RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11-16B

A Resolution concerning funding pursuant to the CARES ACT & The Coronavirus Relief Fund.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus COVID-19 disease to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency; due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma declared an emergency caused by the impending threat of COVID-19 to the people of this state and the public's peace, health and safety; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Custer County Board of Commissioners declared Custer County a disaster area, entitled to aid, relief and assistance and do hereby direct the implementation of the County Emergency Operations Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's statewide emergency declaration has been renewed and extended numerous times and remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Custer County Board of Commissioners to protect the health and safety of Custer County and its inhabitants, to preserve the peace, and to provide civil defense and emergency functions; and

WHEREAS, the guidelines applicable to funding from the CARES Act indicate that there is a presumption that all public safety personnel costs are related to the COVID-19 relief efforts unless the relevant municipal official determines otherwise; and

WHEREAS, approval of this resolution is in the best interest of the residents of Custer County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Custer County Board of Commissioners as follows:

- A. Pursuant to the guidelines established for the receipt of funds pursuant to the CARES Act and the Coronavirus Relief Fund, the Custer County Board of Commissioners confirm the presumption that all public safety personnel costs of Custer County for the period from March 1, 2020, through December 30, 2020, are substantially dedicated to the Custer County COVID-19 response efforts.
- B. Custer County staff is authorized and directed to proceed with an application to the State of Oklahoma for reimbursement of COVID-19 related public safety personnel costs for the stated period.
- C. The County Clerk is authorized to execute all documents necessary to complete the application and funding process.
- D. The Board of County Commissioners has designated placement of CARES funding into the Capital Improvement fund until deemed necessary.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has approved and adopted Resolution No. 2020-09-14A and in compliance with the State Auditor and Inspectors Office for clarification purposes, Item D above has been included.

This Resolution is adopted in open meeting of the Custer County Board of Commissioners, Arapaho, Oklahoma, on the 16th day of November, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CUSTER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

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Melissa Graham, County Clerk

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