

**COMMISSIONERS JOURNAL NO. 81 - DELAWARE COUNTY  
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 16, 2024**

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DELAWARE COUNTY MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS DATE WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Present:**  
**Gary Merrell, President**  
**Barb Lewis, Vice President**  
**Jeff Benton, Commissioner**

**1  
RESOLUTION NO. 24-748**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE ELECTRONIC RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS FROM REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2024:**

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve the following:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, Ohio (the "Board") met in regular session on September 12, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of the Board has certified, pursuant to section 305.11 of the Ohio Revised Code, that the entire record of the proceedings at that meeting is completely and accurately captured in the electronic record of those proceedings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the electronic record of proceedings at the previous meeting.

Vote on Motion                      Mr. Merrell Aye                      Mr. Benton Aye                      Mrs. Lewis Aye

**2  
PUBLIC COMMENT**

**3  
TOM WRIGHT, DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
UPDATES AND REMARKS ON DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR**

**4  
RESOLUTION NO. 24-749**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS, THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES, AND PAYMENT OF WARRANTS IN BATCH NUMBERS CMAPR 0913:**

It was moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, to approve Then and Now Certificates, payment of warrants in batch numbers CMAPR 0913 and Purchase Orders as listed below:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>PO' Increase</b>			
(P2400355) Delaware County Fair	AG Society	29911190-5380	\$500,000.00
(P2400981) Enterprise FM Trust	Land and Buildings	10011105-5335	\$9,185.00

<b>PR Number</b>	<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Line Description</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
R2404578	SANITARY ENGINEER	CONCORD SCIOTO MILLAGE - ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	66911900 - 5301	\$ 24,972.80
R2404580	GARLAND/DBS INC	PHASE. RESOLUTION 24-639	66611900 - 5410	\$ 300,000.00
R2404591	SUPERION LLC	ANNUAL RENEWAL - ENGINEER	29214001 - 5320	\$ 7,708.06
R2404591	SUPERION LLC	ANNUAL RENEWAL - ENGINEER	69340407 - 5320	\$ 7,708.05
R2404591	SUPERION LLC	ANNUAL RENEWAL - BUILDING SAFETY	10011301 - 5320	\$ 34,258.03
R2404591	SUPERION LLC	ANNUAL RENEWAL - REGIONAL SEWER	66211900 - 5320	\$ 8,364.53
R2404591	SUPERION LLC	ANNUAL RENEWAL - REGIONAL PLANNING	72070701 - 5320	\$ 3,425.80

Vote on Motion                      Mr. Benton Aye                      Mrs. Lewis Aye                      Mr. Merrell Aye

**5  
RESOLUTION NO. 24-750**

**APPROVING A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LITTLE BROWN JUG 2024 JOSEPH NEVILLE**

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MEMORIAL AWARD WINNER:

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve the following:

WHEREAS, each year the Little Brown Jug and the Delaware County Fair honor an individual with the Joseph Neville Memorial Award; and

WHEREAS, Herve Filion, a Hall of Fame driver and two-time winner of the Little Brown Jug, has been posthumously awarded the 2024 Neville Award by an international panel of harness racing enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS, Filion, a Quebec native who passed away on June 22, 2017, is remembered for bringing decades of excitement to the sport from his first win at the age of 13 through the conclusion of his career in 2012, amassing 15,179 wins and \$88.4 million in earnings; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Filion guided Nansemond to a Little Brown Jug upset victory over a heavily-favored competitor in an epic, three-heat battle; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Filion won again, taking the title in straight heats with Hot Hitter; and

WHEREAS, during his remarkable career, Filion also won the inaugural World Driving Championship in 1970 and was voted Harness Tracks of America's 'Driver of the Year' a record ten times; and

WHEREAS, Filion was the youngest person ever elected to harness racing's Living Hall of Fame and Canada's Horse Racing Hall of Fame;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, with this proclamation, the Delaware County Board of Commissioners and Delaware City hereby recognizes and celebrates the career of Herve Filion, the recipient of the 2024 Joseph Neville Memorial Award.

Vote on Motion                Mrs. Lewis Aye                Mr. Merrell Aye                Mr. Benton Aye

6  
RESOLUTION NO. 24-751

APPROVING A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LITTLE BROWN JUG WALL OF FAME RECIPIENT

It was moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, to approve the following:

WHEREAS, the City of Delaware and Delaware County have the responsibility to recognize occasions of outstanding significance; and

WHEREAS, each year a panel of international and national harness racing enthusiasts selects a Little Brown Jug Wall of Fame honoree; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 honoree is Yannick Gingras, whose lifetime contributions to the sport are historic and significant; and

WHEREAS Gingras, a Quebec native who moved to the United States in 2001, hoisted the Little Brown Jug in 2014 with Limelight Beach, in 2017 behind Filibuster Hanover, and in 2021 with Lou's Pearlman; and

WHEREAS, the two-time Dan Patch 'Driver of the Year' also claimed the Jugette three times during a career marked by more than 9,000 wins and \$238 million in earnings; and

WHEREAS, Gingras has also driven horses to the winner's circle four times at the Old Oaken Bucket, the Buckette and in 15 divisions of the Standardbred.

WHEREAS, in 2022, Gingras achieved the sport's highest honor when he was elected into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame;

NOW THEREFORE, we jointly do hereby issue this proclamation to honor:

YANNICK GINGRAS

in the City of Delaware, and in the County of Delaware, Ohio, and we join with our fellow citizens in recognizing the 39th Little Brown Jug Wall of Fame honoree.

Vote on Motion                Mr. Merrell Aye                Mr. Benton Aye                Mrs. Lewis Aye

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-752

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**IN THE MATTER OF A PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF THE ASHELY JUNIOR FAIR:**

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve the following:

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize the lasting impact of the Ashley Junior Fair, the first of its kind in the United States, which later served as a template for youth participation at the Delaware County Fair and county fairs across the country; and

WHEREAS, in 1923, R.B. Warner, a vocational agriculture teacher at the local high school, partnered with Ashley Fair Board Member Charles Ashbrook to allow youth to exhibit pigs in the streets of Ashley during the Ashley Fair; and

WHEREAS, in 1924, the Ashley Fair made history by giving name to the first “Junior Fair” in the country and allowing youth to show against one another for the first time; and

WHEREAS, following the establishment of the local Junior Fair Board, Ashbrook worked with the Ohio State Fair to become the first with a Junior Fair, an achievement reached in 1929; and

WHEREAS, this year, on the occasion of its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Ashley Junior Fair was inducted into the Delaware County Agricultural Society’s Hall of Fame;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor and celebrate the enduring legacy of the Ashley Junior Fair, recognizing its significant role in advancing youth participation in county fairs and its historic contributions to the development of youth agricultural exhibition.

Vote on Motion                      Mr. Benton Aye                      Mrs. Lewis Aye                      Mr. Merrell Aye

**8  
DELAWARE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR SALE, PROJECTS, 4-H, AND LEADERSHIP  
ROB LEEDS, OSU EXTENSION  
LARYSSA HOOK, OSU EXTENSION  
JACCI SMITH, OSU EXTENSION  
JR FAIR BOARD YOUTH**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM #9**  
**Chris Rinehart**, Attorney for Concord Township – Opposing Annexation  
**Joe Garrett**, Concord Township Trustee – Opposing Annexation

**9  
RESOLUTION NO. 24-753**

**IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING ANNEXATION PETITION FROM AGENT FOR THE  
PETITIONER, MICHAEL R. SHADE, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, REQUESTING ANNEXATION OF  
239.167 ACRES OF LAND IN DELAWARE TOWNSHIP (135.728 ACRES) AND CONCORD  
TOWNSHIP (103.439 ACRES) TO THE CITY OF DELAWARE:**

It was moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2024, the Clerk to the Board of the Delaware County Commissioners received an annexation petition filed by Michael R. Shade, Attorney-at- Law, agent for the petitioners, requesting annexation of 239.137 acres, more or less, from Delaware Township (135.728 acres) and Concord Township (103.439 acres) to the City of Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the Petition was filed pursuant to section 709.023 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2024, Concord Township filed with the Board an objection (Concord Township Resolution 24-0828-2) to the Petition pursuant to section 709.023(D) of the Revised Code, which states, in pertinent part, that the Petition does not comply with sections 709.023(C), 709.023(E)(6), and 709.023(E)(7) of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 709.023(E) of the Revised Code, the Board reviewed the Petition to determine if the conditions stated therein have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby finds, upon review of the Petition, that the Petition meets each of the conditions specified in section 709.023(E) of the Revised Code;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby grants the annexation of 239.167 acres, more or less, from Delaware Township (135.728 acres) and Concord Township (103.439 acres) to the City of Delaware, as prayed for in the Petition.

Vote on Motion                      Mrs. Lewis Aye                      Mr. Merrell Aye                      Mr. Benton Aye

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**RESOLUTION NO. 24-754**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND DLZ ARCHITECTURE, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE DELAWARE COUNTY JAIL RENOVATIONS:**

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve the following:

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

This Professional Services Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into on September 16, 2024, by and between the Delaware County Board of Commissioners, Delaware County, Ohio, 91 North Sandusky Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015 (the "County"), and DLZ Architecture, Inc., 6121 Huntley Road, Columbus, Ohio 43229 (the "Consultant"), hereinafter individually referred to as a "Party" and collectively referred to as the "Parties."

**1 SERVICES PROVIDED BY CONSULTANT**

- 1.1 The Consultant shall provide professional design services for the Delaware County Jail Renovations project (the "Services").
- 1.2 The Consultant shall perform the Services promptly and with the ordinary degree of skill and care that would be used by other reasonably competent practitioners of the same discipline practicing in the same locale and under similar circumstances.
- 1.3 The Services are more fully defined in, and shall be rendered by the Consultant in accordance with, the Consultant's Technical Proposal, dated June 27, 2024 (the "Proposal"), which is attached hereto and, by this reference, incorporated herein.

**2 SUPERVISION OF SERVICES**

- 2.1 The County hereby designates the Delaware County Director of Facilities (the "Director") as the agent of the County for this Agreement.
- 2.2 The Director shall have authority to review changes to, and order commencement or suspension of, the Services performed under this Agreement.

**3 AGREEMENT AND MODIFICATIONS**

- 3.1 This Agreement, and those documents incorporated by reference herein, shall constitute the entire understanding and agreement between the County and the Consultant, shall supersede all prior understandings and agreements relating to the Services, and may only be modified or amended in writing with the mutual consent and agreement of the Parties.

**4 FEES AND REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES**

- 4.1 Compensation for Services provided under this Agreement shall be in accordance with the Proposal.
- 4.2 Total compensation under this Agreement shall not exceed Two Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$245,500.00) without subsequent modification of this Agreement in accordance with Section 3.1.
- 4.3 The fees specified above shall constitute full compensation for all direct labor, payroll burden, general and administrative overhead, profit, travel, equipment, and materials necessary to complete the Services.

**5 NOTICES**

- 5.1 Notices issued under this Agreement shall be served on a Party in writing and delivered by U.S. Certified Mail at the Party's address listed in the preamble of this Agreement, or another address the Party may provide by written notice to the other Party. The Parties may use electronic communication for the purposes of general communication regarding this Agreement and the Services, but a formal notice shall not be transmitted by electronic communication.

**6 PAYMENT**

- 6.1 Compensation shall be paid periodically, but no more than once per month, based on invoices submitted by the Consultant in accordance with the Proposal, subject to the Director's review and approval in accordance with Section 6.2.

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6.2 The Consultant shall submit invoices to the Director on Consultant's company letterhead, clearly listing the word "Invoice" with a sequential invoice number provided. The Director shall promptly review the invoice and may require the Consultant to submit additional documentation to substantiate an invoice.

6.3 The County shall pay approved invoices within thirty (30) days of receipt.

**7 NOTICE TO PROCEED, COMPLETION OF SERVICES, DELAYS AND EXTENSIONS**

7.1 The Consultant shall commence Services upon written order from the Director and shall complete the Services in a timely, diligent, and workmanlike manner in accordance with the Proposal.

7.2 The Consultant shall not proceed with any additional services not specified in the Proposal without written authorization from the Director and, if necessary, a modification of this Agreement in accordance with Section 3.1.

7.3 In the event that unforeseen and unavoidable delays prevent the timely completion of this Agreement, the Consultant may make a written request for time extension, and the Director may grant such an extension, provided that all other terms of the Agreement are adhered to.

**8 SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

8.1 The County, upon written notice as specified in Section 5, may suspend or terminate this Agreement at any time for the convenience of the County, at which time the Consultant shall immediately suspend or terminate Services, as ordered by the County.

8.2 In the case of termination, the Consultant shall submit a final invoice within sixty (60) days of receiving notice of termination for Services completed up to the date of termination. The County is not liable for payment for Services performed after the date of termination.

**9 CHANGE/ADDITIONS IN SCOPE OF SERVICES**

9.1 In the event that significant changes to the scope of the Services are required during performance of the Services, the first party shall notify the second party in writing with a detailed explanation of the circumstances believed to have changed beyond those originally contemplated by this Agreement. Any subsequent modifications to this Agreement shall only take effect if approved in a writing signed by both Parties in accordance with Section 3.1.

**10 OWNERSHIP**

10.1 Upon completion or termination of the Agreement, the Consultant shall provide copies, if so requested, to the County of all documents or electronic files produced under this Agreement.

10.2 The County shall have ownership of said documents, which are considered, but not limited to, any completed or partially completed surveys, calculations, reports, schematics, drawings and any other tangible written or electronic work produced in accordance with the Agreement.

10.3 This section does not require unauthorized duplication of copyrighted materials.

**11 CHANGE OF KEY CONSULTANT STAFF; ASSIGNMENT**

11.1 The Consultant shall immediately notify the County, in writing, of any change to key Consultant staff or sub-consultants assigned to the Services as contemplated at the time of executing this Agreement.

11.2 The Consultant shall not assign or transfer this Agreement, or any of the rights, responsibilities, or remedies contained herein, to any other party without the express, written consent of the County.

**12 INDEMNIFICATION**

12.1 The Consultant shall indemnify and hold free and harmless Delaware County and its officials and employees from any and all damages, injury, costs, expenses, judgments or decrees, or any other liabilities that they may incur as a result of bodily injury, sickness, disease or death or injury to or destruction of tangible property including the loss of use resulting therefrom, to the proportionate extent caused by any negligent acts, errors or omissions of the Consultant, its employees, agents, subcontractors, and their employees and agents' subcontractors and their employees or any other person for whose acts any of them may be liable.

**13 INSURANCE**

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- 13.1 General Liability Coverage: Consultant shall maintain commercial general liability insurance of \$1,000,000 each occurrence with an annual aggregate of \$2,000,000. Identical coverage shall be required to be provided by all subcontractors, if any.
- 13.2 Automobile Liability Coverage: Consultant shall maintain automobile liability insurance of \$1,000,000 each accident. Such coverage shall include coverage for owned, hired and non-owned automobiles. Identical coverage shall be required to be provided by all subcontractors, if any.
- 13.3 Workers' Compensation Coverage: Consultant shall maintain workers' compensation coverage as required by the laws of the State of Ohio. Identical coverage shall be required to be provided by all subcontractors, if any.
- 13.4 Professional Liability Insurance: Consultant hereby agrees to maintain, and require its subconsultants to maintain, professional liability insurance for the duration of the services hereunder and for three (3) years following completion of the Preliminary Engineering services hereunder plus three (3) years following any additional services provided for Final Engineering, services during construction, or other professional services, providing such insurance is readily available at reasonable prices. Such insurance for negligent acts, errors, and omissions shall be provided through a company licensed to do business in the State of Ohio for coverage of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per claim and in the aggregate.
- 13.5 Additional Insureds: Delaware County, its elected officials and employees, shall be named as additional insureds with respect to all activities under this Agreement in the policies required by Subsections 13.1 and 13.2. Consultant shall require all of its subcontractors to provide like endorsements.
- 13.6 Proof of Insurance: Prior to the commencement of any Services under this Agreement, Consultant, and all of its subcontractors, shall furnish the County with properly executed certificates of insurance for all insurance required by this Agreement. Certificates of insurance shall provide that such insurance shall not be cancelled without thirty (30) days prior written notice to the County. Consultant will replace certificates for any insurance expiring prior to completion of Services under this Agreement.

