

Requested by: Mayor Keller
Adopted: April 26, 2004
Vote: Unanimous; Straub and Lowe absent

**CITY OF WASILLA
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 04-20**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE MATANUSKA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT A NEW SUB-TRANSMISSION LINE TO SERVICE THE VALLEY HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER (FORMALLY KNOWN AS VALLEY HOSPITAL).

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is the fastest growing region in the state of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is in need of a new hospital to meet the medical needs of an increasing population; and

WHEREAS, Valley Hospital Medical Center has proposed to construct a new hospital facility near the juncture of the Glenn and Parks Highways; and

WHEREAS, planners for the Valley Hospital Medical Center has requested to have in place a reliable and redundant power source; and

WHEREAS, the current sub-transmission line from Eklutna to the Palmer-Wasilla area via the Butte is exposed to significant natural hazards including avalanches, high winds, and wash-outs along the line; and

WHEREAS, the current Eklutna sub-transmission line is located along steep terrain sometimes making repairs difficult and dangerous; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska Electric Association proposes to construct a new sub-transmission line from Eklutna to the juncture of the Glenn and Parks Highway, as well as a distribution substation to serve Valley Hospital Medical Center electrical needs at the same location for an estimated cost of \$5.75 million dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Wasilla City Council that we support the efforts of the Matanuska Electric Association to obtain federal funding for this project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wasilla City Council supports our Congressional delegation to seek federal funding to ensure that the Valley Hospital Medical Center is completed as scheduled.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on April 26, 2004.



DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, CMC
City Clerk

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