

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 103**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION 2022-200, AS AMENDED, AMENDING 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 FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE COUNTY MANAGER; 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 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Commissioners 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; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 10, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution 2023-129 for the addition of Project #10 Northeast Florida Fair Association Sewer; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 15, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution 2023-205 for the addition of Project #11 Town of Hilliard Public Water Service Improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, due to facility demands at the James Page Governmental Complex, the Board of County Commissioners is seeking to reallocate the funding previously allocated for Project #8 Public Safety Training Facility to the James Page Governmental Complex.

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

**SECTION 1. FINDINGS.** The above legislative 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.

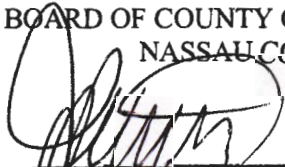
**SECTION 3. AMENDING THE NASSAU FLORIDA PROSPERITY PLAN PRIORITY PROJECTS.** The Board hereby adopts eleven (11) Nassau Florida Prosperity Plan Priority Projects and allocates the necessary funds. Those projects and correlating funding allocations are adopted as follows:

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: James Page Governmental Complex	\$500,000
Project #9: Broadband Local Planning Team	\$150,000
Project #10: Northeast Florida Fair Association Sewer	\$50,000
Project #11: Town of Hilliard Public Water Service Improvements	\$195,000
Overall Program Contingency:	\$308,808
Subtotal:	\$16,839,894
Grant Monitoring & Compliance [5yrs]:	\$473,489
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$17,313,383</u></b>

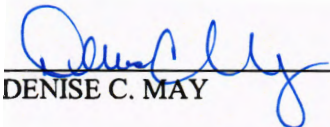
**SECTION 4. DIRECTION TO THE COUNTY MANAGER.** The Board of County Commissioners authorizes and directs the County Manager to take the necessary action to execute the Nassau Florida Prosperity Plan Priority Projects in accordance with local policies and procedures.

**DULY ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 10th day of June 2024 and made effective upon signature.

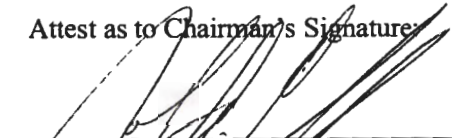
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