**14 MISCELLANEOUS TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- 14.1 Prohibited Interests: Consultant agrees that no agent, officer, or employee of the County during his/her tenure or for one year thereafter shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof. Consultant further agrees that it will not employ in any manner a current County employee for a minimum period of one (1) year from the completion date of this Agreement, without the prior express written consent of County.
- 14.2 Independent Contractor: The Parties acknowledge and agree that Consultant is acting as an independent contractor and that no agency, partnership, joint venture, or employment relationship has been or will be created between the Parties. Consultant also agrees that, as an independent contractor, Consultant assumes all responsibility for any federal, state, municipal, or other tax liabilities along with workers compensation, unemployment compensation, and insurance premiums that may accrue as a result of compensation received for services or deliverables rendered hereunder. **Consultant hereby certifies that it has five or more employees and that none of the employees are public employees for purposes of Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.**
- 14.3 Governing Law: This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio. Any and all legal disputes arising from this Agreement shall be filed in and heard before the courts of Delaware County, Ohio.
- 14.4 Headings: The subject headings of the Sections and Subsections in this Agreement are included for purposes of convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of any of its provisions. This Agreement shall be deemed to have been drafted by both Parties and no purposes of interpretation shall be made to the contrary.
- 14.5 Waivers: No waiver of breach of any provision of this Agreement shall in any way constitute a waiver of any prior, concurrent, subsequent, or future breach of this Agreement or any other provision hereof. No term or provision of this Agreement shall be deemed waived, and no breach excused, unless such a waiver or consent is expressly made in writing and signed by the party claimed to have waived or consented. Such waiver shall not constitute and shall not in any way be interpreted as a waiver of any other term or provision or future breach unless said waiver expressly states an intention to waive another specific term or provision or future breach.
- 14.6 Severability: If any item, condition, portion, or section of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person, premises, or circumstance shall to any extent, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder hereof and the application of such term, condition, provision, or section to persons, premises, or circumstances other than those as to whom it shall be held invalid or unenforceable shall

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not be affected thereby, and this Agreement and all the terms, conditions, provisions, or sections hereof shall, in all other respects, continue to be effective and to be complied with.

- 14.7 Findings for Recovery: Consultant certifies that it has no unresolved findings for recovery pending or issued against it by the State of Ohio.
- 14.8 Authority to Sign: Any person executing this Agreement in a representative capacity hereby warrants that he/she has authority to sign this Agreement or has been duly authorized by his/her principal to execute this Agreement on such principal's behalf and is authorized to bind such principal.
- 14.9 County Policies: The Consultant shall adhere to all applicable Delaware County policies, including, but not limited to, the following: Discrimination Policy, Ethics Policy, Contractor Safety Policy. The Consultant shall require any and all of its boards, board members, officers, officials, employees, representatives, agents, and/or volunteers performing Services under this Agreement and/or for or on behalf of the County to comply with all applicable Delaware County policies and shall be responsible for such compliance. The County may, in its sole discretion, immediately terminate this Agreement for failure of the Consultant to comply with this Subsection. Copies of applicable policies are available upon request or online at <https://humanresources.co.delaware.oh.us/policies/>. The County reserves the authority to change, amend, replace, enact, repeal, and/or rescind any or all of the policies at any time and without notice.
- 14.10 Drug-Free Workplace: The Consultant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding drug-free and smoke-free workplaces and environments and shall have established and have in place a drug-free workplace policy. The Consultant shall make a good faith effort to ensure that all of its employees and subcontractors engaged in the Services being performed hereunder will not purchase, transfer, use, or possess illegal drugs or alcohol, or abuse prescription drugs.
- 14.11 Non-Discrimination/Equal Opportunity: Consultant hereby certifies that, in the hiring of employees for the performance of Services under this Agreement or any subcontract, that neither it nor any subcontractor, by reason of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability as defined in section 4112.01 of the Revised Code, national origin, or ancestry, shall discriminate against any citizen of this state in the employment of a person qualified and available to perform the Services to which the Agreement relates. Consultant further certifies that neither it nor any subcontractor, or person acting on behalf of it or any subcontractor, in any manner, shall discriminate against, intimidate, or retaliate against any employee hired for the performance of Services under this Agreement on account of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability as defined in section 4112.01 of the Revised Code, national origin, or ancestry. Consultant certifies that it complies with all applicable laws regarding Non-Discrimination / Equal Opportunity and will not discriminate.

Vote on Motion

Mr. Merrell Aye

Mr. Benton Aye

Mrs. Lewis Aye

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**RESOLUTION NO. 24-755**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$104,794.08 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PROPERTY OWNERS' PORTION, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, OF THE COST OF IMPROVING THE LANETTA LANE SUBDIVISION WATERSHED DRAINAGE AREA (INCLUDING SECTION 1 AND SECTION 2) BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI BY ACQUIRING ANY REQUIRED INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY, CLEARING OBSTRUCTIONS, DEEPENING, WIDENING, RESHAPING, STRAIGHTENING, TILING, SEEDING, CONTROLLING EROSION, AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE SAME, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO.**

It was moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, to approve the following:

WHEREAS, this Board has previously, by Resolutions No. 23-356 and No. 23-358, each adopted on May 1, 2023 (collectively, the "*Resolution of Necessity*"), declared the necessity of the improvements described therein and determined to proceed with the Improvement described in Section 2; and

WHEREAS, this Board has requested that the County Auditor, as fiscal officer of this County, certify the estimated life or period of usefulness of the Improvement described in Section 2 and the maximum maturity of the Bonds described in Section 2; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor has certified to this Board that the estimated life or period of usefulness of the Improvement described in Section 2 is at least five (5) years and that the maximum maturity of the Bonds described in Section 2 is fifteen (15) years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Delaware, State of Ohio, that:

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**Section 1. Definitions and Interpretation.** In addition to the words and terms elsewhere defined in this Resolution, unless the context or use clearly indicates another or different meaning or intent:

“*Authorized Denominations*” means the minimum denominations or any integral multiple in excess thereof as set forth in the Certificate of Award.

“*Bond Proceedings*” means, collectively, this Resolution, the Certificate of Award and such other proceedings of the County, including the Bonds, that provide collectively for, among other things, the rights of holders of the Bonds.

“*Bond Register*” means all books and records necessary for the registration, exchange and transfer of Bonds as provided in Section 5.

“*Bond Registrar*” means the County Auditor, the Original Purchaser or a bank or trust company authorized to do business in the State of Ohio, as designated by the County Administrator in the Certificate of Award pursuant to Section 4, as the initial authenticating agent, bond registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the Bonds under the Certificate of Award and until a successor Bond Registrar shall have become such pursuant to the provisions of the Certificate of Award and thereafter, “*Bond Registrar*” shall mean the successor Bond Registrar.

“*Bonds*” means, collectively, the Serial Bonds and the Term Bonds, each as is designated as such in the Certificate of Award.

“*Certificate of Award*” means the certificate authorized by Section 6, to be executed by the County Administrator, setting forth and determining those terms or other matters pertaining to the Bonds and their issuance, sale and delivery as this Resolution requires or authorizes to be set forth or determined therein.

“*Clerk*” means the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners or any person serving in an interim or acting capacity with respect to that office.

“*Closing Date*” means the date of physical delivery of, and payment of the purchase price for, the Bonds.

“*Code*” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the Regulations (whether temporary or final) under that Code or the statutory predecessor of that Code, and any amendments of, or successor provisions to, the foregoing and any official rulings, announcements, notices, procedures and judicial determinations regarding any of the foregoing, all as and to the extent applicable. Unless otherwise indicated, reference to a Section of the Code includes any applicable successor section or provision and such applicable Regulations, rulings, announcements, notices, procedures and determinations pertinent to that Section.

“*County*” means the County of Delaware, Ohio.

“*County Administrator*” means the County Administrator of the County or any person serving in an interim or acting capacity with respect to that office.

“*County Auditor*” means the County Auditor of the County or any person serving in an interim or acting capacity with respect to that office.

“*County Treasurer*” means the County Treasurer of the County or any person serving in an interim or acting capacity with respect to that office.

“*Financing Costs*” shall have the meaning given in Section 133.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

“*Interest Payment Dates*” means, unless otherwise specified in the Certificate of Award, June 1 and December 1 of each year that the Bonds are outstanding, commencing on the date specified in the Certificate of Award.

“*Mandatory Redemption Date*” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3(b).

“*Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements*” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3(e)(i).

“*Original Purchaser*” means the purchaser of the Bonds specified in the Certificate of Award.

“*Principal Payment Dates*” means, unless otherwise specified in the Certificate of Award, December 1 in each of the years from and including 2025 to and including 2039.

“*Regulations*” means Treasury Regulations issued pursuant to the Code or to the statutory predecessor of the Code.

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“*Serial Bonds*” means those Bonds designated as such and maturing on the dates set forth in the Certificate of Award, bearing interest payable on each Interest Payment Date and not subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption.

“*Term Bonds*” means those Bonds designated as such and maturing on the date or dates set forth in the Certificate of Award, bearing interest payable on each Interest Payment Date and subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption.

The captions and headings in this Resolution are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof. Reference to a Section means a section of this Resolution unless otherwise indicated.

**Section 2. Authorized Principal Amount and Purpose; Application of Proceeds.** This Board determines that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to issue bonds of this County in the maximum principal amount of \$104,794.08 (the “*Bonds*”) for the purpose of paying the property owners’ portion, in anticipation of the collection of special assessments, of the cost of improving the Lanetta Lane Subdivision Watershed Drainage Area (including Section 1 and Section 2) between certain termini by acquiring any required interests in real property, clearing obstructions, deepening, widening, reshaping, straightening, tiling, seeding, controlling erosion, and otherwise improving the same, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto (the “*Improvement*”), all as provided for in the Resolution of Necessity. The Bonds shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 133 of the Ohio Revised Code, this Resolution and the Certificate of Award.

The principal amount of Bonds to be issued shall not exceed the maximum principal amount authorized in this Section 2 and shall be an amount determined by the County Administrator in the Certificate of Award to be the principal amount of Bonds that is required to be issued at this time for the purpose stated in this Section 2, taking into account the costs of the Improvement, the estimates of the Financing Costs and the interest rates on the Bonds.

The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds received by the County (or withheld by the Original Purchaser on behalf of the County) shall be paid into the proper fund or funds, and those proceeds are hereby appropriated and shall be used for the purpose for which the Bonds are being issued, including without limitation but only to the extent not paid by others, the payment of the costs of issuing and servicing the Bonds, printing and delivery of the Bonds, legal services including obtaining the approving legal opinion of bond counsel, fees and expenses of any paying agent and rating agency, any fees or premiums relating to municipal bond insurance or other security arrangements determined necessary by the County Auditor, and all other Financing Costs and costs incurred incidental to those purposes. The Certificate of Award may authorize the Original Purchaser to withhold certain proceeds from the purchase price of the Bonds to provide for the payment of Financing Costs related to the Bonds on behalf of the County. Any portion of those proceeds received by the County representing premium (after payment of any Financing Costs identified in the Certificate of Award) or accrued interest shall be paid into the Bond Retirement Fund.

**Section 3. Denominations; Dating; Principal and Interest Payment and Redemption Provisions.**

The Bonds shall be issued in one lot and only as fully registered bonds, in Authorized Denominations, but in no case as to a particular maturity date exceeding the principal amount maturing on that date. The Bonds shall be dated as provided in the Certificate of Award, *provided* that their dated date shall not be more than sixty (60) days prior to the Closing Date. If requested by the Original Purchaser, the County Administrator is hereby authorized to prepare one bond representing the aggregate principal amount of Bonds maturing on all of the Principal Payment Dates, all as set forth in the Certificate of Award. The Bonds may be issued as (i) a single fully registered Serial Bond with principal installments payable in amounts equal to the principal amounts of the Bonds stated to mature or be payable pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements on the respective Principal Payment Dates or (ii) a single fully registered Term Bond with Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements in amounts equal to the principal amount of the Bonds stated to mature or be payable pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements on the respective Principal Payment Dates.

(a) **Interest Rates and Payment Dates.** The Bonds shall bear interest at the rate or rates per year and computed on the basis as shall be determined by the County Administrator, subject to subsection (c) of this Section 3, in the Certificate of Award. Interest on the Bonds shall be payable at such rate or rates on the Interest Payment Dates until the principal amount has been paid or provided for. The Bonds shall bear interest from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or provided for or, if no interest has been paid or provided for, from their date.

(b) **Principal Payment Schedule.** The Bonds shall mature or be payable pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements on the Principal Payment Dates in principal amounts as shall be determined by the County Administrator, subject to subsection (c) of this Section 3, in the Certificate of Award, which determination shall be in the best interest of and financially advantageous to the County.

Consistent with the foregoing and in accordance with the County Administrator’s determination of the best interest of and financial advantages to the County, the County Administrator shall specify in the Certificate of Award (i) the aggregate principal amount of Bonds to be issued as Serial Bonds, the Principal

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Payment Date or Dates on which those Bonds shall be stated to mature and the principal amount thereof that shall be stated to mature on each such Principal Payment Date and (ii) the aggregate principal amount of Bonds to be issued as Term Bonds, the Principal Payment Date or Dates on which those Bonds shall be stated to mature, the principal amount thereof that shall be stated to mature on each such Principal Payment Date, the Principal Payment Date or Dates on which Term Bonds shall be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption (each a “*Mandatory Redemption Date*”) and the principal amount thereof that shall be payable pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements on each Mandatory Redemption Date.

(c) **Conditions for Establishment of Interest Rates and Principal Payment Dates and Amounts.** The rate or rates of interest per year to be borne by the Bonds, and the principal amount of Bonds maturing or payable pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements on each Principal Payment Date, shall be such that the total principal and interest payments on the Bonds in any fiscal year in which principal is payable is not more than three times the amount of those payments in any other fiscal year. The net interest cost for the Bonds determined by taking into account the respective principal amounts of the Bonds and terms to maturity or Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements of those principal amounts of Bonds shall not exceed 5.00%.

(d) **Payment of Debt Charges.** The debt charges on the Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America without deduction for the services of the Bond Registrar as paying agent. Principal of the Bonds shall be payable when due upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds at the main office of the Bond Registrar; *provided, however*, to the extent that the Bonds are represented by a single Term Bond as permitted by this Section 3, principal of the Bonds which is redeemed pursuant to a Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement shall be payable when due without prior presentation or surrender of the Bond but redemption of such principal shall be duly endorsed on the Bond Register, and in the case of the final principal payment due hereunder, surrender of the Bond at the main office of the Bond Registrar. Interest on a Bond shall be paid on each Interest Payment Date by check or draft mailed to the person in whose name the Bond was registered, and to that person’s address appearing, on the Bond Register at the close of business on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the calendar month next preceding that Interest Payment Date; *provided, however*, that so long as the entire principal amount of the Bonds is represented by a single certificate, payment of principal and interest may be made by wire or check or draft mailed to the person in whose name the Bond was registered on the applicable date of payment, with presentation and surrender of said certificate to be made to the Bond Registrar after payment of principal and interest at final maturity.

(e) **Redemption Provisions.** The Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to stated maturity as follows:

(i) **Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption of Term Bonds.** If any of the Bonds are issued as Term Bonds, the Term Bonds shall be subject to mandatory redemption in part by lot and be redeemed pursuant to mandatory sinking fund redemption requirements, at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount redeemed, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, on the applicable Mandatory Redemption Dates and in the principal amounts payable on those Dates, for which provision is made in the Certificate of Award (such Dates and amounts being referred to as the “*Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements*”).

The aggregate of the moneys to be deposited with the Bond Registrar for payment of principal of and interest on any Term Bonds on each Mandatory Redemption Date shall include an amount sufficient to redeem on that Date the principal amount of Term Bonds payable on that Date pursuant to the Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements (less the amount of any credit as hereinafter provided).

The County shall have the option to deliver to the Bond Registrar for cancellation Term Bonds in any aggregate principal amount and to receive a credit against the then current or any subsequent Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement (and corresponding mandatory redemption obligation) of the County, as specified by the County Administrator, for Term Bonds stated to mature on the same Principal Payment Date and bearing interest at the same rate as the Term Bonds so delivered. That option shall be exercised by the County on or before the 45<sup>th</sup> day preceding any Mandatory Redemption Date with respect to which the County wishes to obtain a credit, by furnishing the Bond Registrar a certificate, signed by the County Auditor, setting forth the extent of the credit to be applied with respect to the then current or any subsequent Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement for Term Bonds stated to mature on the same Principal Payment Date and bearing interest at the same rate as the Term Bonds so delivered. If the certificate is not timely furnished to the Bond Registrar, the current Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement (and corresponding mandatory redemption obligation) shall not be reduced. A credit against the then current or any subsequent Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement (and corresponding mandatory redemption obligation), as specified by the County Auditor, also shall be received by the County for any Term Bonds which prior thereto have been redeemed (other than through the operation of the applicable Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements) or purchased for cancellation and canceled by the Bond Registrar, to the extent not applied theretofore as a credit against any Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement, for Term Bonds stated to mature on the same Principal Payment Date and bearing interest at the same rate as the Term Bonds so redeemed or purchased and canceled.

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Each Term Bond so delivered, or previously redeemed, or purchased and canceled, shall be credited by the Bond Registrar at 100% of the principal amount thereof against the then current or subsequent Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements (and corresponding mandatory redemption obligations), as specified by the County Auditor, for Term Bonds stated to mature on the same Principal Payment Date and bearing interest at the same rate as the Term Bonds so delivered, redeemed or purchased and canceled.

