

Resolution NO. 2023- 01

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE COMMITMENT OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, ARKANSAS TO SUPPORT THE ACQUISITION OF A COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CENTER, OMEGA UNIT TO BE LOCATED ON SEARCY COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LAND SOUTH OF THE AIRPORT.

WHEREAS, the construction, staffing, and administering of an Omega Unit will be a great boost to the local economy and field approximately 98 employees housing approximately 250 inmates; and

WHEREAS, Searcy County is a Persistent Poverty County and has the lowest average weekly wages in all of Arkansas, proposed Omega Unit salaries will range from approximately \$31,892 to \$69,776; and

WHEREAS, the Omega Unit is safe, environmentally friendly, will help spur other growth, and will help the City of Marshall with their water usage by using approximately one million gallons of water per month; and

WHEREAS, the Omega Unit will generate a local employment boost resulting in increased property and sales tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, state jobs have more insulation than private employment from the ups and downs of frequent economic turmoil, and this unit acquisition will also result in increased school numbers as well as increased secondary expenditures at local restaurants, retail, construction, banking, healthcare, and service sectors of the Searcy County economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Marshall, Arkansas:

Section 1: It is the policy of the City Council of Marshall, Arkansas to promote the economic health and employment of Marshall citizens.

Section 2: The City Council of Marshall, Arkansas commits itself to support the acquisition of a Community Corrections Omega Unit.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10 day of January, 2023.

APPROVED:

By: Kevin Elliott

ATTEST: M. England