

Date: August 9, 2022

Resolution No. 22-697

Title: Authorization of the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) to Support Audio/Video Improvements in the Commissioners' Chambers to Upgrade Technology and Software for Live Streaming and Archival Video of Meetings

Department/Agency: Administration

Contact: Megan Vahey Casiere, Administrator

Summary/Background: Signed into law on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was enacted to support American workers, families, businesses, and governments in efforts to strengthen the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. A centerpiece of the legislation was the provision of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), a \$350 billion program designed to provide state and local governments with the resources necessary to protect public health, support vulnerable populations, maintain vital public services, and make investments to build a resilient and equitable economic recovery.

Addressing negative economic impacts caused by COVID-19, including public sector capacity, is among the eligible uses cited by the United States Department of Treasury in the SLFRF Final Rule. The pandemic has illustrated the importance that social distancing plays in the ability to control the spread of the virus, protecting the public health and the safety of employees while continuing to ensure that citizens have the ability participate in local government.

Making Lucas County Board of Commissioners meetings remotely accessible will protect public health and enhance the ability of constituents to engage their local government. Lucas County Administration requests permission to use SLFRF in order support audio/video improvements through the installation of recording equipment in the Commissioners' Chambers and upgrades to corresponding software on the County website.

Budget Impact: 2286.113013.50.670001.00000

Statutory Authority/ORC: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Final Rule

Commissioner Gerken offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in consideration of the above, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners, Lucas County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the application of \$129,000 in SLFRF under Expenditure Category 3 (Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity), Subcategory 4 (Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery) to support audio/video improvements through the installation of recording equipment in the Commissioners' Chambers and upgrades to corresponding software on the County website.

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Section 2. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in meeting open to the public in compliance with the law.

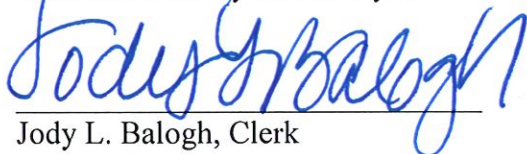
Section 3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Action Taken:

Commissioner Gerken voted yes

Commissioner Skeldon Wozniak voted yes

Commissioner Byers voted yes

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Jody L. Balogh, Clerk