

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO**

RESOLUTION NO. 07 – 29

**RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE CLOSURE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S FARM
SERVICE AGENCY OFFICE**

The Board of Trustees of Jefferson Township, Montgomery County, Ohio met in regular session on September 4th, 2007, at the township offices, One Business Park Drive, Dayton, Ohio with the following members present:

Allen Elijah Yes, Angela R. Jones Absent, and Brice Sims Yes.

Brice Sims moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Jefferson Township believes the USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), located at must provide quality administrative services to the agriculture community; and

WHEREAS, The agricultural community depends upon the Montgomery County Agricultural Service Center partnership of the Farm Service Agency: the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Montgomery Soil and Water Conservation District to work as a team to efficiently provide these services; and

WHEREAS, The control and inclusive decision making by a Montgomery County Committee is necessary for equitably implementing FSA programs county wide; and

WHEREAS, The loss of the FSA presence in Montgomery County is expected to have an adverse economic impact on its agriculture community by a decreased participation in FSA's commodity, conservation, and related financial assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County FSA office in terms of the number of producers and farms in the state was ranked 43rd and 45th largest office respectively of the 72 which exist; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County FSA office was ranked the 12th most efficient in the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Jefferson Township Board of Trustees opposes the closure plan for the Montgomery County FSA office.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Jefferson Township Board of Trustees call upon the members of the Ohio FSA State Committee to revise their closure plan for the Montgomery County office, and redirect their attention to the closure of the smallest and most inefficient, and

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Jefferson Township Board of Trustee be authorized and directed to transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Senator Brown, Senator Voinovich, Congressman Boehner, Congressman Turner, and John Stevenson, State Executive Director and Dorothy Lesie, Chairperson Ohio State FSA Committee

Allen Elijah, seconded the motion, and the roll was called on the question of its adoption. The vote was as follows:

Brice Sims Yes, Angela R. Jones Absent, and Allen H. Elijah Yes.

Adopted: the 4th day of September, 2007.

Attest:

Jerry D. Walker, Fiscal Officer

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