(ii) **Optional Redemption.** The Bonds of the maturities and interest rates specified in the Certificate of Award (if any are so specified) shall be subject to optional redemption by and at the sole option of the County, in whole or in part in Authorized Denominations, on the dates and at the redemption prices (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount to be redeemed), plus accrued interest to the redemption date, to be determined by the County Administrator in the Certificate of Award; *provided* that the redemption price for any optional redemption date shall not be greater than 103%.

If optional redemption of Term Bonds at a redemption price exceeding 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed is to take place as of any Mandatory Redemption Date applicable to those Term Bonds, the Term Bonds, or portions thereof, to be redeemed optionally shall be selected by lot prior to the selection by lot of the Term Bonds of the same maturity (and interest rate within a maturity if applicable) to be redeemed on the same date by operation of the Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements. Bonds to be redeemed pursuant to this paragraph shall be redeemed only upon written notice from the County Auditor to the Bond Registrar, given upon the direction of the County by adoption of a resolution. That notice shall specify the redemption date and the principal amount of each maturity (and interest rate within a maturity if applicable) of Bonds to be redeemed, and shall be given at least 45 days prior to the redemption date or such shorter period as shall be acceptable to the Bond Registrar.

(iii) **Partial Redemption.** If fewer than all of the outstanding Bonds are called for optional redemption at one time and Bonds of more than one maturity (or interest rate within a maturity if applicable) are then outstanding, the Bonds that are called shall be Bonds of the maturity or maturities and interest rate or rates selected by the County. If fewer than all of the Bonds of a single maturity (or interest rate within a maturity if applicable) are to be redeemed, the selection of Bonds of that maturity (or interest rate within a maturity if applicable) to be redeemed, or portions thereof in Authorized Denominations, shall be made by the Bond Registrar by lot in a manner determined by the Bond Registrar. In the case of a partial redemption of Bonds by lot when Bonds of denominations greater than the Authorized Denominations are then outstanding, each Authorized Denomination unit of principal thereof shall be treated as if it were a separate Bond of the Authorized Denomination. If it is determined that one or more, but not all, of the Authorized Denomination units of principal amount represented by a Bond are to be called for redemption, then, upon notice of redemption of an Authorized Denomination unit or units, the registered owner of that Bond shall surrender the Bond to the Bond Registrar (A) for payment of the redemption price of the Authorized Denomination unit or units of principal amount called for redemption (including, without limitation, the interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption and any premium), and (B) for issuance, without charge to the registered owner, of a new Bond or Bonds of any Authorized Denomination or Denominations in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unmatured and unredeemed portion of, and bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date as, the Bond surrendered.

(iv) **Notice of Redemption.** The notice of the call for redemption of Bonds shall identify (A) by designation, letters, numbers or other distinguishing marks, the Bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed, (B) the redemption price to be paid, (C) the date fixed for redemption, and (D) the place or places where the amounts due upon redemption are payable. The notice shall be given by the Bond Registrar on behalf of the County by mailing a copy of the redemption notice by first-class mail, postage prepaid, at least 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption, to the registered owner of each Bond subject to redemption in whole or in part at the registered owner's address shown on the Bond Register maintained by the Bond Registrar at the close of business on the 15<sup>th</sup> day preceding that mailing. Failure to receive notice by mail or any defect in that notice regarding any Bond, however, shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any Bond.

(v) **Payment of Redeemed Bonds.** In the event that notice of redemption shall have been given by the Bond Registrar to the registered owners as provided above, there shall be deposited with the Bond Registrar on or prior to the redemption date, moneys that, in addition to any other moneys available therefor and held by the Bond Registrar, will be sufficient to redeem at the redemption price thereof, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, all of the redeemable Bonds for which notice of redemption has been given. Notice having been mailed in the manner provided in the preceding paragraph hereof, the Bonds and portions thereof called for redemption shall become due and payable on the redemption date, and, subject to the provisions of Section 3(d), upon presentation and surrender thereof at the place or places specified in that notice, shall be paid at the redemption price, plus accrued interest to the redemption date. If moneys for the redemption of all of the Bonds and portions thereof to be redeemed, together with accrued interest thereon to the redemption date, are held by the Bond Registrar on the redemption date, so as to be available therefor

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on that date and, if notice of redemption has been deposited in the mail as aforesaid, then from and after the redemption date those Bonds and portions thereof called for redemption shall cease to bear interest and no longer shall be considered to be outstanding. If those moneys shall not be so available on the redemption date, or that notice shall not have been deposited in the mail as aforesaid, those Bonds and portions thereof shall continue to bear interest, until they are paid, at the same rate as they would have borne had they not been called for redemption. All moneys held by the Bond Registrar for the redemption of particular Bonds shall be held in trust for the account of the registered owners thereof and shall be paid to them, respectively, upon presentation and surrender of those Bonds; *provided* that any interest earned on the moneys so held by the Bond Registrar shall be for the account of and paid to the County to the extent not required for the payment of the Bonds called for redemption.

**Section 4. Execution and Authentication of Bonds; Appointment of Bond Registrar.** The Bonds shall be signed by at least two members of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Auditor, in the name of the County and in their official capacities, *provided* that any or all of those signatures may be a facsimile. The Bonds shall be issued in the Authorized Denominations and numbers as requested by the Original Purchaser and approved by the County Administrator, shall be numbered as determined by the County Administrator in order to distinguish each Bond from any other Bond and shall express upon their faces the purpose, in summary terms, for which they are issued and that they are issued pursuant to this Resolution and the Certificate of Award.

The County Administrator is hereby authorized to designate in the Certificate of Award the County Auditor, the Original Purchaser or a bank or trust company authorized to do business in the State of Ohio to act as the initial Bond Registrar. The County Auditor shall provide for the payment of the services rendered and for reimbursement of expenses incurred pursuant to the Certificate of Award, except to the extent paid or reimbursed by the Original Purchaser in accordance with the Certificate of Award, from the proceeds of the Bonds to the extent available and then from other money lawfully available and appropriated or to be appropriated for that purpose.

No Bond shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or shall be entitled to any security or benefit under the Bond Proceedings unless and until the certificate of authentication printed on the Bond is signed by the Bond Registrar as authenticating agent. Authentication by the Bond Registrar shall be conclusive evidence that the Bond so authenticated has been duly issued, signed and delivered under, and is entitled to the security and benefit of, the Bond Proceedings. The certificate of authentication may be signed by any authorized officer or employee of the Bond Registrar or by any other person acting as an agent of the Bond Registrar and approved by the County Auditor on behalf of the County. The same person need not sign the certificate of authentication on all of the Bonds.

**Section 5. Registration; Transfer and Exchange.**

(a) **Bond Register.** So long as any of the Bonds remain outstanding, the County will cause the Bond Registrar to maintain and keep the Bond Register at its main office. Subject to the provisions of Section 3(d), the person in whose name a Bond is registered on the Bond Register shall be regarded as the absolute owner of that Bond for all purposes of the Bond Proceedings. Payment of or on account of the debt charges on any Bond shall be made only to or upon the order of that person; neither the County nor the Bond Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary, but the registration may be changed as provided in this Section 5. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the County's liability upon the Bond, including interest, to the extent of the amount or amounts so paid.

(b) **Transfer and Exchange.** Any Bond may be exchanged for Bonds of any Authorized Denomination upon presentation and surrender at the main office of the Bond Registrar, together with a request for exchange signed by the registered owner or by a person legally empowered to do so in a form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. A Bond may be transferred only on the Bond Register upon presentation and surrender of the Bond at the main office of the Bond Registrar together with an assignment signed by the registered owner or by a person legally empowered to do so in a form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. Upon exchange or transfer the Bond Registrar shall complete, authenticate and deliver a new Bond or Bonds of any Authorized Denomination or Denominations requested by the owner equal in the aggregate to the unmatured principal amount of the Bond surrendered and bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date.

If manual signatures on behalf of the County are required, the Bond Registrar shall undertake the exchange or transfer of Bonds only after the new Bonds are signed by the authorized officers of the County. In all cases of Bonds exchanged or transferred, the County shall sign and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Bond Proceedings. The exchange or transfer shall be without charge to the owner, except that the County and Bond Registrar may make a charge sufficient to reimburse them for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the exchange or transfer. The County or the Bond Registrar may require that those charges, if any, be paid before the procedure is begun for the exchange or transfer. All Bonds issued and authenticated upon any exchange or transfer shall be valid obligations of the County, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same security and benefit under the Bond Proceedings as the Bonds surrendered upon that exchange or transfer. Neither the County nor the Bond Registrar shall be required to make any exchange or transfer of (i) Bonds then subject to

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call for redemption between the 15<sup>th</sup> day preceding the mailing of notice of Bonds to be redeemed and the date of that mailing, or (ii) any Bond selected for redemption, in whole or in part.

**Section 6. Sale of the Bonds to the Original Purchaser.** The Bonds shall be sold at private sale to the Original Purchaser at a purchase price, not less than 97% of the aggregate principal amount thereof, as shall be determined by the County Administrator in the Certificate of Award, plus accrued interest on the Bonds from their date to the Closing Date, and shall be awarded by the County Administrator with and upon such other terms as are required or authorized by this Resolution to be specified in the Certificate of Award, in accordance with law and the provisions of this Resolution. The County Administrator is authorized, if it is determined to be in the best interest of the County, to combine the issue of Bonds with one or more other bond issues of the County into a consolidated bond issue pursuant to Section 133.30(B) of the Ohio Revised Code in which case a single Certificate of Award may be utilized for the consolidated bond issue if appropriate and consistent with the terms of this Resolution.

The County Administrator shall sign and deliver the Certificate of Award and shall cause the Bonds to be prepared and signed and delivered, together with a true transcript of proceedings with reference to the issuance of the Bonds, to the Original Purchaser upon payment of the purchase price.

The County Commissioners, or any of them, the County Auditor, the County Prosecutor, the County Treasurer, the County Administrator, the Clerk and other County officials, as appropriate, and any person serving in an interim or acting capacity for any such official, are each authorized and directed to sign any transcript certificates, financial statements and other documents and instruments and to take such actions as are necessary or appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution. Any actions heretofore taken by the County Commissioners, or any of them, the County Auditor, the County Prosecutor, the County Treasurer, the County Administrator, the Clerk and any other County official, as appropriate, in doing any and all acts necessary in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds are hereby ratified and confirmed.

**Section 7. Provision for Tax Levy.** There shall be levied on all the taxable property in the County, in addition to all other taxes, a direct tax annually during the period the Bonds are outstanding in an amount sufficient to pay the debt charges on the Bonds when due, which tax shall not be less than the interest and sinking fund tax required by Section 11 of Article XII of the Ohio Constitution. The tax shall be within the ten-mill limitation imposed by law, shall be and is ordered computed, certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers, in the same manner and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of those years are certified, levied, extended and collected, and shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof. The proceeds of the tax levy shall be placed in the Bond Retirement Fund, which is irrevocably pledged for the payment of the debt charges on the Bonds when and as the same fall due.

All special assessments collected for the Improvement described in Section 2 and any unexpended balance remaining in the improvement fund after the cost and expenses of the Improvement have been paid shall be used for the payment of the debt charges on the Bonds until paid in full. In each year to the extent the income from the levy of the special assessments for the improvement is available for the payment of the debt charges on the Bonds and is appropriated for that purpose, the amount of the tax shall be reduced by the amount of the income so available and appropriated.

Nothing in the preceding paragraph in any way diminishes the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit and general property taxing power of the County to the prompt payment of the debt charges on the Bonds.

**Section 8. Federal Tax Considerations.** The County covenants that it will use, and will restrict the use and investment of, the proceeds of the Bonds in such manner and to such extent as may be necessary so that (a) the Bonds will not (i) constitute private activity bonds or arbitrage bonds under Sections 141 or 148 of the Code or (ii) be treated other than as bonds the interest on which is excluded from gross income under Section 103 of the Code, and (b) the interest on the Bonds will not be an item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Code.

The County further covenants that (a) it will take or cause to be taken such actions that may be required of it for the interest on the Bonds to be and remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, (b) it will not take or authorize to be taken any actions that would adversely affect that exclusion, and (c) it, or persons acting for it, will, among other acts of compliance, (i) apply the proceeds of the Bonds to the governmental purpose of the borrowing, (ii) restrict the yield on investment property, (iii) make timely and adequate payments to the federal government, (iv) maintain books and records and make calculations and reports and (v) refrain from certain uses of those proceeds, and, as applicable, of property financed with such proceeds, all in such manner and to the extent necessary to assure such exclusion of that interest under the Code.

The County Auditor or any other officer of the County having responsibility for issuance of the Bonds is hereby authorized (a) to make or effect any election, selection, designation, choice, consent, approval, or waiver on behalf of the County with respect to the Bonds as the County is permitted to or required to make or give under the federal income tax laws, including, without limitation thereto, any of the elections available

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under Section 148 of the Code, for the purpose of assuring, enhancing or protecting favorable tax treatment or status of the Bonds or interest thereon or assisting compliance with requirements for that purpose, reducing the burden or expense of such compliance, reducing the rebate amount or payments or penalties with respect to the Bonds, or making payments of special amounts in lieu of making computations to determine, or paying, excess earnings as rebate, or obviating those amounts or payments with respect to the Bonds, which action shall be in writing and signed by the officer, (b) to take any and all other actions, make or obtain calculations, make payments, and make or give reports, covenants and certifications of and on behalf of the County, as may be appropriate to assure the exclusion of interest from gross income and the intended tax status of the Bonds, and (c) to give one or more appropriate certificates of the County, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings for the Bonds, setting forth the reasonable expectations of the County regarding the amount and use of all the proceeds of the Bonds, the facts, circumstances and estimates on which they are based, and other facts and circumstances relevant to the tax treatment of the interest on and the tax status of the Bonds. The County Auditor or any other officer of the County having responsibility for issuance of the Bonds is specifically authorized to designate the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" if such designation is applicable and desirable, and to make any related necessary representations and covenants.

**Section 9. Rating, Bond Insurance and Financing Costs.**

(a) **Application for Rating or Bond Insurance.** If, in the judgment of the County Auditor, the filing of an application for (i) a rating on the Bonds by one or more nationally-recognized rating agencies, or (ii) a policy of insurance from a company or companies to better assure the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, is in the best interest of and financially advantageous to this County, the County Auditor is authorized to prepare and submit those applications, to provide to each such agency or company such information as may be required for the purpose, and to provide further for the payment of the cost of obtaining each such rating or policy, except to the extent otherwise paid in accordance with the Certificate of Award, from the proceeds of the Bonds to the extent available and otherwise from any other funds lawfully available and that are appropriated or shall be appropriated for that purpose. The County Auditor is hereby authorized, to the extent necessary or required, to enter into any agreements, in the name of and on behalf of the County, that the County Auditor determines to be necessary in connection with the obtaining of that bond insurance.

(b) **Financing Costs.** The expenditure of the amounts necessary to pay any Financing Costs in connection with the Bonds, to the extent not paid or reimbursed by the Original Purchaser in accordance with the Certificate of Award, is authorized and approved, and the County Auditor is authorized to provide for the payment of any such amounts and costs from the proceeds of the Bonds to the extent available and otherwise from any other funds lawfully available that are appropriated or shall be appropriated for that purpose.

**Section 10. Bond Counsel.** The legal services of the law firm of Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP are hereby retained. Those legal services shall be in the nature of legal advice and recommendations as to the documents and the proceedings in connection with the authorization, sale and issuance of the Bonds and rendering at delivery related legal opinions, all as set forth in the form of engagement letter from that firm which is now on file in the office of the Clerk. In providing those legal services, as an independent contractor and in an attorney-client relationship, that firm shall not exercise any administrative discretion on behalf of this County in the formulation of public policy, expenditure of public funds, enforcement of laws, rules and regulations of the State of Ohio, any county or municipal corporation or of this County, or the execution of public trusts. For those legal services, that firm shall be paid just and reasonable compensation and shall be reimbursed for actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred in providing those legal services. The County Auditor is authorized and directed to make appropriate certification as to the availability of funds for those fees and any reimbursement and to issue an appropriate order for their timely payment as written statements are submitted by that firm. The amounts necessary to pay those fees and any reimbursement are hereby appropriated from the proceeds of the Bonds, if available, and otherwise from available moneys in the General Fund.

**Section 11. Certification and Delivery of Resolution and Certificate of Award.** The Clerk is directed to promptly deliver or cause to be delivered a certified copy of this Resolution and a signed copy of the Certificate of Award to the County Auditor.

