

**Resolution 2013-13**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Transportation is in the process of designing and constructing the widening of State Road 83 (US Hwy 331 South) from State Road 8 (Interstate 10) (US331.190) to Rockhill Road (US331.260); and

**WHEREAS**, the widening of State Road 83 (US Hwy 331 South) is and will be a benefit to the citizens of DeFuniak Springs and Walton County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the DeFuniak Springs City Council is aware that the present design of State Road 83 (US Hwy 331 South) presently provides for a significant taking of property where the local medical facility (Healthmark Regional Medical Center) is located; and

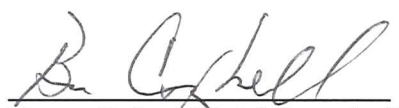
**WHEREAS**, the DeFuniak Springs City Council believes that the present design of State Road 83 (US Hwy 331 South) across said property will adversely affect future growth and cause a negative impact on the hospital's ability to provide medical needs to residents and visitors in DeFuniak Springs and Walton County area during construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the present design of State Road 83 (US Hwy 331 South) will result in construction being in close proximity to existing emergency room facilities, operating suites and intensive care units of the existing medical facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the DeFuniak Springs City Council would appreciate Florida Department of Transportation giving consideration to a redesign and relocations of State Road 83 (US Hwy 331 South) as it relates to subject property and the negative impact on present and future healthcare needs of DeFuniak Springs and Walton County residents; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the DeFuniak Springs City Council requests that the Florida Department of Transportation consider a redesign and relocation of State Road 83 (US Hwy 331 South) so as to not interfere with the medical needs of the residents and visitors of DeFuniak Springs and Walton County, Florida during construction and in future expansions.

**APPROVED AND PASSED** by the City Council of the City of DeFuniak Springs, Florida this 9th day of September, 2013.

  
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Mayor Robert "Bob" Campbell

**ATTEST:**

  
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City Clerk Loretta Laird