

RESOLUTION 17-1

**WHEREAS**, the Sangamon County Board created the “Massey Commission” after the tragic death of Sonya Massey whose life tragically ended on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 because of the abhorrent actions of Sean Grayson; and

**WHEREAS**, the commission is charged with establishing a path forward to best bring our community together and to address systemic issues in law enforcement practices, mental health responses, and community relations, with the goal of creating tangible, practical, and equitable solutions for the betterment of all who call Sangamon County home; and,

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the search for answers to this question will involve changes to our selection, training, support and review of personnel engaged in public safety, mental health, public health, education, training and we are receptive to these changes; and,

**WHEREAS**, the commission will begin meeting in September under the leadership of co-chairs Dr. Jerry Kruse, Dean and Provost of the SIU School of Medicine; Pastor T. Ray McJunkins, pastor of Union Baptist Church; and Nina Harris, chair of the Illinois Commission on Equity and Inclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Co-Chairs will select all other commission members or members of subcommittees as needed from a pool of applicants who submitted their interest on the county’s website by August 30, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, it is with gratitude that the county accepts SIU Medicine’s offer to provide in-kind staffing support to lead the support work of the commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Vector Communications has operated as a trusted vendor to Sangamon County government and, indeed, the general community, specifically coordinating community relations and outreach for the successful Tenth Street Rail Project, and through this and other engagements knows our community well; and

**WHEREAS**, Vector Communications, who also played a key role in the construction, launch and implementation of the Ferguson Commission following the killing of Michael Brown Jr.; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sangamon County Board on this \_\_\_ day of September 2024 that to further the purposes of this resolution and to support SIU Medicine and the work of the Massey Commission, the county will enter into an agreement with Vector Communications for an amount not to exceed \$21,000 over a 12-month period for consulting services.

Approved by the \_\_\_ Finance Committee \_\_\_\_\_ September 10, 2024 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman

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Chairman, Sangamon County Board

ATTEST:

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County Clerk

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*Don J. Gray*  
Sangamon County Clerk