**Section 12. Satisfaction of Conditions for Bond Issuance.** This Board determines that all acts and conditions necessary to be done or performed by the County or to have been met precedent to and in the issuing of the Bonds in order to make them legal, valid and binding general obligations of the County have been performed and have been met, or will at the time of delivery of the Bonds have been performed and have been met, in regular and due form as required by law; that the full faith and credit and general property taxing power (as described in Section 7) of the County are pledged for the timely payment of the debt charges on the Bonds; that no statutory or constitutional limitation of indebtedness or taxation will have been exceeded in the issuance of the Bonds; and that the Bonds are being authorized and issued pursuant to Chapter 133 of the Ohio Revised Code, this Resolution and the Certificate of Award.

**Section 13. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements.** This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board or any of its committees, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, all in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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**Section 14. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Vote on Motion                      Mr. Benton   Aye                      Mrs. Lewis   Aye                      Mr. Merrell   Aye

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**RESOLUTION NO. 24-756**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$88,366.24 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PROPERTY OWNERS' PORTION, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, OF THE COST OF IMPROVING THE ENGLISH #346 WATERSHED DRAINAGE AREA (INCLUDING MAIN PART, LATERAL A-WEST, LATERAL A-EAST AND LATERAL B) BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI BY ACQUIRING ANY REQUIRED INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY, CLEARING OBSTRUCTIONS, DEEPENING, WIDENING, RESHAPING, STRAIGHTENING, TILING, SEEDING, CONTROLLING EROSION, AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE SAME, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO.**

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve the following:

WHEREAS, this Board has previously, by Resolutions No. 22-476, No. 22-478, No. 22-480 and No. 22-482, each adopted on June 6, 2022 (collectively, the "*Resolution of Necessity*"), declared the necessity of the improvements described therein and determined to proceed with the Improvement described in Section 2; and

WHEREAS, this Board has requested that the County Auditor, as fiscal officer of this County, certify the estimated life or period of usefulness of the Improvement described in Section 2 and the maximum maturity of the Bonds described in Section 2; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor has certified to this Board that the estimated life or period of usefulness of the Improvement described in Section 2 is at least five (5) years and that the maximum maturity of the Bonds described in Section 2 is eight (8) years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Delaware, State of Ohio, that:

**Section 1. Definitions and Interpretation.** In addition to the words and terms elsewhere defined in this Resolution, unless the context or use clearly indicates another or different meaning or intent:

"*Authorized Denominations*" means the minimum denominations or any integral multiple in excess thereof as set forth in the Certificate of Award.

"*Bond Proceedings*" means, collectively, this Resolution, the Certificate of Award and such other proceedings of the County, including the Bonds, that provide collectively for, among other things, the rights of holders of the Bonds.

"*Bond Register*" means all books and records necessary for the registration, exchange and transfer of Bonds as provided in Section 5.

"*Bond Registrar*" means the County Auditor, the Original Purchaser or a bank or trust company authorized to do business in the State of Ohio, as designated by the County Administrator in the Certificate of Award pursuant to Section 4, as the initial authenticating agent, bond registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the Bonds under the Certificate of Award and until a successor Bond Registrar shall have become such pursuant to the provisions of the Certificate of Award and thereafter, "*Bond Registrar*" shall mean the successor Bond Registrar.

"*Bonds*" means, collectively, the Serial Bonds and the Term Bonds, each as is designated as such in the Certificate of Award.

"*Certificate of Award*" means the certificate authorized by Section 6, to be executed by the County Administrator, setting forth and determining those terms or other matters pertaining to the Bonds and their issuance, sale and delivery as this Resolution requires or authorizes to be set forth or determined therein.

"*Clerk*" means the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners or any person serving in an interim or acting capacity with respect to that office.

"*Closing Date*" means the date of physical delivery of, and payment of the purchase price for, the Bonds.

"*Code*" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the Regulations (whether temporary or final) under that Code or the statutory predecessor of that Code, and any amendments of, or successor

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provisions to, the foregoing and any official rulings, announcements, notices, procedures and judicial determinations regarding any of the foregoing, all as and to the extent applicable. Unless otherwise indicated, reference to a Section of the Code includes any applicable successor section or provision and such applicable Regulations, rulings, announcements, notices, procedures and determinations pertinent to that Section.

“*County*” means the County of Delaware, Ohio.

“*County Administrator*” means the County Administrator of the County or any person serving in an interim or acting capacity with respect to that office.

“*County Auditor*” means the County Auditor of the County or any person serving in an interim or acting capacity with respect to that office.

“*County Treasurer*” means the County Treasurer of the County or any person serving in an interim or acting capacity with respect to that office.

“*Financing Costs*” shall have the meaning given in Section 133.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

“*Interest Payment Dates*” means, unless otherwise specified in the Certificate of Award, June 1 and December 1 of each year that the Bonds are outstanding, commencing on the date specified in the Certificate of Award.

“*Mandatory Redemption Date*” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3(b).

“*Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements*” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3(c)(i).

“*Original Purchaser*” means the purchaser of the Bonds specified in the Certificate of Award.

“*Principal Payment Dates*” means, unless otherwise specified in the Certificate of Award, December 1 in each of the years from and including 2025 to and including 2032.

“*Regulations*” means Treasury Regulations issued pursuant to the Code or to the statutory predecessor of the Code.

“*Serial Bonds*” means those Bonds designated as such and maturing on the dates set forth in the Certificate of Award, bearing interest payable on each Interest Payment Date and not subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption.

“*Term Bonds*” means those Bonds designated as such and maturing on the date or dates set forth in the Certificate of Award, bearing interest payable on each Interest Payment Date and subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption.

The captions and headings in this Resolution are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof. Reference to a Section means a section of this Resolution unless otherwise indicated.

**Section 2. Authorized Principal Amount and Purpose; Application of Proceeds.** This Board determines that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to issue bonds of this County in the maximum principal amount of \$88,366.24 (the “*Bonds*”) for the purpose of paying the property owners’ portion, in anticipation of the collection of special assessments, of the cost of improving the English #346 Watershed Drainage Area (including Main Part, Lateral A-West, Lateral A-East and Lateral B) between certain termini by acquiring any required interests in real property, clearing obstructions, deepening, widening, reshaping, straightening, tiling, seeding, controlling erosion, and otherwise improving the same, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto (the “*Improvement*”), all as provided for in the Resolution of Necessity. The Bonds shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 133 of the Ohio Revised Code, this Resolution and the Certificate of Award.

The principal amount of Bonds to be issued shall not exceed the maximum principal amount authorized in this Section 2 and shall be an amount determined by the County Administrator in the Certificate of Award to be the principal amount of Bonds that is required to be issued at this time for the purpose stated in this Section 2, taking into account the costs of the Improvement, the estimates of the Financing Costs and the interest rates on the Bonds.

The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds received by the County (or withheld by the Original Purchaser on behalf of the County) shall be paid into the proper fund or funds, and those proceeds are hereby appropriated and shall be used for the purpose for which the Bonds are being issued, including without limitation but only to the extent not paid by others, the payment of the costs of issuing and servicing the Bonds, printing and delivery of the Bonds, legal services including obtaining the approving legal opinion of bond counsel, fees and expenses of any paying agent and rating agency, any fees or premiums relating to municipal bond insurance or other security arrangements determined necessary by the County Auditor, and all

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other Financing Costs and costs incurred incidental to those purposes. The Certificate of Award may authorize the Original Purchaser to withhold certain proceeds from the purchase price of the Bonds to provide for the payment of Financing Costs related to the Bonds on behalf of the County. Any portion of those proceeds received by the County representing premium (after payment of any Financing Costs identified in the Certificate of Award) or accrued interest shall be paid into the Bond Retirement Fund.

**Section 3. Denominations; Dating; Principal and Interest Payment and Redemption Provisions.**

The Bonds shall be issued in one lot and only as fully registered bonds, in Authorized Denominations, but in no case as to a particular maturity date exceeding the principal amount maturing on that date. The Bonds shall be dated as provided in the Certificate of Award, *provided* that their dated date shall not be more than sixty (60) days prior to the Closing Date. If requested by the Original Purchaser, the County Administrator is hereby authorized to prepare one bond representing the aggregate principal amount of Bonds maturing on all of the Principal Payment Dates, all as set forth in the Certificate of Award. The Bonds may be issued as (i) a single fully registered Serial Bond with principal installments payable in amounts equal to the principal amounts of the Bonds stated to mature or be payable pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements on the respective Principal Payment Dates or (ii) a single fully registered Term Bond with Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements in amounts equal to the principal amount of the Bonds stated to mature or be payable pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements on the respective Principal Payment Dates.

(a) **Interest Rates and Payment Dates.** The Bonds shall bear interest at the rate or rates per year and computed on the basis as shall be determined by the County Administrator, subject to subsection (c) of this Section 3, in the Certificate of Award. Interest on the Bonds shall be payable at such rate or rates on the Interest Payment Dates until the principal amount has been paid or provided for. The Bonds shall bear interest from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or provided for or, if no interest has been paid or provided for, from their date.

(b) **Principal Payment Schedule.** The Bonds shall mature or be payable pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements on the Principal Payment Dates in principal amounts as shall be determined by the County Administrator, subject to subsection (c) of this Section 3, in the Certificate of Award, which determination shall be in the best interest of and financially advantageous to the County.

Consistent with the foregoing and in accordance with the County Administrator's determination of the best interest of and financial advantages to the County, the County Administrator shall specify in the Certificate of Award (i) the aggregate principal amount of Bonds to be issued as Serial Bonds, the Principal Payment Date or Dates on which those Bonds shall be stated to mature and the principal amount thereof that shall be stated to mature on each such Principal Payment Date and (ii) the aggregate principal amount of Bonds to be issued as Term Bonds, the Principal Payment Date or Dates on which those Bonds shall be stated to mature, the principal amount thereof that shall be stated to mature on each such Principal Payment Date, the Principal Payment Date or Dates on which Term Bonds shall be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption (each a "*Mandatory Redemption Date*") and the principal amount thereof that shall be payable pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements on each Mandatory Redemption Date.

(c) **Conditions for Establishment of Interest Rates and Principal Payment Dates and Amounts.** The rate or rates of interest per year to be borne by the Bonds, and the principal amount of Bonds maturing or payable pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements on each Principal Payment Date, shall be such that the total principal and interest payments on the Bonds in any fiscal year in which principal is payable is not more than three times the amount of those payments in any other fiscal year. The net interest cost for the Bonds determined by taking into account the respective principal amounts of the Bonds and terms to maturity or Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements of those principal amounts of Bonds shall not exceed 5.00%.

(d) **Payment of Debt Charges.** The debt charges on the Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America without deduction for the services of the Bond Registrar as paying agent. Principal of the Bonds shall be payable when due upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds at the main office of the Bond Registrar; *provided, however*, to the extent that the Bonds are represented by a single Term Bond as permitted by this Section 3, principal of the Bonds which is redeemed pursuant to a Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement shall be payable when due without prior presentation or surrender of the Bond but redemption of such principal shall be duly endorsed on the Bond Register, and in the case of the final principal payment due hereunder, surrender of the Bond at the main office of the Bond Registrar. Interest on a Bond shall be paid on each Interest Payment Date by check or draft mailed to the person in whose name the Bond was registered, and to that person's address appearing, on the Bond Register at the close of business on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the calendar month next preceding that Interest Payment Date; *provided, however*, that so long as the entire principal amount of the Bonds is represented by a single certificate, payment of principal and interest may be made by wire or check or draft mailed to the person in whose name the Bond was registered on the applicable date of payment, with presentation and surrender of said certificate to be made to the Bond Registrar after payment of principal and interest at final maturity.

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(e) **Redemption Provisions.** The Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to stated maturity as follows:

(i) **Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption of Term Bonds.** If any of the Bonds are issued as Term Bonds, the Term Bonds shall be subject to mandatory redemption in part by lot and be redeemed pursuant to mandatory sinking fund redemption requirements, at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount redeemed, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, on the applicable Mandatory Redemption Dates and in the principal amounts payable on those Dates, for which provision is made in the Certificate of Award (such Dates and amounts being referred to as the “*Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements*”).

The aggregate of the moneys to be deposited with the Bond Registrar for payment of principal of and interest on any Term Bonds on each Mandatory Redemption Date shall include an amount sufficient to redeem on that Date the principal amount of Term Bonds payable on that Date pursuant to the Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements (less the amount of any credit as hereinafter provided).

The County shall have the option to deliver to the Bond Registrar for cancellation Term Bonds in any aggregate principal amount and to receive a credit against the then current or any subsequent Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement (and corresponding mandatory redemption obligation) of the County, as specified by the County Administrator, for Term Bonds stated to mature on the same Principal Payment Date and bearing interest at the same rate as the Term Bonds so delivered. That option shall be exercised by the County on or before the 45<sup>th</sup> day preceding any Mandatory Redemption Date with respect to which the County wishes to obtain a credit, by furnishing the Bond Registrar a certificate, signed by the County Auditor, setting forth the extent of the credit to be applied with respect to the then current or any subsequent Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement for Term Bonds stated to mature on the same Principal Payment Date and bearing interest at the same rate as the Term Bonds so delivered. If the certificate is not timely furnished to the Bond Registrar, the current Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement (and corresponding mandatory redemption obligation) shall not be reduced. A credit against the then current or any subsequent Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement (and corresponding mandatory redemption obligation), as specified by the County Auditor, also shall be received by the County for any Term Bonds which prior thereto have been redeemed (other than through the operation of the applicable Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements) or purchased for cancellation and canceled by the Bond Registrar, to the extent not applied theretofore as a credit against any Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement, for Term Bonds stated to mature on the same Principal Payment Date and bearing interest at the same rate as the Term Bonds so redeemed or purchased and canceled.

Each Term Bond so delivered, or previously redeemed, or purchased and canceled, shall be credited by the Bond Registrar at 100% of the principal amount thereof against the then current or subsequent Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements (and corresponding mandatory redemption obligations), as specified by the County Auditor, for Term Bonds stated to mature on the same Principal Payment Date and bearing interest at the same rate as the Term Bonds so delivered, redeemed or purchased and canceled.

(ii) **Optional Redemption.** The Bonds of the maturities and interest rates specified in the Certificate of Award (if any are so specified) shall be subject to optional redemption by and at the sole option of the County, in whole or in part in Authorized Denominations, on the dates and at the redemption prices (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount to be redeemed), plus accrued interest to the redemption date, to be determined by the County Administrator in the Certificate of Award; *provided* that the redemption price for any optional redemption date shall not be greater than 103%.

If optional redemption of Term Bonds at a redemption price exceeding 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed is to take place as of any Mandatory Redemption Date applicable to those Term Bonds, the Term Bonds, or portions thereof, to be redeemed optionally shall be selected by lot prior to the selection by lot of the Term Bonds of the same maturity (and interest rate within a maturity if applicable) to be redeemed on the same date by operation of the Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements. Bonds to be redeemed pursuant to this paragraph shall be redeemed only upon written notice from the County Auditor to the Bond Registrar, given upon the direction of the County by adoption of a resolution. That notice shall specify the redemption date and the principal amount of each maturity (and interest rate within a maturity if applicable) of Bonds to be redeemed, and shall be given at least 45 days prior to the redemption date or such shorter period as shall be acceptable to the Bond Registrar.

(iii) **Partial Redemption.** If fewer than all of the outstanding Bonds are called for optional redemption at one time and Bonds of more than one maturity (or interest rate within a maturity if applicable) are then outstanding, the Bonds that are called shall be Bonds of the maturity or maturities and interest rate or rates selected by the County. If fewer than all of the Bonds of a single maturity (or interest rate within a maturity if applicable) are to be redeemed, the selection of

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Bonds of that maturity (or interest rate within a maturity if applicable) to be redeemed, or portions thereof in Authorized Denominations, shall be made by the Bond Registrar by lot in a manner determined by the Bond Registrar. In the case of a partial redemption of Bonds by lot when Bonds of denominations greater than the Authorized Denominations are then outstanding, each Authorized Denomination unit of principal thereof shall be treated as if it were a separate Bond of the Authorized Denomination. If it is determined that one or more, but not all, of the Authorized Denomination units of principal amount represented by a Bond are to be called for redemption, then, upon notice of redemption of an Authorized Denomination unit or units, the registered owner of that Bond shall surrender the Bond to the Bond Registrar (A) for payment of the redemption price of the Authorized Denomination unit or units of principal amount called for redemption (including, without limitation, the interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption and any premium), and (B) for issuance, without charge to the registered owner, of a new Bond or Bonds of any Authorized Denomination or Denominations in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unmatured and unredeemed portion of, and bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date as, the Bond surrendered.

(iv) **Notice of Redemption.** The notice of the call for redemption of Bonds shall identify (A) by designation, letters, numbers or other distinguishing marks, the Bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed, (B) the redemption price to be paid, (C) the date fixed for redemption, and (D) the place or places where the amounts due upon redemption are payable. The notice shall be given by the Bond Registrar on behalf of the County by mailing a copy of the redemption notice by first-class mail, postage prepaid, at least 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption, to the registered owner of each Bond subject to redemption in whole or in part at the registered owner's address shown on the Bond Register maintained by the Bond Registrar at the close of business on the 15<sup>th</sup> day preceding that mailing. Failure to receive notice by mail or any defect in that notice regarding any Bond, however, shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any Bond.

