RESOLUTION 18-16

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARTS OF THE ST. CLAIR COUNTY
EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM ORDINANCE

Recitals

A. St. Clair County provides retirement benefits to its retirees pursuant to the terms of the St. Clair County Employees’ Retirement System Ordinance (the “Retirement System Ordinance”).

B. Due to the need to update the Retirement Ordinance to reflect the closure of the defined benefit system for all benefit groups except for those employees of bargaining units that are subject to Michigan Public Act 312 of 1969 and to reflect that retiree medical benefits are not administered by the Board of Trustees and are not payable from the Retirement System, the Board of Commissioners wish to amend the St. Clair County Employees’ Retirement System ordinance.

THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING, IT IS ORDAINED:

1. Article I, Section 1.2 of the Retirement System Ordinance shall be added and the remaining section and subsections are to be renumbered to add the closure of the defined benefit plan to all benefit groups except for those employees of bargaining units that are subject to Michigan Public Act 312 of 1969 as follows:

Section 1.2 Effective January 1, 2009, the defined benefit plan of the Retirement System was closed to all newly hired employees for all benefit groups of the Retirement system except for those employees of bargaining units that are subject to Michigan Public Act 312 of 1969. The exact date and terms of the defined benefit plan closures for each employee and benefit group are determined and controlled by applicable collective bargaining agreements and county policies.

2. Article X, Sections 10.1 and 10.4 shall be revised and added to indicate that retiree medical benefits are not administered by the Board of Trustees and are not payable from the Retirement System and to clarify the Retirement System’s obligation to invest retiree health assets until they were exhausted as follows:

Section 10.1 Each retired member and beneficiary shall be provided coverage under a group medical insurance or pre-payment plan selected and participated in by the county if the member meets the applicable requirements stated in section 10.2. The retired member’s or beneficiary’s qualified dependents shall be provided with medical insurance if the retired member or beneficiary is being provided medical insurance and the qualified
dependents meet the requirements of section 10.4(d). The levels of coverage shall be as shown in section 10.3. The coverage shall be subject to the limitations stated in section 10.4. Qualifying members and beneficiaries are provided retiree medical benefits in accordance with the provisions herein, the applicable health plan documents as approved or amended by the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners. Retiree medical benefits are not administered by the Board of Trustees and are not payable from the Retirement System.

Section 10.4 (f) The Board’s and the Retirement System’s obligation with regard to retiree health benefits was solely to invest retiree health assets until they were exhausted and to make disbursements from those retiree health assets for the retiree health benefits for qualifying retirees and beneficiaries until those retiree health assets were exhausted. Those retiree health assets were exhausted as of 09/30/2017.

Except as amended by this Ordinance, the Retirement System Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

This Ordinance shall become effective September 1, 2018

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Jay DeBoyer, County Clerk

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Board of Commissioners