CALHOUN COUNTY
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION—PHASE III

WHEREAS, Section 17(1) of State of Michigan Public Act 2 of 1968 (the "Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act") states that a deviation from the original general appropriations act shall not be made without amending the general appropriations act; and

WHEREAS, County Policy #275 and the Annual Appropriations Resolution requires that if during the fiscal year there are available for appropriation revenues in excess of those estimated in the budget, the Board of Commissioners may make supplemental appropriations for the year up to the amount of the excess; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the federal government enacted Public Law 117-2 (the "American Rescue Plan Act of 2021" or "ARPA") to provide additional relief to address the continued impact of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2021, the United States Department of the Treasury announced the launch of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (the "Fiscal Recovery Funds"), established by ARPA, to provide $350 billion in emergency funding for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Calhoun County (the "County") has been directly awarded $26,058,813 from the Fiscal Recovery Funds; and

WHEREAS, ARPA permits the County to use the Fiscal Recovery Funds to cover eligible costs incurred during the period beginning March 3, 2021, and ending December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The four broad statutory eligible uses of the Fiscal Recovery Funds are:

1. To respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts;

2. To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health

emergency by providing premium pay to such eligible workers of the recipient, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who performed essential work;

3. For the provision of government services, to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such recipient due to the COVID–19 public health emergency, relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the recipient prior to the emergency; and

4. To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.AS, the County's revenue losses and negative economic impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic have adversely impacted the County's budget and ability to provide mandated and necessary services, and to assist the community with a quicker recovery from health and economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator/Controller developed an initial strategy for investment of the County's ARPA funds and that strategy and examples of projects for consideration were discussed during the Board of Commissioners' ARPA Workshop on May 29, 2021; and

WHEREAS, from March through July 2021, the County received input and nearly $50 million in requests from key community leaders, other local governments and nonprofits, Countywide elected officials, department heads and the Judiciary, as well as from public comment at the May 29 Board workshop on how to spend the Fiscal Recovery Funds through numerous meetings and communications; and

WHEREAS, since August 2021, the County has continued to receive requests and facilitate discussions with our Board of Commissioners Budget Team, Internal Budget Team and Countywide Leadership Team regarding requests and prioritizing those requests based on urgency and potential for other funding sources; and

WHEREAS, the County continues to seek further input and follow up on requests received and has developed a three-year forecast to aid in the development of the future Phases of ARPA appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners appropriated $9.1 million in ARPA Funds, Phase I on August 5, 2021, and $6.6 million in ARPA Funds, Phase II on November 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the County now desires to appropriate the Third Phase of Fiscal Recovery Funds to provide appreciation to all eligible County employees eligible for paid time off in accordance to employment

agreements, state statutes, Board policies and Collective Bargaining Agreements, and to provide support to a top priority economic development project within the County; and

WHEREAS, the County plans to continue to seek ways to utilize a portion of the Fiscal Recovery Funds for match funding to leverage opportunities to obtain additional funding or to assist with other organizations' projects aligned with County priorities; and

WHEREAS, the County urges the State of Michigan to responsibly appropriate its allocation of ARPA funds in ways that supplement local government strategies to invest ARPA funds for the long-term benefit of our residents and our economy in accordance with the https://micounties.org/mi-prosperity-roadmap/ MI Roadmap to Prosperity Plan forwarded to the State by the Michigan Association of Counties and other associations; and

WHEREAS, the County's allocation of ARPA/Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) will be monitored and reported according to the U.S. Department of Treasury's Interim Final Rule, Compliance and Reporting Guidance, and to ensure our appropriations meet U.S. Treasury's Guiding Principles as published on their website, www.treasury.gov; and

WHEREAS, as outlined in the Award Terms and Conditions for the Fiscal Recovery Fund recipients, Calhoun County will determine prior to engaging in any project using this assistance that it has the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of such project; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners will have ongoing oversight of the Fiscal Recovery Funds through, but not limited to, the following: (1) contract approval under the County's procurement and other fiscal policies, (2) sub-recipient agreements as required by U.S. Treasury or other laws, (3) regular reporting by the Administrator/Controller—Finance Department within Financial Reports to the Board on the use of the Fiscal Recovery Funds and information on the impacts these funds are making; and (4) information posted on an ARPA page within the Finance Department's pages on the County's website.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners hereby approves appropriation of $2,600,000 from the Fiscal Recovery Funds for the costs associated or necessary to fulfill any of the purposes enumerated in each appropriation identified in the attached schedule; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that, the County's ARPA appropriation, Phase III, is made with the following provisions:

1. Funds for projects that are completed at amounts less than appropriated will be returned to the County Fiscal Recovery Funds in aggregate for re-allocation in subsequent appropriations.
2. Internal County department heads, elected officials and judges are required to use the requested ARPA allocations for the purpose requested, and to communicate with the County Administrator/Controller and Finance Department the need for modifications of amounts within the requested projects.
3. External organizations receiving County ARPA allocations are required to use the requested funds for the purpose requested, to track and provide to the County documentation of proper use of the funds, and to communicate with the County Administrator/Controller the need for modification of amounts within the requested projects. The County may require funding and/or development agreements with external organizations upon advice of the County's legal counsel.

RESOLVED, that, in order to maximize and expedite the use of future funding made available under ARPA or any other state or federal economic stimulus law ("Stimulus Funding"), the Administrator/Controller, or designee, may, without prior approval of the Board of Commissioners, file, on behalf of the County, an application, supplement, or amendment for a federal, state or other grant from Stimulus Funding; **AND BE IT FINALLY**

RESOLVED, that the Administrator/Controller is hereby authorized and shall take all appropriate actions necessary to implement the foregoing provisions and actions authorized by this resolution.

Calhoun County - ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds Phase III Appropriation
$2,600,000, By Department or Agency

Department/Agency	
Admin	600,000
Category: Premium Pay	600,000
County Employees – Add'l 40 Hr PTO with Cashout option by 12/31/22	600,000
BC Unlimited	2,000,000
Category: Negative Economic Impact	2,000,000
McCamly Hotel Renovations	2,000,000
Grand Total	**2,600,000**