereby opposes OSF HealthCare's plans for the reduced services to be offered at the proposed Saint Elizabeth Medical Center – Ottawa and strongly urges OSF HealthCare, for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Grand Ridge, the surrounding communities, and EMS providers, to reconsider its decision and provide our community with the full-service hospital it deserves and currently has.

Section Two: The Grand Ridge Village Board of Trustees hereby directs this executed resolution be sent to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board before the July 19, 2024, deadline for written comment.

Section Three: Any resolution or part thereof in conflict herewith is hereby repealed.

Section Four: This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED and APPROVED on June 18, 2024.



Kay Hines, Village President

ATTEST:



Christy McGuire, Village Clerk

VOTE RECORD	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Hettel	✓			
Hinterlong	✓			
Koetz	✓			
Olney	✓			
Rockey	✓			
Stricklin	✓			

