



COUNTY OF PETTIS
PETTIS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

July 24, 2025

Resolution

Supporting the Funding and Development for The National Steamboat Museum

- WHEREAS,** The National Steamboat Museum is a Not for Profit 501C3 Tax Deductible Organization; and
- WHEREAS,** There are 113,000 low to moderate K-12 students 80%, of which the Federal Government classifies as underserved within a one hour drive of Marshall Junction; and
- WHEREAS,** There are 6 Four Year Universities and 5 Community Colleges within a 2hr drive; and
- WHEREAS,** There is a population of 546,827 within a 1hr drive and a population of 7,477,236 (1,644,992 under the age of 18 years), 2025 projected population of 7,650,065 within a 3hr drive; and
- WHEREAS,** There are 37,000 cars passing through Marshall Junction every day; and
- WHEREAS,** The short term goal is to open with two Steamboats (the Arabia and the Malta); and
- WHEREAS,** The long term goal is to display a total of 6 Steamboats, one from each decade of the Steamboat ERA (1820 Thru 1880); and
- WHEREAS,** The Architect for the project is PGAV out of St. Louis. They have designed Destinations Worldwide such as: Bass Pro Stores, The Wonders of Wildlife Aquarium for Bass Pro, The Space Shuttle Atlantis Museum at Cape Canaveral, The Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta, The St. Louis Cardinals Hall of Fame Museum, and National Air & Space Visitor Experience in Washington, DC to name a few; and
- WHEREAS,** The National Steamboat Museum will be of Smithsonian Quality, State-of-the-Art, interactive, age appropriate exhibit, where visitors will not only see how cargo changed over the years, but will be immersed in the history of that decade; and
- WHEREAS,** The National Steamboat Museum will have a teaching laboratory where students can engage in cleaning artifacts; and
- WHEREAS,** St. Louis is the Gateway to the West, but Saline, Pettis, Lafayette, and surrounding Counties are the launching pad. The National Steamboat Museum will be the big attraction, but within a 30 minute drive are: Arrow Rock, The Missouri State Fair Grounds, Trails End Museum in Sedalia, Scott Joplin Exhibit, the beginning of The Santa Fe Trail, Nichols-Beasley Air Museum in Marshall, Lewis & Clark trail, Penny Town, the Battlefield in Lexington, the Confederate Cemetery and Missouri Veteran's Cemetery in Higginsville, and many other Historic Sites.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED PETTIS COUNTY COMMISSION fully supports the funding and the development of The National Steamboat Museum at Marshall Junction.

This the 24th day of July, 2025.


Mark Edwards
Western Commissioner


Bill Taylor
Presiding Commissioner


Israel Baeza
Eastern Commissioner

ATTEST: 
Megan Page
County Clerk