(v) **Payment of Redeemed Bonds.** In the event that notice of redemption shall have been given by the Bond Registrar to the registered owners as provided above, there shall be deposited with the Bond Registrar on or prior to the redemption date, moneys that, in addition to any other moneys available therefor and held by the Bond Registrar, will be sufficient to redeem at the redemption price thereof, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, all of the redeemable Bonds for which notice of redemption has been given. Notice having been mailed in the manner provided in the preceding paragraph hereof, the Bonds and portions thereof called for redemption shall become due and payable on the redemption date, and, subject to the provisions of Section 3(d), upon presentation and surrender thereof at the place or places specified in that notice, shall be paid at the redemption price, plus accrued interest to the redemption date. If moneys for the redemption of all of the Bonds and portions thereof to be redeemed, together with accrued interest thereon to the redemption date, are held by the Bond Registrar on the redemption date, so as to be available therefor on that date and, if notice of redemption has been deposited in the mail as aforesaid, then from and after the redemption date those Bonds and portions thereof called for redemption shall cease to bear interest and no longer shall be considered to be outstanding. If those moneys shall not be so available on the redemption date, or that notice shall not have been deposited in the mail as aforesaid, those Bonds and portions thereof shall continue to bear interest, until they are paid, at the same rate as they would have borne had they not been called for redemption. All moneys held by the Bond Registrar for the redemption of particular Bonds shall be held in trust for the account of the registered owners thereof and shall be paid to them, respectively, upon presentation and surrender of those Bonds; *provided* that any interest earned on the moneys so held by the Bond Registrar shall be for the account of and paid to the County to the extent not required for the payment of the Bonds called for redemption.

**Section 4. Execution and Authentication of Bonds; Appointment of Bond Registrar.** The Bonds shall be signed by at least two members of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Auditor, in the name of the County and in their official capacities, *provided* that any or all of those signatures may be a facsimile. The Bonds shall be issued in the Authorized Denominations and numbers as requested by the Original Purchaser and approved by the County Administrator, shall be numbered as determined by the County Administrator in order to distinguish each Bond from any other Bond and shall express upon their faces the purpose, in summary terms, for which they are issued and that they are issued pursuant to this Resolution and the Certificate of Award.

The County Administrator is hereby authorized to designate in the Certificate of Award the County Auditor, the Original Purchaser or a bank or trust company authorized to do business in the State of Ohio to act as the initial Bond Registrar. The County Auditor shall provide for the payment of the services rendered and for reimbursement of expenses incurred pursuant to the Certificate of Award, except to the extent paid or reimbursed by the Original Purchaser in accordance with the Certificate of Award, from the proceeds of the Bonds to the extent available and then from other money lawfully available and appropriated or to be appropriated for that purpose.

No Bond shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or shall be entitled to any security or benefit under the Bond Proceedings unless and until the certificate of authentication printed on the Bond is signed by the Bond Registrar as authenticating agent. Authentication by the Bond Registrar shall be conclusive evidence

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that the Bond so authenticated has been duly issued, signed and delivered under, and is entitled to the security and benefit of, the Bond Proceedings. The certificate of authentication may be signed by any authorized officer or employee of the Bond Registrar or by any other person acting as an agent of the Bond Registrar and approved by the County Auditor on behalf of the County. The same person need not sign the certificate of authentication on all of the Bonds.

**Section 5. Registration; Transfer and Exchange.**

(a) **Bond Register.** So long as any of the Bonds remain outstanding, the County will cause the Bond Registrar to maintain and keep the Bond Register at its main office. Subject to the provisions of Section 3(d), the person in whose name a Bond is registered on the Bond Register shall be regarded as the absolute owner of that Bond for all purposes of the Bond Proceedings. Payment of or on account of the debt charges on any Bond shall be made only to or upon the order of that person; neither the County nor the Bond Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary, but the registration may be changed as provided in this Section 5. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the County's liability upon the Bond, including interest, to the extent of the amount or amounts so paid.

(b) **Transfer and Exchange.** Any Bond may be exchanged for Bonds of any Authorized Denomination upon presentation and surrender at the main office of the Bond Registrar, together with a request for exchange signed by the registered owner or by a person legally empowered to do so in a form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. A Bond may be transferred only on the Bond Register upon presentation and surrender of the Bond at the main office of the Bond Registrar together with an assignment signed by the registered owner or by a person legally empowered to do so in a form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. Upon exchange or transfer the Bond Registrar shall complete, authenticate and deliver a new Bond or Bonds of any Authorized Denomination or Denominations requested by the owner equal in the aggregate to the unmatured principal amount of the Bond surrendered and bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date.

If manual signatures on behalf of the County are required, the Bond Registrar shall undertake the exchange or transfer of Bonds only after the new Bonds are signed by the authorized officers of the County. In all cases of Bonds exchanged or transferred, the County shall sign and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Bond Proceedings. The exchange or transfer shall be without charge to the owner, except that the County and Bond Registrar may make a charge sufficient to reimburse them for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the exchange or transfer. The County or the Bond Registrar may require that those charges, if any, be paid before the procedure is begun for the exchange or transfer. All Bonds issued and authenticated upon any exchange or transfer shall be valid obligations of the County, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same security and benefit under the Bond Proceedings as the Bonds surrendered upon that exchange or transfer. Neither the County nor the Bond Registrar shall be required to make any exchange or transfer of (i) Bonds then subject to call for redemption between the 15<sup>th</sup> day preceding the mailing of notice of Bonds to be redeemed and the date of that mailing, or (ii) any Bond selected for redemption, in whole or in part.

**Section 6. Sale of the Bonds to the Original Purchaser.** The Bonds shall be sold at private sale to the Original Purchaser at a purchase price, not less than 97% of the aggregate principal amount thereof, as shall be determined by the County Administrator in the Certificate of Award, plus accrued interest on the Bonds from their date to the Closing Date, and shall be awarded by the County Administrator with and upon such other terms as are required or authorized by this Resolution to be specified in the Certificate of Award, in accordance with law and the provisions of this Resolution. The County Administrator is authorized, if it is determined to be in the best interest of the County, to combine the issue of Bonds with one or more other bond issues of the County into a consolidated bond issue pursuant to Section 133.30(B) of the Ohio Revised Code in which case a single Certificate of Award may be utilized for the consolidated bond issue if appropriate and consistent with the terms of this Resolution.

The County Administrator shall sign and deliver the Certificate of Award and shall cause the Bonds to be prepared and signed and delivered, together with a true transcript of proceedings with reference to the issuance of the Bonds, to the Original Purchaser upon payment of the purchase price.

The County Commissioners, or any of them, the County Auditor, the County Prosecutor, the County Treasurer, the County Administrator, the Clerk and other County officials, as appropriate, and any person serving in an interim or acting capacity for any such official, are each authorized and directed to sign any transcript certificates, financial statements and other documents and instruments and to take such actions as are necessary or appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution. Any actions heretofore taken by the County Commissioners, or any of them, the County Auditor, the County Prosecutor, the County Treasurer, the County Administrator, the Clerk and any other County official, as appropriate, in doing any and all acts necessary in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds are hereby ratified and confirmed.

**Section 7. Provision for Tax Levy.** There shall be levied on all the taxable property in the County, in addition to all other taxes, a direct tax annually during the period the Bonds are outstanding in an amount sufficient to pay the debt charges on the Bonds when due, which tax shall not be less than the interest and sinking fund tax required by Section 11 of Article XII of the Ohio Constitution. The tax shall be within the

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ten-mill limitation imposed by law, shall be and is ordered computed, certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers, in the same manner and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of those years are certified, levied, extended and collected, and shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof. The proceeds of the tax levy shall be placed in the Bond Retirement Fund, which is irrevocably pledged for the payment of the debt charges on the Bonds when and as the same fall due.

All special assessments collected for the Improvement described in Section 2 and any unexpended balance remaining in the improvement fund after the cost and expenses of the Improvement have been paid shall be used for the payment of the debt charges on the Bonds until paid in full. In each year to the extent the income from the levy of the special assessments for the improvement is available for the payment of the debt charges on the Bonds and is appropriated for that purpose, the amount of the tax shall be reduced by the amount of the income so available and appropriated.

Nothing in the preceding paragraph in any way diminishes the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit and general property taxing power of the County to the prompt payment of the debt charges on the Bonds.

**Section 8. Federal Tax Considerations.** The County covenants that it will use, and will restrict the use and investment of, the proceeds of the Bonds in such manner and to such extent as may be necessary so that (a) the Bonds will not (i) constitute private activity bonds or arbitrage bonds under Sections 141 or 148 of the Code or (ii) be treated other than as bonds the interest on which is excluded from gross income under Section 103 of the Code, and (b) the interest on the Bonds will not be an item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Code.

The County further covenants that (a) it will take or cause to be taken such actions that may be required of it for the interest on the Bonds to be and remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, (b) it will not take or authorize to be taken any actions that would adversely affect that exclusion, and (c) it, or persons acting for it, will, among other acts of compliance, (i) apply the proceeds of the Bonds to the governmental purpose of the borrowing, (ii) restrict the yield on investment property, (iii) make timely and adequate payments to the federal government, (iv) maintain books and records and make calculations and reports and (v) refrain from certain uses of those proceeds, and, as applicable, of property financed with such proceeds, all in such manner and to the extent necessary to assure such exclusion of that interest under the Code.

The County Auditor or any other officer of the County having responsibility for issuance of the Bonds is hereby authorized (a) to make or effect any election, selection, designation, choice, consent, approval, or waiver on behalf of the County with respect to the Bonds as the County is permitted to or required to make or give under the federal income tax laws, including, without limitation thereto, any of the elections available under Section 148 of the Code, for the purpose of assuring, enhancing or protecting favorable tax treatment or status of the Bonds or interest thereon or assisting compliance with requirements for that purpose, reducing the burden or expense of such compliance, reducing the rebate amount or payments or penalties with respect to the Bonds, or making payments of special amounts in lieu of making computations to determine, or paying, excess earnings as rebate, or obviating those amounts or payments with respect to the Bonds, which action shall be in writing and signed by the officer, (b) to take any and all other actions, make or obtain calculations, make payments, and make or give reports, covenants and certifications of and on behalf of the County, as may be appropriate to assure the exclusion of interest from gross income and the intended tax status of the Bonds, and (c) to give one or more appropriate certificates of the County, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings for the Bonds, setting forth the reasonable expectations of the County regarding the amount and use of all the proceeds of the Bonds, the facts, circumstances and estimates on which they are based, and other facts and circumstances relevant to the tax treatment of the interest on and the tax status of the Bonds. The County Auditor or any other officer of the County having responsibility for issuance of the Bonds is specifically authorized to designate the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" if such designation is applicable and desirable, and to make any related necessary representations and covenants.

**Section 9. Rating, Bond Insurance and Financing Costs.**

(a) **Application for Rating or Bond Insurance.** If, in the judgment of the County Auditor, the filing of an application for (i) a rating on the Bonds by one or more nationally-recognized rating agencies, or (ii) a policy of insurance from a company or companies to better assure the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, is in the best interest of and financially advantageous to this County, the County Auditor is authorized to prepare and submit those applications, to provide to each such agency or company such information as may be required for the purpose, and to provide further for the payment of the cost of obtaining each such rating or policy, except to the extent otherwise paid in accordance with the Certificate of Award, from the proceeds of the Bonds to the extent available and otherwise from any other funds lawfully available and that are appropriated or shall be appropriated for that purpose. The County Auditor is hereby authorized, to the extent necessary or required, to enter into any agreements, in the name of and on behalf of the County, that the County Auditor determines to be necessary in connection with the obtaining of that bond insurance.

(b) **Financing Costs.** The expenditure of the amounts necessary to pay any Financing Costs in connection with the Bonds, to the extent not paid or reimbursed by the Original Purchaser in accordance with

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the Certificate of Award, is authorized and approved, and the County Auditor is authorized to provide for the payment of any such amounts and costs from the proceeds of the Bonds to the extent available and otherwise from any other funds lawfully available that are appropriated or shall be appropriated for that purpose.

**Section 10. Bond Counsel.** The legal services of the law firm of Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP are hereby retained. Those legal services shall be in the nature of legal advice and recommendations as to the documents and the proceedings in connection with the authorization, sale and issuance of the Bonds and rendering at delivery related legal opinions, all as set forth in the form of engagement letter from that firm which is now on file in the office of the Clerk. In providing those legal services, as an independent contractor and in an attorney-client relationship, that firm shall not exercise any administrative discretion on behalf of this County in the formulation of public policy, expenditure of public funds, enforcement of laws, rules and regulations of the State of Ohio, any county or municipal corporation or of this County, or the execution of public trusts. For those legal services, that firm shall be paid just and reasonable compensation and shall be reimbursed for actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred in providing those legal services. The County Auditor is authorized and directed to make appropriate certification as to the availability of funds for those fees and any reimbursement and to issue an appropriate order for their timely payment as written statements are submitted by that firm. The amounts necessary to pay those fees and any reimbursement are hereby appropriated from the proceeds of the Bonds, if available, and otherwise from available moneys in the General Fund.

**Section 11. Certification and Delivery of Resolution and Certificate of Award.** The Clerk is directed to promptly deliver or cause to be delivered a certified copy of this Resolution and a signed copy of the Certificate of Award to the County Auditor.

**Section 12. Satisfaction of Conditions for Bond Issuance.** This Board determines that all acts and conditions necessary to be done or performed by the County or to have been met precedent to and in the issuing of the Bonds in order to make them legal, valid and binding general obligations of the County have been performed and have been met, or will at the time of delivery of the Bonds have been performed and have been met, in regular and due form as required by law; that the full faith and credit and general property taxing power (as described in Section 7) of the County are pledged for the timely payment of the debt charges on the Bonds; that no statutory or constitutional limitation of indebtedness or taxation will have been exceeded in the issuance of the Bonds; and that the Bonds are being authorized and issued pursuant to Chapter 133 of the Ohio Revised Code, this Resolution and the Certificate of Award.

**Section 13. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements.** This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board or any of its committees, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, all in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 14. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Vote on Motion                      Mrs. Lewis Aye                      Mr. Merrell Aye                      Mr. Benton Aye

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**RESOLUTION NO. 24-757**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$32,777.87 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PROPERTY OWNERS' PORTION, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, OF THE COST OF IMPROVING THE VILLAGE AT HARVEST WIND CONDOMINIUM WATERSHED DRAINAGE AREA (INCLUDING MILLER-WILLIAMS-HOLMES PART 2 AND THE VILLAGE AT HARVEST WIND CONDOMINIUM PART) BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI BY ACQUIRING ANY REQUIRED INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY, CLEARING OBSTRUCTIONS, DEEPENING, WIDENING, RESHAPING, STRAIGHTENING, TILING, SEEDING, CONTROLLING EROSION, AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE SAME, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO.**

It was moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, to approve the following:

WHEREAS, this Board has previously, by Resolutions No. 23-680 and No. 23-682, each adopted on August 14, 2023 (collectively, the "*Resolution of Necessity*"), declared the necessity of the improvements described therein and determined to proceed with the Improvement described in Section 2; and

WHEREAS, this Board has requested that the County Auditor, as fiscal officer of this County, certify the estimated life or period of usefulness of the Improvement described in Section 2 and the maximum maturity of the Bonds described in Section 2; and

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WHEREAS, the County Auditor has certified to this Board that the estimated life or period of usefulness of the Improvement described in Section 2 is at least five (5) years and that the maximum maturity of the Bonds described in Section 2 is eight (8) years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Delaware, State of Ohio, that:

**Section 1. Definitions and Interpretation.** In addition to the words and terms elsewhere defined in this Resolution, unless the context or use clearly indicates another or different meaning or intent:

“*Authorized Denominations*” means the minimum denominations or any integral multiple in excess thereof as set forth in the Certificate of Award.

“*Bond Proceedings*” means, collectively, this Resolution, the Certificate of Award and such other proceedings of the County, including the Bonds, that provide collectively for, among other things, the rights of holders of the Bonds.

“*Bond Register*” means all books and records necessary for the registration, exchange and transfer of Bonds as provided in Section 5.

“*Bond Registrar*” means the County Auditor, the Original Purchaser or a bank or trust company authorized to do business in the State of Ohio, as designated by the County Administrator in the Certificate of Award pursuant to Section 4, as the initial authenticating agent, bond registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the Bonds under the Certificate of Award and until a successor Bond Registrar shall have become such pursuant to the provisions of the Certificate of Award and thereafter, “*Bond Registrar*” shall mean the successor Bond Registrar.

“*Bonds*” means, collectively, the Serial Bonds and the Term Bonds, each as is designated as such in the Certificate of Award.

