

ORDINANCE - 21 - 65

WHEREAS, the processes related to use of the American Rescue Plan Act funds requires considerable expertise not common among the elected officials and staff of Ford County; and

WHEREAS, the penalties for Ford County for use of American Rescue Plan Act funds for ineligible purposes are substantial; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Treasuring updated the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Frequently Asked Questions on June 8, 2021, specifically addressing recipients use funds to cover the costs of consultants to assist with managing and administering the funds; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Treasuring answered in the affirmative. "Yes. Recipients may use funds for administering the CSFRF/CLFRF program, including costs of consultants to support effective management and oversight, including consultation for ensuring compliance with legal, regulatory, and other requirements"; and


WHEREAS, the Ford County Board has engaged Bellwether LLC for support of processes related to American Rescue Plan Act funds for the total fee of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) payable in two invoices of Ten Thousand Dollars each; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Ford County Board hereby ordains:

1. The Ford County Treasurer shall transfer the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) of the American Rescue Plan Act, State And Local Fiscal Recovery funds to the Ford County General Fund for the purpose of making payment of duly presented and approved claims for services provided by Bellwether LLC.


Debbie Smith
Ford County Board Chairman

ATTEST:


Amy Frederick
Ford County Clerk & Recorder