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## **COMMISSIONERS' COURT**

## **RESOLUTION #R-19-2020**

A RESOLUTION OF **ARANSAS COUNTY**, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING TO ACCEPT CDBG-DR GRANT FUNDS in the amount of \$43M & CONTINUE PURSUIT OF GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE CREATION OF A MICRO-HOSPITAL TO SERVE THE MEDICAL NEEDS OF ARANSAS COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Hurricane Harvey hit Aransas County on August 25, 2017, and caused widespread damage to the County and numerous facilities and structures throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Harvey caused significant and severe damage to the infrastructure and service facilities supporting the health and wellness of our coastal population; and

WHEREAS, damage caused by Harvey in particular affected the medical facilities and the medical support infrastructure structure operating in support of citizens in the area; and

WHEREAS, the adopted Long-Term Recovery Plan seeks to address and improve Health & Wellness conditions; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Long-Term Recovery Plan depends on having proper and adequate medical facilities available to treat the medical needs of the local population; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner's Court has passed Two (2) Resolutions of support for the Micro-Hospital (R-23 & R-33) in June and August of 2019 respectively; and

WHEREAS, County staff have continued to press forward with a complex application from CDBG-DR funding provided to the County for a Micro-Hospital Project in the amount of \$10,469,646 out of our total grant allocation amount of \$53,860,264; and

WHEREAS, The Texas General Land Office (GLO) has now provided the County a grant contract award of \$43,390,628 or (80.5%) of the original grant allocation at 0% match for a variety of recovery projects and uses; and

WHEREAS, the County still continues to desire a final response from GLO regarding the Micro-Hospital grant application which is now in the final stages of consideration by GLO staff; and

WHEREAS, the County has initiated various pre-planning activities anticipating grant approval in order to perform under the grant deadlines in the CDBG-DR Program to include tentatively securing an acceptable location for the Micro-Hospital operations if and when approved by GLO; and

WHEREAS, the County staff will soon submit a response to the latest Request for Information (RFI) back to GLO and anticipates GLO will finalize the process for the Micro-Hospital application in the next 30-45 days; and

WHEREAS, the County considers funding of the Micro-Hospital project a public health and safety priority, especially given the current local conditions caused by the Pandemic (COVID-19);

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

in consideration of all available information, the Commissioner's Court authorizes County Judge C.H. "Burt" Mills, Jr. to accept the grant award contract for \$43,390,628 from GLO; and further instructs the Judge to complete the current grant request to a logical conclusion for the Micro-Hospital; and instructs County staff to immediately begin forming a strategy for providing medical services of an acceptable nature in the event GLO should not agree to provide funding for the creation of a Micro-Hospital facility from our first application with the remaining \$10,469,646 in CDBG-DR grant funds.

PASSED AND APPROVED by Aransas County Commissioners' Court on the 22nd day of June, 2020.

C.H. "BURT" MILLS, JR., County Judge

JACK CHANEY, Commissioner Pct. 1

CHARLES SMITH, Commissioner Pct. 3

AMASON, County Clerk

LESLIE CASTERLINI, Commissioner Pct. 2

WENDY LAUBACH, Commissioner Pct. 4