“*Certificate of Award*” means the certificate authorized by Section 6, to be executed by the County Administrator, setting forth and determining those terms or other matters pertaining to the Bonds and their issuance, sale and delivery as this Resolution requires or authorizes to be set forth or determined therein.

“*Clerk*” means the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners or any person serving in an interim or acting capacity with respect to that office.

“*Closing Date*” means the date of physical delivery of, and payment of the purchase price for, the Bonds.

“*Code*” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the Regulations (whether temporary or final) under that Code or the statutory predecessor of that Code, and any amendments of, or successor provisions to, the foregoing and any official rulings, announcements, notices, procedures and judicial determinations regarding any of the foregoing, all as and to the extent applicable. Unless otherwise indicated, reference to a Section of the Code includes any applicable successor section or provision and such applicable Regulations, rulings, announcements, notices, procedures and determinations pertinent to that Section.

“*County*” means the County of Delaware, Ohio.

“*County Administrator*” means the County Administrator of the County or any person serving in an interim or acting capacity with respect to that office.

“*County Auditor*” means the County Auditor of the County or any person serving in an interim or acting capacity with respect to that office.

“*County Treasurer*” means the County Treasurer of the County or any person serving in an interim or acting capacity with respect to that office.

“*Financing Costs*” shall have the meaning given in Section 133.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

“*Interest Payment Dates*” means, unless otherwise specified in the Certificate of Award, June 1 and December 1 of each year that the Bonds are outstanding, commencing on the date specified in the Certificate of Award.

“*Mandatory Redemption Date*” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3(b).

“*Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements*” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3(e)(i).

“*Original Purchaser*” means the purchaser of the Bonds specified in the Certificate of Award.

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“*Principal Payment Dates*” means, unless otherwise specified in the Certificate of Award, December 1 in each of the years from and including 2025 to and including 2032.

“*Regulations*” means Treasury Regulations issued pursuant to the Code or to the statutory predecessor of the Code.

“*Serial Bonds*” means those Bonds designated as such and maturing on the dates set forth in the Certificate of Award, bearing interest payable on each Interest Payment Date and not subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption.

“*Term Bonds*” means those Bonds designated as such and maturing on the date or dates set forth in the Certificate of Award, bearing interest payable on each Interest Payment Date and subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption.

The captions and headings in this Resolution are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof. Reference to a Section means a section of this Resolution unless otherwise indicated.

**Section 2. Authorized Principal Amount and Purpose; Application of Proceeds.** This Board determines that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to issue bonds of this County in the maximum principal amount of \$32,777.87 (the “*Bonds*”) for the purpose of paying the property owners’ portion, in anticipation of the collection of special assessments, of the cost of improving The Village at Harvest Wind Condominium Watershed Drainage Area (including Miller-Williams-Holmes Part 2 and The Village at Harvest Wind Condominium Part) between certain termini by acquiring any required interests in real property, clearing obstructions, deepening, widening, reshaping, straightening, tiling, seeding, controlling erosion, and otherwise improving the same, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto (the “*Improvement*”), all as provided for in the Resolution of Necessity. The Bonds shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 133 of the Ohio Revised Code, this Resolution and the Certificate of Award.

The principal amount of Bonds to be issued shall not exceed the maximum principal amount authorized in this Section 2 and shall be an amount determined by the County Administrator in the Certificate of Award to be the principal amount of Bonds that is required to be issued at this time for the purpose stated in this Section 2, taking into account the costs of the Improvement, the estimates of the Financing Costs and the interest rates on the Bonds.

The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds received by the County (or withheld by the Original Purchaser on behalf of the County) shall be paid into the proper fund or funds, and those proceeds are hereby appropriated and shall be used for the purpose for which the Bonds are being issued, including without limitation but only to the extent not paid by others, the payment of the costs of issuing and servicing the Bonds, printing and delivery of the Bonds, legal services including obtaining the approving legal opinion of bond counsel, fees and expenses of any paying agent and rating agency, any fees or premiums relating to municipal bond insurance or other security arrangements determined necessary by the County Auditor, and all other Financing Costs and costs incurred incidental to those purposes. The Certificate of Award may authorize the Original Purchaser to withhold certain proceeds from the purchase price of the Bonds to provide for the payment of Financing Costs related to the Bonds on behalf of the County. Any portion of those proceeds received by the County representing premium (after payment of any Financing Costs identified in the Certificate of Award) or accrued interest shall be paid into the Bond Retirement Fund.

**Section 3. Denominations; Dating; Principal and Interest Payment and Redemption Provisions.**

The Bonds shall be issued in one lot and only as fully registered bonds, in Authorized Denominations, but in no case as to a particular maturity date exceeding the principal amount maturing on that date. The Bonds shall be dated as provided in the Certificate of Award, *provided* that their dated date shall not be more than sixty (60) days prior to the Closing Date. If requested by the Original Purchaser, the County Administrator is hereby authorized to prepare one bond representing the aggregate principal amount of Bonds maturing on all of the Principal Payment Dates, all as set forth in the Certificate of Award. The Bonds may be issued as (i) a single fully registered Serial Bond with principal installments payable in amounts equal to the principal amounts of the Bonds stated to mature or be payable pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements on the respective Principal Payment Dates or (ii) a single fully registered Term Bond with Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements in amounts equal to the principal amount of the Bonds stated to mature or be payable pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements on the respective Principal Payment Dates.

(a) **Interest Rates and Payment Dates.** The Bonds shall bear interest at the rate or rates per year and computed on the basis as shall be determined by the County Administrator, subject to subsection (c) of this Section 3, in the Certificate of Award. Interest on the Bonds shall be payable at such rate or rates on the Interest Payment Dates until the principal amount has been paid or provided for. The Bonds shall bear interest from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or provided for or, if no interest has been paid or provided for, from their date.

(b) **Principal Payment Schedule.** The Bonds shall mature or be payable pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements on the Principal Payment Dates in principal amounts as

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shall be determined by the County Administrator, subject to subsection (c) of this Section 3, in the Certificate of Award, which determination shall be in the best interest of and financially advantageous to the County.

Consistent with the foregoing and in accordance with the County Administrator's determination of the best interest of and financial advantages to the County, the County Administrator shall specify in the Certificate of Award (i) the aggregate principal amount of Bonds to be issued as Serial Bonds, the Principal Payment Date or Dates on which those Bonds shall be stated to mature and the principal amount thereof that shall be stated to mature on each such Principal Payment Date and (ii) the aggregate principal amount of Bonds to be issued as Term Bonds, the Principal Payment Date or Dates on which those Bonds shall be stated to mature, the principal amount thereof that shall be stated to mature on each such Principal Payment Date, the Principal Payment Date or Dates on which Term Bonds shall be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption (each a "*Mandatory Redemption Date*") and the principal amount thereof that shall be payable pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements on each Mandatory Redemption Date.

**(c) Conditions for Establishment of Interest Rates and Principal Payment Dates and Amounts.** The rate or rates of interest per year to be borne by the Bonds, and the principal amount of Bonds maturing or payable pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements on each Principal Payment Date, shall be such that the total principal and interest payments on the Bonds in any fiscal year in which principal is payable is not more than three times the amount of those payments in any other fiscal year. The net interest cost for the Bonds determined by taking into account the respective principal amounts of the Bonds and terms to maturity or Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements of those principal amounts of Bonds shall not exceed 5.00%.

**(d) Payment of Debt Charges.** The debt charges on the Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America without deduction for the services of the Bond Registrar as paying agent. Principal of the Bonds shall be payable when due upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds at the main office of the Bond Registrar; *provided, however*, to the extent that the Bonds are represented by a single Term Bond as permitted by this Section 3, principal of the Bonds which is redeemed pursuant to a Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement shall be payable when due without prior presentation or surrender of the Bond but redemption of such principal shall be duly endorsed on the Bond Register, and in the case of the final principal payment due hereunder, surrender of the Bond at the main office of the Bond Registrar. Interest on a Bond shall be paid on each Interest Payment Date by check or draft mailed to the person in whose name the Bond was registered, and to that person's address appearing, on the Bond Register at the close of business on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the calendar month next preceding that Interest Payment Date; *provided, however*, that so long as the entire principal amount of the Bonds is represented by a single certificate, payment of principal and interest may be made by wire or check or draft mailed to the person in whose name the Bond was registered on the applicable date of payment, with presentation and surrender of said certificate to be made to the Bond Registrar after payment of principal and interest at final maturity.

**(e) Redemption Provisions.** The Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to stated maturity as follows:

**(i) Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption of Term Bonds.** If any of the Bonds are issued as Term Bonds, the Term Bonds shall be subject to mandatory redemption in part by lot and be redeemed pursuant to mandatory sinking fund redemption requirements, at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount redeemed, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, on the applicable Mandatory Redemption Dates and in the principal amounts payable on those Dates, for which provision is made in the Certificate of Award (such Dates and amounts being referred to as the "*Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements*").

The aggregate of the moneys to be deposited with the Bond Registrar for payment of principal of and interest on any Term Bonds on each Mandatory Redemption Date shall include an amount sufficient to redeem on that Date the principal amount of Term Bonds payable on that Date pursuant to the Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements (less the amount of any credit as hereinafter provided).

The County shall have the option to deliver to the Bond Registrar for cancellation Term Bonds in any aggregate principal amount and to receive a credit against the then current or any subsequent Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement (and corresponding mandatory redemption obligation) of the County, as specified by the County Administrator, for Term Bonds stated to mature on the same Principal Payment Date and bearing interest at the same rate as the Term Bonds so delivered. That option shall be exercised by the County on or before the 45<sup>th</sup> day preceding any Mandatory Redemption Date with respect to which the County wishes to obtain a credit, by furnishing the Bond Registrar a certificate, signed by the County Auditor, setting forth the extent of the credit to be applied with respect to the then current or any subsequent Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement for Term Bonds stated to mature on the same Principal Payment Date and bearing interest at the same rate as the Term Bonds so delivered. If the certificate is not timely furnished to the Bond Registrar, the current Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement (and corresponding mandatory redemption obligation) shall not be reduced. A credit against the then current or any subsequent Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement (and corresponding mandatory redemption obligation), as specified by the County Auditor, also shall be received by the

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County for any Term Bonds which prior thereto have been redeemed (other than through the operation of the applicable Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements) or purchased for cancellation and canceled by the Bond Registrar, to the extent not applied theretofore as a credit against any Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement, for Term Bonds stated to mature on the same Principal Payment Date and bearing interest at the same rate as the Term Bonds so redeemed or purchased and canceled.

Each Term Bond so delivered, or previously redeemed, or purchased and canceled, shall be credited by the Bond Registrar at 100% of the principal amount thereof against the then current or subsequent Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements (and corresponding mandatory redemption obligations), as specified by the County Auditor, for Term Bonds stated to mature on the same Principal Payment Date and bearing interest at the same rate as the Term Bonds so delivered, redeemed or purchased and canceled.

(ii) **Optional Redemption.** The Bonds of the maturities and interest rates specified in the Certificate of Award (if any are so specified) shall be subject to optional redemption by and at the sole option of the County, in whole or in part in Authorized Denominations, on the dates and at the redemption prices (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount to be redeemed), plus accrued interest to the redemption date, to be determined by the County Administrator in the Certificate of Award; *provided* that the redemption price for any optional redemption date shall not be greater than 103%.

If optional redemption of Term Bonds at a redemption price exceeding 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed is to take place as of any Mandatory Redemption Date applicable to those Term Bonds, the Term Bonds, or portions thereof, to be redeemed optionally shall be selected by lot prior to the selection by lot of the Term Bonds of the same maturity (and interest rate within a maturity if applicable) to be redeemed on the same date by operation of the Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements. Bonds to be redeemed pursuant to this paragraph shall be redeemed only upon written notice from the County Auditor to the Bond Registrar, given upon the direction of the County by adoption of a resolution. That notice shall specify the redemption date and the principal amount of each maturity (and interest rate within a maturity if applicable) of Bonds to be redeemed, and shall be given at least 45 days prior to the redemption date or such shorter period as shall be acceptable to the Bond Registrar.

(iii) **Partial Redemption.** If fewer than all of the outstanding Bonds are called for optional redemption at one time and Bonds of more than one maturity (or interest rate within a maturity if applicable) are then outstanding, the Bonds that are called shall be Bonds of the maturity or maturities and interest rate or rates selected by the County. If fewer than all of the Bonds of a single maturity (or interest rate within a maturity if applicable) are to be redeemed, the selection of Bonds of that maturity (or interest rate within a maturity if applicable) to be redeemed, or portions thereof in Authorized Denominations, shall be made by the Bond Registrar by lot in a manner determined by the Bond Registrar. In the case of a partial redemption of Bonds by lot when Bonds of denominations greater than the Authorized Denominations are then outstanding, each Authorized Denomination unit of principal thereof shall be treated as if it were a separate Bond of the Authorized Denomination. If it is determined that one or more, but not all, of the Authorized Denomination units of principal amount represented by a Bond are to be called for redemption, then, upon notice of redemption of an Authorized Denomination unit or units, the registered owner of that Bond shall surrender the Bond to the Bond Registrar (A) for payment of the redemption price of the Authorized Denomination unit or units of principal amount called for redemption (including, without limitation, the interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption and any premium), and (B) for issuance, without charge to the registered owner, of a new Bond or Bonds of any Authorized Denomination or Denominations in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unmatured and unredeemed portion of, and bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date as, the Bond surrendered.

(iv) **Notice of Redemption.** The notice of the call for redemption of Bonds shall identify (A) by designation, letters, numbers or other distinguishing marks, the Bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed, (B) the redemption price to be paid, (C) the date fixed for redemption, and (D) the place or places where the amounts due upon redemption are payable. The notice shall be given by the Bond Registrar on behalf of the County by mailing a copy of the redemption notice by first-class mail, postage prepaid, at least 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption, to the registered owner of each Bond subject to redemption in whole or in part at the registered owner's address shown on the Bond Register maintained by the Bond Registrar at the close of business on the 15<sup>th</sup> day preceding that mailing. Failure to receive notice by mail or any defect in that notice regarding any Bond, however, shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any Bond.

(v) **Payment of Redeemed Bonds.** In the event that notice of redemption shall have been given by the Bond Registrar to the registered owners as provided above, there shall be deposited with the Bond Registrar on or prior to the redemption date, moneys that, in addition to any other moneys available therefor and held by the Bond Registrar, will be sufficient to redeem at the redemption price thereof, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, all of the redeemable Bonds

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for which notice of redemption has been given. Notice having been mailed in the manner provided in the preceding paragraph hereof, the Bonds and portions thereof called for redemption shall become due and payable on the redemption date, and, subject to the provisions of Section 3(d), upon presentation and surrender thereof at the place or places specified in that notice, shall be paid at the redemption price, plus accrued interest to the redemption date. If moneys for the redemption of all of the Bonds and portions thereof to be redeemed, together with accrued interest thereon to the redemption date, are held by the Bond Registrar on the redemption date, so as to be available therefor on that date and, if notice of redemption has been deposited in the mail as aforesaid, then from and after the redemption date those Bonds and portions thereof called for redemption shall cease to bear interest and no longer shall be considered to be outstanding. If those moneys shall not be so available on the redemption date, or that notice shall not have been deposited in the mail as aforesaid, those Bonds and portions thereof shall continue to bear interest, until they are paid, at the same rate as they would have borne had they not been called for redemption. All moneys held by the Bond Registrar for the redemption of particular Bonds shall be held in trust for the account of the registered owners thereof and shall be paid to them, respectively, upon presentation and surrender of those Bonds; *provided* that any interest earned on the moneys so held by the Bond Registrar shall be for the account of and paid to the County to the extent not required for the payment of the Bonds called for redemption.

**Section 4. Execution and Authentication of Bonds; Appointment of Bond Registrar.** The Bonds shall be signed by at least two members of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Auditor, in the name of the County and in their official capacities, *provided* that any or all of those signatures may be a facsimile. The Bonds shall be issued in the Authorized Denominations and numbers as requested by the Original Purchaser and approved by the County Administrator, shall be numbered as determined by the County Administrator in order to distinguish each Bond from any other Bond and shall express upon their faces the purpose, in summary terms, for which they are issued and that they are issued pursuant to this Resolution and the Certificate of Award.

The County Administrator is hereby authorized to designate in the Certificate of Award the County Auditor, the Original Purchaser or a bank or trust company authorized to do business in the State of Ohio to act as the initial Bond Registrar. The County Auditor shall provide for the payment of the services rendered and for reimbursement of expenses incurred pursuant to the Certificate of Award, except to the extent paid or reimbursed by the Original Purchaser in accordance with the Certificate of Award, from the proceeds of the Bonds to the extent available and then from other money lawfully available and appropriated or to be appropriated for that purpose.

