

RESOLUTION
Authorizing Application for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block
Grant (EECBG) and the Related Preliminary Energy Audit

WHEREAS, Mississippi Development Authority's Energy and Natural Resources Division (MDA-ENRD) has received funding to administer the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, this program supports projects that reduce energy consumption in public facilities while lowering long-term operating and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has identified a project at the Laurel Train Depot which qualifies for funding under the EECBG guidelines and will consist of replacement of the HVAC system; and

WHEREAS, the EECBG guidelines require applicants to submit a preliminary energy audit of the selected project as part of the application process; and

WHEREAS, the City has hired Engineering Resource Group, an authorized EECBG firm, to conduct said preliminary energy audit (**See Exhibit A**)

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Laurel as follows:

1. That Mayor Johnny Magee and Grant Writer Whitney Pickering, acting on behalf of the City of Laurel, be authorized to apply for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funded through the Mississippi Development Authority's Energy and Natural Resources Division
2. Engineering Resource Group be authorized to conduct a preliminary energy audit of the Laurel Train Depot as required for application for EECBG funds. If grant funding is approved, the cost of the energy audit will be reimbursed at 100 percent; if the project is not funded the MDA will reimburse energy audit costs up to two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00)
3. Mayor Johnny Magee be authorized to sign all documents necessary for the acceptance of the grant should funds be awarded and for implementation of the project, and
3. The Finance Director be authorized to perform the budget transactions necessary for implementation of the foregoing Resolution.

Motion was made by Councilperson Capers, seconded by Councilperson Scruggs, that the above and foregoing Resolution be adopted.

Upon roll call vote the result was as follows:

YEAS: Capers, Kelly, Scruggs, Carmichael, Amos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Thomas, Allen

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Resolution be adopted this the 21st day of JULY, A.D. 2026.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

ATTESTED AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL ON
THIS THE _____ day of _____, A.D., 2026.

Clerk of the Council

APPROVED () DATE _____

VETOED () DATE _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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