

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02 OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUCKHANNON
FORMALLY OFFERING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE
ELIZABETH J. "BINKY" POUNDSTONE RIVERWALK TRAIL EXTENSION #4
RECREATIONAL TRAILS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Buckhannon is consistently striving to improve the economy and viability of the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the Elizabeth J. "Binky" Poundstone Riverwalk Trail Extension #4 Recreational Trails Improvement Project will provide economic improvement by providing more accessibility to not only the downtown area but also to the residential and business areas of southern Buckhannon; and

WHEREAS, the Elizabeth J. "Binky" Poundstone Riverwalk Trail Extension #4 Recreational Trails Improvement Project will increase the amount of pedestrian and bicycle traffic to the downtown area by increasing the Main Street economy, which allows for a more viable downtown business district; and

WHEREAS, the objective to the Elizabeth J. "Binky" Poundstone Riverwalk Trail Extension #4 Recreational Trails Improvement Project is to provide pedestrians, bicyclists and other non-motorized forms of transportation a safe transportation environment (pedestrian, bicycling, and non-motorized) from southern Buckhannon to the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Buckhannon recognizes the need for the construction of new asphalt walking and bicycling paths from southern Buckhannon to the City of; and

WHEREAS, the Elizabeth J. "Binky" Poundstone Riverwalk Trail Extension #4 Recreational Trails Improvement Project shall also serve as an extension of the Buckhannon River Walk by allowing pedestrians and bicyclists to safely travel from southern Buckhannon through downtown Buckhannon to any of the river walks without having to walk or bicycle along the edge of any WVDOH-owned roads or City-owned streets; and

WHEREAS, the Elizabeth J. "Binky" Poundstone Riverwalk Trail Extension #4 Recreational Trails Improvement Project shall help improve the quality of life for people by providing a safe walking and bicycling environment and providing access to St. Joseph's Hospital and the Physician's Care; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the asphalt walking and bicycling path identified in the proposed Elizabeth J. "Binky" Poundstone Riverwalk Trail Extension #4 Recreational Trails Improvement Project will incorporate the City of Buckhannon's existing historical downtown theme into its design, thus connecting the outlying residential areas with the downtown and providing a sense of community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Buckhannon, as follows:

(1) The Buckhannon City Council hereby ADOPTS, RATIFIES and APPROVES this Resolution of Support for the Elizabeth J. "Binky" Poundstone Riverwalk Trail Extension #4 Recreational Trails Improvement Project; and

(2) The estimated cost of the Elizabeth J. "Binky" Poundstone Riverwalk Trail Extension #4 Recreational Trails Improvement Project is One Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$149,990.50); and

(3) Pending funding of the Elizabeth J. “Binky” Poundstone Riverwalk Trail Extension #4 Recreational Trails Improvement Project by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways (WVDOH), the Council of the City of Buckhannon will provide \$29,998.10, which is twenty percent (20%), of the total Project funding via the “In-Kind Method”, meaning the City of Buckhannon will pay 100% of all costs (\$149,990.50) associated with the construction of the Elizabeth J. “Binky” Poundstone Riverwalk Trail Extension #4 Recreational Trails Improvement Project and will submit invoices to the WVDOH for 80% reimbursement for the costs accrued, which is approximately \$119,992.40, thus leaving 20% of the total Project costs, which is approximately \$29,998.10, to be paid by the City of Buckhannon; and

(4) The City Recorder shall certify the passage and adoption of this Resolution, No. 2017-02; and,

VOTE ON RESOLUTION

IN FAVOR

OPPOSED

<p>(1) _____ David W. McCauley, Mayor</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>(2) _____ Susan Aloi, City Recorder</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>(3) _____ Pamela Cuppari, Council Member</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>(4) _____ Mary Albaugh, Council Member</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>(5) _____ C. J. Rylands, Council Member</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>(6) _____ Robert Skinner, Council Member</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>(7) _____ J. David Thomas, Council Member</p>	<p>_____</p>

CERTIFICATE OF PASSAGE AND ENACTMENT

I, Susan Aloi, City Recorder of the City of Buckhannon, a West Virginia municipal corporation, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution 2017-02 was lawfully passed and enacted by the Council of the City of Buckhannon during a regular meeting of the City Council on January 5, 2017.

Susan Aloi, City Recorder