

RESOLUTION NO. 2023- 129

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION 2022-200 AMENDING THE NASSAU FLORIDA PROSPERITY PLAN STRATEGIC PRIORITIES; APPROVING USE OF THE REVENUE REPLACEMENT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY TO ALLOCATE THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS; ADOPTING THE NASSAU FLORIDA PROSPERITY PLAN PRIORITY PROJECTS AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO EXECUTE THE NASSAU FLORIDA PROSPERITY PLAN PRIORITY PROJECTS; PROVIDING CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR APPLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is an economic stimulus bill signed into law on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, a part of the American Rescue Plan, delivers \$350 billion to state, local, and Tribal governments across the country, with Nassau County securing nearly \$17,213,383 million in funding; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act provides guidance for uses, restrictions, compliance, and monitoring of expenditures; and

WHEREAS, costs covered by American Rescue Plan Act funds must be used for costs incurred on or after March 3, 2021 and obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved the Nassau Florida Prosperity Plan to serve as the preliminary framework for the local application of the American Rescue Plan Act; and,

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2022, the US Department of the Treasury released the Final Rule related to the American Rescue Plan Act; and

WHEREAS, on February 14th and 15th of 2022, the Board of County

Commissioners held a Strategic Planning Session and identified organizational priorities and provided the County Manager direction; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners adopted an Interim Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners entered into a contract with Guidehouse Inc. (previously Grant Thornton LLP) to provide grant compliance and consulting services related to the American Rescue Plan Act; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners held a publicly noticed workshop where public comment was taken and presentations were given by the Nassau County Manager's Office and Guidehouse Inc.; and

WHEREAS, included as part of the October 10, 2022 presentation to the Board of County Commissioners, Guidehouse Inc. representatives stated the US Department of Treasury's revenue loss calculation formula estimated Nassau County lost \$17,676,129 in revenues from the base year; and

WHEREAS, included as part of the October 10, 2022 presentation to the Board of County Commissioners, Guidehouse Inc. recommended that the Board of County Commissioners utilize US Department of the Treasury Reporting Expenditure Category 6.1, Revenue Replacement, to fill revenue losses against General Governmental purposes per US Department of the Treasury guidance; and

WHEREAS, the presentations on October 10, 2022 also included a recommendation to amend the Nassau Florida Prosperity Plan to add a sixth Strategic Priority, Strategic Investment in Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, the presentations on October 10, 2022 also included a recommendation to pursue nine (9) priority projects, and correlating funding allocation, to implement the Nassau Florida Prosperity Plan; and

WHEREAS, the county has further qualified for \$100,000 of funding under the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) under the American Rescue Plan; and

WHEREAS, the LATCF provides \$1.5 billion in two equal payments of \$750 million for FYs 2022 and 2023 to "eligible revenue sharing counties" under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); and.

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2023, the Board of County Commissioner approved the acceptance of the LATCF funds; and

WHEREAS, the LATCF funds may be used in a manner similar to the prior ARPA funds and leveraged for funding the Nassau County Prosperity Plan projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS. The above findings are true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. ADOPTION OF REVENUE REPLACEMENT. The Board of County Commissioners will utilize the US Department of the Treasury Reporting Expenditure Category 6.1, Revenue Replacement, to fill revenue losses against General Governmental purposes per US Department of the Treasury guidance.

SECTION 3. EXPANSION OF THE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES OF THE NASSAU FLORIDA PROSPERITY PLAN. The Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts a sixth Strategic Priority for the Nassau Florida Prosperity Plan, Strategic Investment in Public Safety. The six Strategic Priorities of the Nassau Florida Prosperity Plan are:

1. Strategic Infrastructure Investment
2. Strategic Investment in Local Business Incubation, Development, and Acceleration
3. Strategic Investment in Revenue Stabilization and Diversification
4. Strategic Investment in Leveraging State/Federal Programs & Liaison Services/Technical Assistance for Nonprofits & Community Organizations
5. Strategic Investment in Mitigation of Economic Uncertainty
6. Strategic Investment in Public Safety

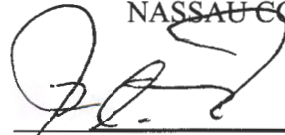
SECTION 4. ADOPTION OF THE NASSAU FLORIDA PROSPERITY PLAN PRIORITY PROJECTS. The Board hereby adopts ten (10) Nassau Florida Prosperity Plan Priority Projects and allocates the necessary funds. Those projects and correlating funding allocations are adopted as follows:

Project #1: Crawford Diamond Industrial Park Water Plant	\$4,500,000
Project #2: 'Old' Sheriff Admin. Campus Remediation	\$2,000,000
Project #3: Animal Care and Control Campus	\$1,250,000
Project #4: Public Safety Radio System Upgrades	\$1,600,711
Project #5: Public Safety Radio Replacement	\$2,285,375
Project #6: Westside Regional Park Amphitheater	\$2,000,000
Project #7: 4th Street Property Reinvention/SBDC Office	\$2,000,000
Project #8: Public Safety Training Facility	\$500,000
Project #9: Broadband Local Planning Team	\$150,000
<u>Project #10: Northeast Florida Fair Association Sewer</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
Overall Program Contingency:	\$308,808
Subtotal:	\$16,644,894
Grant Monitoring & Compliance [5yrs]:	\$668,489
	<u>Total: \$17,313,383</u>

SECTION 5. DIRECTION TO THE COUNTY MANAGER. The Board of County Commissioners authorizes and directs the County Manager to take the necessary action to execute the Nassau Florida Prosperity Plan Priority Projects in accordance with local policies and procedures.

DULY ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 10th day of July 2023 and made effective upon signature.

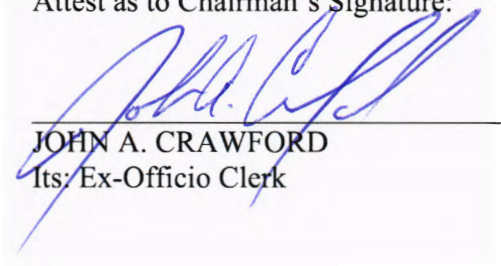
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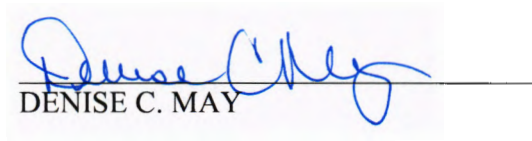
Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's Signature:



JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:



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