No Bond shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or shall be entitled to any security or benefit under the Bond Proceedings unless and until the certificate of authentication printed on the Bond is signed by the Bond Registrar as authenticating agent. Authentication by the Bond Registrar shall be conclusive evidence that the Bond so authenticated has been duly issued, signed and delivered under, and is entitled to the security and benefit of, the Bond Proceedings. The certificate of authentication may be signed by any authorized officer or employee of the Bond Registrar or by any other person acting as an agent of the Bond Registrar and approved by the County Auditor on behalf of the County. The same person need not sign the certificate of authentication on all of the Bonds.

**Section 5. Registration; Transfer and Exchange.**

(a) **Bond Register.** So long as any of the Bonds remain outstanding, the County will cause the Bond Registrar to maintain and keep the Bond Register at its main office. Subject to the provisions of Section 3(d), the person in whose name a Bond is registered on the Bond Register shall be regarded as the absolute owner of that Bond for all purposes of the Bond Proceedings. Payment of or on account of the debt charges on any Bond shall be made only to or upon the order of that person; neither the County nor the Bond Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary, but the registration may be changed as provided in this Section 5. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the County's liability upon the Bond, including interest, to the extent of the amount or amounts so paid.

(b) **Transfer and Exchange.** Any Bond may be exchanged for Bonds of any Authorized Denomination upon presentation and surrender at the main office of the Bond Registrar, together with a request for exchange signed by the registered owner or by a person legally empowered to do so in a form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. A Bond may be transferred only on the Bond Register upon presentation and surrender of the Bond at the main office of the Bond Registrar together with an assignment signed by the registered owner or by a person legally empowered to do so in a form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. Upon exchange or transfer the Bond Registrar shall complete, authenticate and deliver a new Bond or Bonds of any Authorized Denomination or Denominations requested by the owner equal in the aggregate to the unmatured principal amount of the Bond surrendered and bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date.

If manual signatures on behalf of the County are required, the Bond Registrar shall undertake the exchange or transfer of Bonds only after the new Bonds are signed by the authorized officers of the County. In all cases of Bonds exchanged or transferred, the County shall sign and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Bond Proceedings. The exchange or transfer shall

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be without charge to the owner, except that the County and Bond Registrar may make a charge sufficient to reimburse them for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the exchange or transfer. The County or the Bond Registrar may require that those charges, if any, be paid before the procedure is begun for the exchange or transfer. All Bonds issued and authenticated upon any exchange or transfer shall be valid obligations of the County, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same security and benefit under the Bond Proceedings as the Bonds surrendered upon that exchange or transfer. Neither the County nor the Bond Registrar shall be required to make any exchange or transfer of (i) Bonds then subject to call for redemption between the 15<sup>th</sup> day preceding the mailing of notice of Bonds to be redeemed and the date of that mailing, or (ii) any Bond selected for redemption, in whole or in part.

**Section 6. Sale of the Bonds to the Original Purchaser.** The Bonds shall be sold at private sale to the Original Purchaser at a purchase price, not less than 97% of the aggregate principal amount thereof, as shall be determined by the County Administrator in the Certificate of Award, plus accrued interest on the Bonds from their date to the Closing Date, and shall be awarded by the County Administrator with and upon such other terms as are required or authorized by this Resolution to be specified in the Certificate of Award, in accordance with law and the provisions of this Resolution. The County Administrator is authorized, if it is determined to be in the best interest of the County, to combine the issue of Bonds with one or more other bond issues of the County into a consolidated bond issue pursuant to Section 133.30(B) of the Ohio Revised Code in which case a single Certificate of Award may be utilized for the consolidated bond issue if appropriate and consistent with the terms of this Resolution.

The County Administrator shall sign and deliver the Certificate of Award and shall cause the Bonds to be prepared and signed and delivered, together with a true transcript of proceedings with reference to the issuance of the Bonds, to the Original Purchaser upon payment of the purchase price.

The County Commissioners, or any of them, the County Auditor, the County Prosecutor, the County Treasurer, the County Administrator, the Clerk and other County officials, as appropriate, and any person serving in an interim or acting capacity for any such official, are each authorized and directed to sign any transcript certificates, financial statements and other documents and instruments and to take such actions as are necessary or appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution. Any actions heretofore taken by the County Commissioners, or any of them, the County Auditor, the County Prosecutor, the County Treasurer, the County Administrator, the Clerk and any other County official, as appropriate, in doing any and all acts necessary in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds are hereby ratified and confirmed.

**Section 7. Provision for Tax Levy.** There shall be levied on all the taxable property in the County, in addition to all other taxes, a direct tax annually during the period the Bonds are outstanding in an amount sufficient to pay the debt charges on the Bonds when due, which tax shall not be less than the interest and sinking fund tax required by Section 11 of Article XII of the Ohio Constitution. The tax shall be within the ten-mill limitation imposed by law, shall be and is ordered computed, certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers, in the same manner and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of those years are certified, levied, extended and collected, and shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof. The proceeds of the tax levy shall be placed in the Bond Retirement Fund, which is irrevocably pledged for the payment of the debt charges on the Bonds when and as the same fall due.

All special assessments collected for the Improvement described in Section 2 and any unexpended balance remaining in the improvement fund after the cost and expenses of the Improvement have been paid shall be used for the payment of the debt charges on the Bonds until paid in full. In each year to the extent the income from the levy of the special assessments for the improvement is available for the payment of the debt charges on the Bonds and is appropriated for that purpose, the amount of the tax shall be reduced by the amount of the income so available and appropriated.

Nothing in the preceding paragraph in any way diminishes the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit and general property taxing power of the County to the prompt payment of the debt charges on the Bonds.

**Section 8. Federal Tax Considerations.** The County covenants that it will use, and will restrict the use and investment of, the proceeds of the Bonds in such manner and to such extent as may be necessary so that (a) the Bonds will not (i) constitute private activity bonds or arbitrage bonds under Sections 141 or 148 of the Code or (ii) be treated other than as bonds the interest on which is excluded from gross income under Section 103 of the Code, and (b) the interest on the Bonds will not be an item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Code.

The County further covenants that (a) it will take or cause to be taken such actions that may be required of it for the interest on the Bonds to be and remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, (b) it will not take or authorize to be taken any actions that would adversely affect that exclusion, and (c) it, or persons acting for it, will, among other acts of compliance, (i) apply the proceeds of the Bonds to the governmental purpose of the borrowing, (ii) restrict the yield on investment property, (iii) make timely and adequate payments to the federal government, (iv) maintain books and records and make calculations and reports and (v) refrain from certain uses of those proceeds, and, as applicable, of property financed with such

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proceeds, all in such manner and to the extent necessary to assure such exclusion of that interest under the Code.

The County Auditor or any other officer of the County having responsibility for issuance of the Bonds is hereby authorized (a) to make or effect any election, selection, designation, choice, consent, approval, or waiver on behalf of the County with respect to the Bonds as the County is permitted to or required to make or give under the federal income tax laws, including, without limitation thereto, any of the elections available under Section 148 of the Code, for the purpose of assuring, enhancing or protecting favorable tax treatment or status of the Bonds or interest thereon or assisting compliance with requirements for that purpose, reducing the burden or expense of such compliance, reducing the rebate amount or payments or penalties with respect to the Bonds, or making payments of special amounts in lieu of making computations to determine, or paying, excess earnings as rebate, or obviating those amounts or payments with respect to the Bonds, which action shall be in writing and signed by the officer, (b) to take any and all other actions, make or obtain calculations, make payments, and make or give reports, covenants and certifications of and on behalf of the County, as may be appropriate to assure the exclusion of interest from gross income and the intended tax status of the Bonds, and (c) to give one or more appropriate certificates of the County, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings for the Bonds, setting forth the reasonable expectations of the County regarding the amount and use of all the proceeds of the Bonds, the facts, circumstances and estimates on which they are based, and other facts and circumstances relevant to the tax treatment of the interest on and the tax status of the Bonds. The County Auditor or any other officer of the County having responsibility for issuance of the Bonds is specifically authorized to designate the Bonds as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” if such designation is applicable and desirable, and to make any related necessary representations and covenants.

Section 9. Rating, Bond Insurance and Financing Costs.

(a) **Application for Rating or Bond Insurance.** If, in the judgment of the County Auditor, the filing of an application for (i) a rating on the Bonds by one or more nationally-recognized rating agencies, or (ii) a policy of insurance from a company or companies to better assure the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, is in the best interest of and financially advantageous to this County, the County Auditor is authorized to prepare and submit those applications, to provide to each such agency or company such information as may be required for the purpose, and to provide further for the payment of the cost of obtaining each such rating or policy, except to the extent otherwise paid in accordance with the Certificate of Award, from the proceeds of the Bonds to the extent available and otherwise from any other funds lawfully available and that are appropriated or shall be appropriated for that purpose. The County Auditor is hereby authorized, to the extent necessary or required, to enter into any agreements, in the name of and on behalf of the County, that the County Auditor determines to be necessary in connection with the obtaining of that bond insurance.

(b) **Financing Costs.** The expenditure of the amounts necessary to pay any Financing Costs in connection with the Bonds, to the extent not paid or reimbursed by the Original Purchaser in accordance with the Certificate of Award, is authorized and approved, and the County Auditor is authorized to provide for the payment of any such amounts and costs from the proceeds of the Bonds to the extent available and otherwise from any other funds lawfully available that are appropriated or shall be appropriated for that purpose.

**Section 10. Bond Counsel.** The legal services of the law firm of Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP are hereby retained. Those legal services shall be in the nature of legal advice and recommendations as to the documents and the proceedings in connection with the authorization, sale and issuance of the Bonds and rendering at delivery related legal opinions, all as set forth in the form of engagement letter from that firm which is now on file in the office of the Clerk. In providing those legal services, as an independent contractor and in an attorney-client relationship, that firm shall not exercise any administrative discretion on behalf of this County in the formulation of public policy, expenditure of public funds, enforcement of laws, rules and regulations of the State of Ohio, any county or municipal corporation or of this County, or the execution of public trusts. For those legal services, that firm shall be paid just and reasonable compensation and shall be reimbursed for actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred in providing those legal services. The County Auditor is authorized and directed to make appropriate certification as to the availability of funds for those fees and any reimbursement and to issue an appropriate order for their timely payment as written statements are submitted by that firm. The amounts necessary to pay those fees and any reimbursement are hereby appropriated from the proceeds of the Bonds, if available, and otherwise from available moneys in the General Fund.

**Section 11. Certification and Delivery of Resolution and Certificate of Award.** The Clerk is directed to promptly deliver or cause to be delivered a certified copy of this Resolution and a signed copy of the Certificate of Award to the County Auditor.

**Section 12. Satisfaction of Conditions for Bond Issuance.** This Board determines that all acts and conditions necessary to be done or performed by the County or to have been met precedent to and in the issuing of the Bonds in order to make them legal, valid and binding general obligations of the County have been performed and have been met, or will at the time of delivery of the Bonds have been performed and have been met, in regular and due form as required by law; that the full faith and credit and general property taxing power (as described in Section 7) of the County are pledged for the timely payment of the debt charges on the Bonds; that no statutory or constitutional limitation of indebtedness or taxation will have been exceeded in the

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issuance of the Bonds; and that the Bonds are being authorized and issued pursuant to Chapter 133 of the Ohio Revised Code, this Resolution and the Certificate of Award.

**Section 13. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements.** This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board or any of its committees, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, all in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 14. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Vote on Motion                      Mr. Merrell Aye                      Mr. Benton Aye                      Mrs. Lewis Aye

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-758**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$39,774.62 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PROPERTY OWNERS’ PORTION, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, OF THE COST OF IMPROVING THE RADNOR TOWNSHIP NO. 2015-1 WATERSHED DRAINAGE AREA BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI BY ACQUIRING ANY REQUIRED INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY, CLEARING OBSTRUCTIONS, DEEPENING, WIDENING, RESHAPING, STRAIGHTENING, TILING, SEEDING, CONTROLLING EROSION, AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE SAME, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO.**

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve the following:

WHEREAS, this Board has previously, by Resolution No. 22-685 adopted on August 15, 2022 (the “*Resolution of Necessity*”), declared the necessity of the improvements described therein and determined to proceed with the Improvement described in Section 2; and

WHEREAS, this Board has requested that the County Auditor, as fiscal officer of this County, certify the estimated life or period of usefulness of the Improvement described in Section 2 and the maximum maturity of the Bonds described in Section 2; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor has certified to this Board that the estimated life or period of usefulness of the Improvement described in Section 2 is at least five (5) years and that the maximum maturity of the Bonds described in Section 2 is eight (8) years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Delaware, State of Ohio, that:

**Section 1. Definitions and Interpretation.** In addition to the words and terms elsewhere defined in this Resolution, unless the context or use clearly indicates another or different meaning or intent:

“*Authorized Denominations*” means the minimum denominations or any integral multiple in excess thereof as set forth in the Certificate of Award.

“*Bond Proceedings*” means, collectively, this Resolution, the Certificate of Award and such other proceedings of the County, including the Bonds, that provide collectively for, among other things, the rights of holders of the Bonds.

“*Bond Register*” means all books and records necessary for the registration, exchange and transfer of Bonds as provided in Section 5.

“*Bond Registrar*” means the County Auditor, the Original Purchaser or a bank or trust company authorized to do business in the State of Ohio, as designated by the County Administrator in the Certificate of Award pursuant to Section 4, as the initial authenticating agent, bond registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the Bonds under the Certificate of Award and until a successor Bond Registrar shall have become such pursuant to the provisions of the Certificate of Award and thereafter, “*Bond Registrar*” shall mean the successor Bond Registrar.

“*Bonds*” means, collectively, the Serial Bonds and the Term Bonds, each as is designated as such in the Certificate of Award.

“*Certificate of Award*” means the certificate authorized by Section 6, to be executed by the County Administrator, setting forth and determining those terms or other matters pertaining to the Bonds and their issuance, sale and delivery as this Resolution requires or authorizes to be set forth or determined therein.

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“*Clerk*” means the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners or any person serving in an interim or acting capacity with respect to that office.

“*Closing Date*” means the date of physical delivery of, and payment of the purchase price for, the Bonds.

“*Code*” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the Regulations (whether temporary or final) under that Code or the statutory predecessor of that Code, and any amendments of, or successor provisions to, the foregoing and any official rulings, announcements, notices, procedures and judicial determinations regarding any of the foregoing, all as and to the extent applicable. Unless otherwise indicated, reference to a Section of the Code includes any applicable successor section or provision and such applicable Regulations, rulings, announcements, notices, procedures and determinations pertinent to that Section.

“*County*” means the County of Delaware, Ohio.

“*County Administrator*” means the County Administrator of the County or any person serving in an interim or acting capacity with respect to that office.

“*County Auditor*” means the County Auditor of the County or any person serving in an interim or acting capacity with respect to that office.

“*County Treasurer*” means the County Treasurer of the County or any person serving in an interim or acting capacity with respect to that office.

“*Financing Costs*” shall have the meaning given in Section 133.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

“*Interest Payment Dates*” means, unless otherwise specified in the Certificate of Award, June 1 and December 1 of each year that the Bonds are outstanding, commencing on the date specified in the Certificate of Award.

“*Mandatory Redemption Date*” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3(b).

“*Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements*” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3(e)(i).

“*Original Purchaser*” means the purchaser of the Bonds specified in the Certificate of Award.

“*Principal Payment Dates*” means, unless otherwise specified in the Certificate of Award, December 1 in each of the years from and including 2025 to and including 2032.

“*Regulations*” means Treasury Regulations issued pursuant to the Code or to the statutory predecessor of the Code.

“*Serial Bonds*” means those Bonds designated as such and maturing on the dates set forth in the Certificate of Award, bearing interest payable on each Interest Payment Date and not subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption.

“*Term Bonds*” means those Bonds designated as such and maturing on the date or dates set forth in the Certificate of Award, bearing interest payable on each Interest Payment Date and subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption.

The captions and headings in this Resolution are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof. Reference to a Section means a section of this Resolution unless otherwise indicated.

**Section 2. Authorized Principal Amount and Purpose; Application of Proceeds.** This Board determines that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to issue bonds of this County in the maximum principal amount of \$39,774.62 (the “*Bonds*”) for the purpose of paying the property owners’ portion, in anticipation of the collection of special assessments, of the cost of improving the Radnor Township No. 2015-1 Watershed Drainage Area between certain termini by acquiring any required interests in real property, clearing obstructions, deepening, widening, reshaping, straightening, tiling, seeding, controlling erosion, and otherwise improving the same, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto (the “*Improvement*”), all as provided for in the Resolution of Necessity. The Bonds shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 133 of the Ohio Revised Code, this Resolution and the Certificate of Award.

The principal amount of Bonds to be issued shall not exceed the maximum principal amount authorized in this Section 2 and shall be an amount determined by the County Administrator in the Certificate of Award to be the principal amount of Bonds that is required to be issued at this time for the purpose stated in this Section 2, taking into account the costs of the Improvement, the estimates of the Financing Costs and the interest rates on the Bonds.

