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

LESLIE CASTERLING, Commissioner Pct. 2

WENDY LAUBACH, Commissioner Pct. 4

ATTEST:

VALERIE K. AMASON, County Clerk