

RESOLUTION NO. 23-03-340

AUTHORIZE A ONE-TIME FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE  
MIAMI COUNTY PARTNERS FOR ANIMAL WELFARE (MCPAW)

COMMISSIONERS/ANIMAL SHELTER

Mr. Mercer introduced the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Title IX, Subtitle M, Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act, Pub. L. 117-2 [H.R. 1319], signed into law March 11, 2021 (“ARPA”), appropriated Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (the “Fund”) payments from the U.S. Treasury Secretary to metropolitan cities, non-entitlement units of local government, and counties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the ARPA’s Fund methodology, Miami County was allocated approximately \$20,800,000 (the “Fund Payment”) to “mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)”; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA and its supporting U.S. Treasury guidance provide that the Fund Payment may only be used by the County to finance costs that (a) respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; (b) respond to workers performing essential work; (c) provide government services to extent of reduction in revenue; and (d) make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure (collectively, the “Criteria”); and

WHEREAS, the on July 30, 2021, the US Treasury issued to the Board \$10,390,485.50 of its total ARPA funding allocation \$20,800,000.00, said Fund Payment is to cover only those expenditures consistent with ARPA, including the Criteria, and applicable regulations, and such Fund Payment has been or will be deposited into an appropriate special revenue fund created and maintained by the County; and

WHEREAS, the Miami County Partners for Animal Welfare (MCPAW) is a new Ohio 501(C) 3 nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the welfare of animals in our community by working in cooperation with the Miami County Animal Shelter and various Miami County departments. Their core objective is to lead a capital fundraising campaign to construct a new, no-kill animal shelter in Miami County; and

WHEREAS, the Miami County Commissioners by and through the ARPA committee has recommended disbursing unrestricted ARPA funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 to Miami County Partners for Animal Welfare; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, all in compliance with Ohio's Sunshine Laws, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Miami, State of Ohio, do hereby approve and authorize funds to be disbursed to the Miami County Partners for Animal Welfare (MCPAW) for the capital fundraising campaign to construct a new, no-kill animal shelter in Miami County, Ohio to be paid from Fund 198.

Mr. Simmons seconded the motion and the Board voted as follows upon roll call:

Mr. Simmons, Yea;


Mr. Mercer, Yea;

Mr. Westfall, Yea.

DATED: March 23, 2023

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Janelle S. Barga, Clerk to the Board of Miami County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct transcript of action taken by the Board under the date of March 23, 2023.

  
Janelle S. Barga, Clerk

cc: Journal  
Files ✓  
Auditor  
MCC – Carrie Vaughan  
Requesting Party



March 21, 2023

Madam Clerk,

Miami County Partners for Animal Welfare (MCPAW) is an Ohio 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the welfare of animals in our community by working in cooperation with the Miami County Animal Shelter and Miami County government. Their core objective is to lead a capital fundraising campaign to construct a new, no-kill animal shelter in Miami County.

During the February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Government Affairs Luncheon, the Board of Miami County Commissioners announced the start of a capital improvement campaign for a new animal shelter to be led by MCPAW. Furthermore, the Board of Miami Commissioners pledged \$250,000.00 in ARPA funds to start the campaign.

The Miami County Animal Shelter is respectfully requesting the Board of Miami County Commissioners approve \$250,000.00 in ARPA funds be allocated to MCPAW to be used for the construction of a new animal shelter.

Sincerely,

Rob Craft

MCAS Director