ORDINANCE NO. 2021-8
AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CREATING A NEW FUND FOR THE RECEIPT OF FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN AS ADOPTED BY CONGRESS IN 2021

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has adopted the American Rescue Plan (ARP) which has been signed into law by the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish a new fund in the Auditor's Office into which the proceeds of the ARP are to be deposited;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners passed Ordinance 2021-02 on April 16, 2021, and now hereby amends that Ordinance as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CASS COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

1.   There is created a new fund with the Auditor's Office that shall be entitled "ARP Grant Fund", and the Auditor has issued a fund number of 8950 with respect to these funds and such funds shall be non-reverting.

2.   The purpose of the funds is to be used for only the following reasons as set forth in §603(C) of the ARP in accordance with US Treasury Guidance:
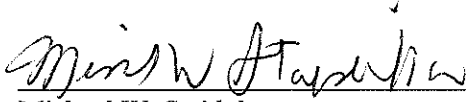
    A.   To respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or to aid the impacted industries such as tourism, travel and hospitality;

    B.   To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible works of the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government or county that are performing such essential, or by providing grants to eligible employers that 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, nonentitlement until of local government, or county due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government or county prior to the emergency; or

D. To make necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure as approved by the US Treasury.

3. The funds shall be appropriated by the County's fiscal body before use.

4. All expenditure of funds shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners with any and all claims to be paid from the County's ARP Fund.

5. The Board of Commissioners will establish the plan, conditions and rules upon which the funds are to be requested and used.

6. Any unused funds shall be paid back to the United States Treasury when required.

7. The Auditor shall keep accurate and complete financial records of the receipt and expenditure of any and all funds deposited and paid from this new Fund.

8. No money received in the ARP Fund shall be used for any type of deposit into any pension fund.

9. The County Commissioners have made the decision to purchase two (2) EMS Ambulances, including all equipment necessary to outfit said ambulances; and also, to purchase eleven (11) Zoll Auto Pulse automated CPR devices for each of the County's fire departments. The Zoll Auto Pulse devices will assist our Emergency Responders in providing medical care which will protect the administrators of the device from direct contact with people potentially infected with COVID-19. The ambulances and the Zoll Auto Pulse Automated CPR device also will provide support for vulnerable populations to have access medical or public health services; enhance the County's healthcare capacity for the support, prevention, and mitigation of current or future pandemic health crisis; enhance public health data systems and other public health responses; and is a capital improvement to the County's

public medical facilities designed to meet the operational needs of the county during a pandemic.

All of which is PASSED and ORDAINED this 18th day of October 2021.

CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

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Michael W. Stajduhar

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Ryan Browning

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Ruth Baker

Attest:

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Cheryl Alcorn, County Auditor