



WELLS COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2021- ||

An Ordinance of the Wells County Board of Commissioners Establishing a Wells County ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Plan

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2021, President Joe Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) into law. Among its many provisions intended to address the COVID-19 pandemic, the ARPA included the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (“FRF”), intended to provide local governments with funds to respond to the impact of COVID-19. The FRF funds may be used by recipients, including counties, for the following four purposes:

1. To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
2. To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID–19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers;
3. For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID–19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and
4. To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, On May 17, 2021, the United States Department of the Treasury (“Treasury”) issued an Interim Final Rule (“IFR”), providing guidance and clarifying the nature and scope of expenses eligible for payment using FRF funds; and

WHEREAS, Congress allocated the FRF funds under the ARPA to eligible counties based on each county’s population share of the total population of all counties. In sum, the FRF provided \$65.1 billion to counties. Wells County has been allocated \$5,496,166 in FRF funds. Wells County received its first tranche of funds in the amount of \$2,748,083 on June 7, 2021, and expects to receive its second tranche in May 2022; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with guidance issued by the Indiana State Board of Accounts, Wells County has prepared the Wells County, Indiana ARPA Funding Plan for 2021-2022 ("the Plan") outlining the intended uses, amounts, and justifications for its FRF expenditures. This plan describes how the county will spend the funds both tranches. These numbers are estimates for each category and may change based on need, COVID conditions and or bids/quotes that come in higher or lower. Likewise, projects may be added and or removed. This plan is to layout a roadmap for Wells County Government to utilize these dollars to have the greatest overall impact on Wells County. Input for this plan has been received from community members, business leaders, department heads and elected officials. Prior to the distribution of any amounts from the FRF in accordance with this plan, the County Council will complete all legal procedures required to appropriate such amounts from the FRF.

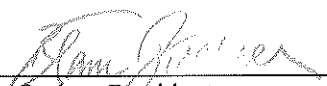
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WELLS COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:


The Board of Commissioners of Wells County, Indiana, with the unanimous consent of the members present, hereby adopts the provisions of the Wells County, Indiana ARPA Funding Plan for 2021-2022 ("the Plan"), established by the Board of Commissioners of Wells County, Indiana, and the Wells County Council, as amended for time to time.

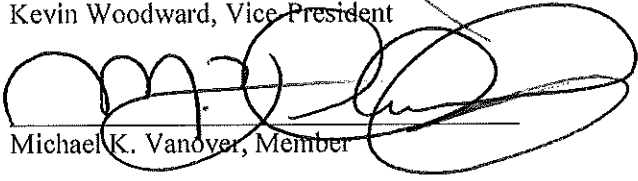
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Wells County, Indiana on this seventh day of September, 2021, by the following vote:


<u>✓</u>	_____
Aye	Nay
<u>✓</u>	_____
Aye	Nay
<u>✓</u>	_____
Aye	Nay

WELLS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:


Blake Gerber, President


Kevin Woodward, Vice President


Michael K. Vanover, Member

ATTEST:

Lisa McCormick, Auditor

This instrument was prepared by the Wells County Attorney, Roy R. Johnson, Attorney No. 4937-90, 116 South Main St., Bluffton, IN 46714. I affirm, under penalties for perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each Social Security number in this document, unless required by law. Lisa McCormick