ORDINANCE NO. 2022-R-13

A ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE COUNTY FISCAL SPENDING PLAN FOR DEKALB COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), a part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA") provided for distribution to the state, local and Tribal governments across the country a total sum of \$350 billion dollars to support their response to and recovery from COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the total amount available to DeKalb County, Indiana ("County"), is the sum of \$8,446,498.34, with the County receiving the first half (\$4,222,254.50) in May 2021 and issued Quietus #61614; and

WHEREAS, the County received the second half (\$4,222,254.50) in June of 2022 and issued Quietus #62791; and

WHEREAS, State Board of Accounts State Examiner Directive 2021-01 requires County Commissioners to adopt a county ordinance establishing a separate local grant fund called the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund #8950 as well as to develop a plan for use of the funds that corresponds with the elements laid out in Section 603 of ARPA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the DeKalb County, Indiana ("Commissioners"), did create said fund by adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-R-11: DCC 12-6-1 on May 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Commissioners have given due consideration to an initial plan for use of the funds distributed to County by virtue of SLFRF; and

WHEREAS, Commissioners acknowledge that County shall only use the funds provided to cover costs incurred by the County on or after March 3, 2021, shall obligate funds by December 31, 2024, and shall expend all funds by December 31, 2026:

- (A) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or to aid the impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
- (B) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of local government, or county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;

- (C) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of local government, or county government due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of local government, or county prior to the emergency; or
- D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure, as described by Section 603(c) of ARPA.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, Indiana, that it hereby adopts the County's plan for use of SLFRF local recovery funds, as follows:

- 1. DeKalb County determined revenue loss and elected the 'standard allowance' of up to \$10 million to spend on government services through the period of performance that began for costs incurred on or after March 3, 2021 and spent by December 31, 2026;
- 2. DeKalb County may use SLFRF funds on government services and plans to do so; Government services generally include any service traditionally provided by a government, unless Treasury has stated otherwise, as described in the Final Rule of SLFRF by the U.S. Treasury effective on April 1, 2022
 - a. Examples include (not exhaustive): Construction of schools and hospitals, Road building and maintenance, and other infrastructure, Health services, General Government administration, staff, and administrative facilities, Environmental remediation, Provision of police, fire, and other public safety services (including purchase of fire trucks and police vehicles).
 - b. Every use that is eligible under other eligible use categories are also eligible under revenue loss, because those eligible uses are also services provided by recipient governments, and Treasury encourages recipients to use their funds for investments that serve the needs of their communities and build a stronger and more equitable recovery.
- 3. The plan may be amended from time to time so long as the amendment complies with Section 603(c).

SO RESOLVED this 5th day of December, 2022.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DEKALB COUNTY, INDIANA

William L. Hartman – President

Michael Watson - Vice President

Todd Sanderson - Vice Presiden

Attest:

Susan Sleeper, Auditor