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Jeff Swanson
Director of Economic Development
Clark County
PO Box 5000
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Dear Mr. Swanson:

The Clark County Board of County Councilors (BOCC) recognizes the importance of investing in the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad as essential infrastructure to increase economic development activity in Clark County. We are pleased to support Clark County's grant application in response to the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) 2015 call for projects for the Freight Rail Assistance Program (FRAP).

Accordingly, the BOCC makes the following funding commitment:

Twenty percent (20%) matching funds and in-kind resources towards any award amount recommended by WSDOT and subsequently approved by the Washington State Legislature, up to a total amount of \$194,000 in matching funds and in-kind resources.

We understand there are several high-priority projects for which financial resources are needed on the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad, including substantial railroad main line rehabilitation near the interchange location with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF). We offer our full encouragement and support as you pursue the necessary funding to construct these projects.

Sincerely,

David Madore, Chair

Jeanne E. Stewart, Councilor

Tom Mielke, Councilor

