RESOLUTION NO. 2025-06

RESOLUTION REGARDING COUNTY SUPPORT OF LOGANSPORT, CASS COUNTY, FARMERS MARKET AND INCUBATOR KITCHEN

WHEREAS, the Cass County Commissioners serve the needs of the citizens of Cass County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Cass County Commissioners recognize that for many years Logansport,
Cass County Indiana, has had an established Farmers Market at the intersections of Market and
Fourth Street; and

WHEREAS, the Cass County Community Foundation has been awarded a \$5 million dollar grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. fund for the use in the construction of a new Farmer's Market and an "Incubator Kitchen" at the existing Market and Fourth Street location; and

WHEREAS, while the Cass County Commissioners generally support the construction of a new Farmer's Market and recognize the benefit of the new pavilion being constructed by Steinberger Construction, the Cass County Commissioners believe that they must further investigate and become better acquainted with the concept of an "Incubator Kitchen" as presented at a recent meeting.

WHEREAS, while the Cass County Commissioners may consider generally supporting a financial contribution from the County to the "Farmer's Market", recent legislation at the State level, specifically Senate Bill 1, appears to present financial challenges to the County in the coming years, and to support the Farmer's Market and Incubator Kitchen Project should be

placed on hold pending a determination by Baker Tilly (the County's financial advisor) of how such a financial contribution would impact the future of the County's finances.

WHEREAS, if the Cass County Commissioners do determine to make a financial commitment toward the Farmer's Market and Incubator Kitchen, such commitment shall be conditioned upon the execution of an Economic Development Agreement.

WHEREAS, in conclusion, the Cass County Commissioners may agree to support the Farmer's Market and Incubator Kitchen Project once they become better informed of the Incubator Kitchen's purpose, the long-term sustainability of the Incubator Kitchen, the Baker Tilly report is received and reviewed by the Commissioners and other County Officials, and the County's finances come into better focus, especially as it relates to the impact of the passage of Senate Bill 1.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the Cass County Commissioners, this <u>/5</u> day of <u>Suptamber</u>, 2025 in lawful session duly assembled.

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ruth Baker, President

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ATTEST:

Alicia Pifer, County Auditor