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The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds received by the County (or withheld by the Original Purchaser on behalf of the County) shall be paid into the proper fund or funds, and those proceeds are hereby appropriated and shall be used for the purpose for which the Bonds are being issued, including without limitation but only to the extent not paid by others, the payment of the costs of issuing and servicing the Bonds, printing and delivery of the Bonds, legal services including obtaining the approving legal opinion of bond counsel, fees and expenses of any paying agent and rating agency, any fees or premiums relating to municipal bond insurance or other security arrangements determined necessary by the County Auditor, and all other Financing Costs and costs incurred incidental to those purposes. The Certificate of Award may authorize the Original Purchaser to withhold certain proceeds from the purchase price of the Bonds to provide for the payment of Financing Costs related to the Bonds on behalf of the County. Any portion of those proceeds received by the County representing premium (after payment of any Financing Costs identified in the Certificate of Award) or accrued interest shall be paid into the Bond Retirement Fund.

**Section 3. Denominations; Dating; Principal and Interest Payment and Redemption Provisions.**

The Bonds shall be issued in one lot and only as fully registered bonds, in Authorized Denominations, but in no case as to a particular maturity date exceeding the principal amount maturing on that date. The Bonds shall be dated as provided in the Certificate of Award, *provided* that their dated date shall not be more than sixty (60) days prior to the Closing Date. If requested by the Original Purchaser, the County Administrator is hereby authorized to prepare one bond representing the aggregate principal amount of Bonds maturing on all of the Principal Payment Dates, all as set forth in the Certificate of Award. The Bonds may be issued as (i) a single fully registered Serial Bond with principal installments payable in amounts equal to the principal amounts of the Bonds stated to mature or be payable pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements on the respective Principal Payment Dates or (ii) a single fully registered Term Bond with Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements in amounts equal to the principal amount of the Bonds stated to mature or be payable pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements on the respective Principal Payment Dates.

(a) **Interest Rates and Payment Dates.** The Bonds shall bear interest at the rate or rates per year and computed on the basis as shall be determined by the County Administrator, subject to subsection (c) of this Section 3, in the Certificate of Award. Interest on the Bonds shall be payable at such rate or rates on the Interest Payment Dates until the principal amount has been paid or provided for. The Bonds shall bear interest from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or provided for or, if no interest has been paid or provided for, from their date.

(b) **Principal Payment Schedule.** The Bonds shall mature or be payable pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements on the Principal Payment Dates in principal amounts as shall be determined by the County Administrator, subject to subsection (c) of this Section 3, in the Certificate of Award, which determination shall be in the best interest of and financially advantageous to the County.

Consistent with the foregoing and in accordance with the County Administrator's determination of the best interest of and financial advantages to the County, the County Administrator shall specify in the Certificate of Award (i) the aggregate principal amount of Bonds to be issued as Serial Bonds, the Principal Payment Date or Dates on which those Bonds shall be stated to mature and the principal amount thereof that shall be stated to mature on each such Principal Payment Date and (ii) the aggregate principal amount of Bonds to be issued as Term Bonds, the Principal Payment Date or Dates on which those Bonds shall be stated to mature, the principal amount thereof that shall be stated to mature on each such Principal Payment Date, the Principal Payment Date or Dates on which Term Bonds shall be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption (each a "*Mandatory Redemption Date*") and the principal amount thereof that shall be payable pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements on each Mandatory Redemption Date.

(c) **Conditions for Establishment of Interest Rates and Principal Payment Dates and Amounts.** The rate or rates of interest per year to be borne by the Bonds, and the principal amount of Bonds maturing or payable pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements on each Principal Payment Date, shall be such that the total principal and interest payments on the Bonds in any fiscal year in which principal is payable is not more than three times the amount of those payments in any other fiscal year. The net interest cost for the Bonds determined by taking into account the respective principal amounts of the Bonds and terms to maturity or Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements of those principal amounts of Bonds shall not exceed 5.00%.

(d) **Payment of Debt Charges.** The debt charges on the Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America without deduction for the services of the Bond Registrar as paying agent. Principal of the Bonds shall be payable when due upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds at the main office of the Bond Registrar; *provided, however*, to the extent that the Bonds are represented by a single Term Bond as permitted by this Section 3, principal of the Bonds which is redeemed pursuant to a Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement shall be payable when due without prior presentation or surrender of the Bond but redemption of such principal shall be duly endorsed on the Bond Register, and in the case of the final principal payment due hereunder, surrender of the Bond at the main office of the Bond Registrar. Interest on a Bond shall be paid on each Interest Payment Date by check or draft mailed to the person in whose name the Bond was registered, and to that person's address appearing, on the Bond Register at the close of business on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the calendar month next preceding that Interest Payment Date; *provided, however*, that so long as the entire principal amount of the Bonds is represented by a single certificate, payment of principal and

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interest may be made by wire or check or draft mailed to the person in whose name the Bond was registered on the applicable date of payment, with presentation and surrender of said certificate to be made to the Bond Registrar after payment of principal and interest at final maturity.

(e) **Redemption Provisions.** The Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to stated maturity as follows:

(i) **Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption of Term Bonds.** If any of the Bonds are issued as Term Bonds, the Term Bonds shall be subject to mandatory redemption in part by lot and be redeemed pursuant to mandatory sinking fund redemption requirements, at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount redeemed, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, on the applicable Mandatory Redemption Dates and in the principal amounts payable on those Dates, for which provision is made in the Certificate of Award (such Dates and amounts being referred to as the "*Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements*").

The aggregate of the moneys to be deposited with the Bond Registrar for payment of principal of and interest on any Term Bonds on each Mandatory Redemption Date shall include an amount sufficient to redeem on that Date the principal amount of Term Bonds payable on that Date pursuant to the Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements (less the amount of any credit as hereinafter provided).

The County shall have the option to deliver to the Bond Registrar for cancellation Term Bonds in any aggregate principal amount and to receive a credit against the then current or any subsequent Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement (and corresponding mandatory redemption obligation) of the County, as specified by the County Administrator, for Term Bonds stated to mature on the same Principal Payment Date and bearing interest at the same rate as the Term Bonds so delivered. That option shall be exercised by the County on or before the 45<sup>th</sup> day preceding any Mandatory Redemption Date with respect to which the County wishes to obtain a credit, by furnishing the Bond Registrar a certificate, signed by the County Auditor, setting forth the extent of the credit to be applied with respect to the then current or any subsequent Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement for Term Bonds stated to mature on the same Principal Payment Date and bearing interest at the same rate as the Term Bonds so delivered. If the certificate is not timely furnished to the Bond Registrar, the current Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement (and corresponding mandatory redemption obligation) shall not be reduced. A credit against the then current or any subsequent Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement (and corresponding mandatory redemption obligation), as specified by the County Auditor, also shall be received by the County for any Term Bonds which prior thereto have been redeemed (other than through the operation of the applicable Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements) or purchased for cancellation and canceled by the Bond Registrar, to the extent not applied theretofore as a credit against any Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement, for Term Bonds stated to mature on the same Principal Payment Date and bearing interest at the same rate as the Term Bonds so redeemed or purchased and canceled.

Each Term Bond so delivered, or previously redeemed, or purchased and canceled, shall be credited by the Bond Registrar at 100% of the principal amount thereof against the then current or subsequent Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements (and corresponding mandatory redemption obligations), as specified by the County Auditor, for Term Bonds stated to mature on the same Principal Payment Date and bearing interest at the same rate as the Term Bonds so delivered, redeemed or purchased and canceled.

(ii) **Optional Redemption.** The Bonds of the maturities and interest rates specified in the Certificate of Award (if any are so specified) shall be subject to optional redemption by and at the sole option of the County, in whole or in part in Authorized Denominations, on the dates and at the redemption prices (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount to be redeemed), plus accrued interest to the redemption date, to be determined by the County Administrator in the Certificate of Award; *provided* that the redemption price for any optional redemption date shall not be greater than 103%.

If optional redemption of Term Bonds at a redemption price exceeding 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed is to take place as of any Mandatory Redemption Date applicable to those Term Bonds, the Term Bonds, or portions thereof, to be redeemed optionally shall be selected by lot prior to the selection by lot of the Term Bonds of the same maturity (and interest rate within a maturity if applicable) to be redeemed on the same date by operation of the Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements. Bonds to be redeemed pursuant to this paragraph shall be redeemed only upon written notice from the County Auditor to the Bond Registrar, given upon the direction of the County by adoption of a resolution. That notice shall specify the redemption date and the principal amount of each maturity (and interest rate within a maturity if applicable) of Bonds to be redeemed, and shall be given at least 45 days prior to the redemption date or such shorter period as shall be acceptable to the Bond Registrar.

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(iii) **Partial Redemption.** If fewer than all of the outstanding Bonds are called for optional redemption at one time and Bonds of more than one maturity (or interest rate within a maturity if applicable) are then outstanding, the Bonds that are called shall be Bonds of the maturity or maturities and interest rate or rates selected by the County. If fewer than all of the Bonds of a single maturity (or interest rate within a maturity if applicable) are to be redeemed, the selection of Bonds of that maturity (or interest rate within a maturity if applicable) to be redeemed, or portions thereof in Authorized Denominations, shall be made by the Bond Registrar by lot in a manner determined by the Bond Registrar. In the case of a partial redemption of Bonds by lot when Bonds of denominations greater than the Authorized Denominations are then outstanding, each Authorized Denomination unit of principal thereof shall be treated as if it were a separate Bond of the Authorized Denomination. If it is determined that one or more, but not all, of the Authorized Denomination units of principal amount represented by a Bond are to be called for redemption, then, upon notice of redemption of an Authorized Denomination unit or units, the registered owner of that Bond shall surrender the Bond to the Bond Registrar (A) for payment of the redemption price of the Authorized Denomination unit or units of principal amount called for redemption (including, without limitation, the interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption and any premium), and (B) for issuance, without charge to the registered owner, of a new Bond or Bonds of any Authorized Denomination or Denominations in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unmatured and unredeemed portion of, and bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date as, the Bond surrendered.

(iv) **Notice of Redemption.** The notice of the call for redemption of Bonds shall identify (A) by designation, letters, numbers or other distinguishing marks, the Bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed, (B) the redemption price to be paid, (C) the date fixed for redemption, and (D) the place or places where the amounts due upon redemption are payable. The notice shall be given by the Bond Registrar on behalf of the County by mailing a copy of the redemption notice by first-class mail, postage prepaid, at least 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption, to the registered owner of each Bond subject to redemption in whole or in part at the registered owner's address shown on the Bond Register maintained by the Bond Registrar at the close of business on the 15<sup>th</sup> day preceding that mailing. Failure to receive notice by mail or any defect in that notice regarding any Bond, however, shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any Bond.

(v) **Payment of Redeemed Bonds.** In the event that notice of redemption shall have been given by the Bond Registrar to the registered owners as provided above, there shall be deposited with the Bond Registrar on or prior to the redemption date, moneys that, in addition to any other moneys available therefor and held by the Bond Registrar, will be sufficient to redeem at the redemption price thereof, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, all of the redeemable Bonds for which notice of redemption has been given. Notice having been mailed in the manner provided in the preceding paragraph hereof, the Bonds and portions thereof called for redemption shall become due and payable on the redemption date, and, subject to the provisions of Section 3(d), upon presentation and surrender thereof at the place or places specified in that notice, shall be paid at the redemption price, plus accrued interest to the redemption date. If moneys for the redemption of all of the Bonds and portions thereof to be redeemed, together with accrued interest thereon to the redemption date, are held by the Bond Registrar on the redemption date, so as to be available therefor on that date and, if notice of redemption has been deposited in the mail as aforesaid, then from and after the redemption date those Bonds and portions thereof called for redemption shall cease to bear interest and no longer shall be considered to be outstanding. If those moneys shall not be so available on the redemption date, or that notice shall not have been deposited in the mail as aforesaid, those Bonds and portions thereof shall continue to bear interest, until they are paid, at the same rate as they would have borne had they not been called for redemption. All moneys held by the Bond Registrar for the redemption of particular Bonds shall be held in trust for the account of the registered owners thereof and shall be paid to them, respectively, upon presentation and surrender of those Bonds; *provided* that any interest earned on the moneys so held by the Bond Registrar shall be for the account of and paid to the County to the extent not required for the payment of the Bonds called for redemption.

**Section 4. Execution and Authentication of Bonds; Appointment of Bond Registrar.** The Bonds shall be signed by at least two members of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Auditor, in the name of the County and in their official capacities, *provided* that any or all of those signatures may be a facsimile. The Bonds shall be issued in the Authorized Denominations and numbers as requested by the Original Purchaser and approved by the County Administrator, shall be numbered as determined by the County Administrator in order to distinguish each Bond from any other Bond and shall express upon their faces the purpose, in summary terms, for which they are issued and that they are issued pursuant to this Resolution and the Certificate of Award.

The County Administrator is hereby authorized to designate in the Certificate of Award the County Auditor, the Original Purchaser or a bank or trust company authorized to do business in the State of Ohio to act as the initial Bond Registrar. The County Auditor shall provide for the payment of the services rendered and for reimbursement of expenses incurred pursuant to the Certificate of Award, except to the extent paid or reimbursed by the Original Purchaser in accordance with the Certificate of Award, from the proceeds of the

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Bonds to the extent available and then from other money lawfully available and appropriated or to be appropriated for that purpose.

No Bond shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or shall be entitled to any security or benefit under the Bond Proceedings unless and until the certificate of authentication printed on the Bond is signed by the Bond Registrar as authenticating agent. Authentication by the Bond Registrar shall be conclusive evidence that the Bond so authenticated has been duly issued, signed and delivered under, and is entitled to the security and benefit of, the Bond Proceedings. The certificate of authentication may be signed by any authorized officer or employee of the Bond Registrar or by any other person acting as an agent of the Bond Registrar and approved by the County Auditor on behalf of the County. The same person need not sign the certificate of authentication on all of the Bonds.

**Section 5. Registration; Transfer and Exchange.**

(a) **Bond Register.** So long as any of the Bonds remain outstanding, the County will cause the Bond Registrar to maintain and keep the Bond Register at its main office. Subject to the provisions of Section 3(d), the person in whose name a Bond is registered on the Bond Register shall be regarded as the absolute owner of that Bond for all purposes of the Bond Proceedings. Payment of or on account of the debt charges on any Bond shall be made only to or upon the order of that person; neither the County nor the Bond Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary, but the registration may be changed as provided in this Section 5. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the County's liability upon the Bond, including interest, to the extent of the amount or amounts so paid.

(b) **Transfer and Exchange.** Any Bond may be exchanged for Bonds of any Authorized Denomination upon presentation and surrender at the main office of the Bond Registrar, together with a request for exchange signed by the registered owner or by a person legally empowered to do so in a form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. A Bond may be transferred only on the Bond Register upon presentation and surrender of the Bond at the main office of the Bond Registrar together with an assignment signed by the registered owner or by a person legally empowered to do so in a form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. Upon exchange or transfer the Bond Registrar shall complete, authenticate and deliver a new Bond or Bonds of any Authorized Denomination or Denominations requested by the owner equal in the aggregate to the unmatured principal amount of the Bond surrendered and bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date.

If manual signatures on behalf of the County are required, the Bond Registrar shall undertake the exchange or transfer of Bonds only after the new Bonds are signed by the authorized officers of the County. In all cases of Bonds exchanged or transferred, the County shall sign and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Bond Proceedings. The exchange or transfer shall be without charge to the owner, except that the County and Bond Registrar may make a charge sufficient to reimburse them for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the exchange or transfer. The County or the Bond Registrar may require that those charges, if any, be paid before the procedure is begun for the exchange or transfer. All Bonds issued and authenticated upon any exchange or transfer shall be valid obligations of the County, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same security and benefit under the Bond Proceedings as the Bonds surrendered upon that exchange or transfer. Neither the County nor the Bond Registrar shall be required to make any exchange or transfer of (i) Bonds then subject to call for redemption between the 15<sup>th</sup> day preceding the mailing of notice of Bonds to be redeemed and the date of that mailing, or (ii) any Bond selected for redemption, in whole or in part.

**Section 6. Sale of the Bonds to the Original Purchaser.** The Bonds shall be sold at private sale to the Original Purchaser at a purchase price, not less than 97% of the aggregate principal amount thereof, as shall be determined by the County Administrator in the Certificate of Award, plus accrued interest on the Bonds from their date to the Closing Date, and shall be awarded by the County Administrator with and upon such other terms as are required or authorized by this Resolution to be specified in the Certificate of Award, in accordance with law and the provisions of this Resolution. The County Administrator is authorized, if it is determined to be in the best interest of the County, to combine the issue of Bonds with one or more other bond issues of the County into a consolidated bond issue pursuant to Section 133.30(B) of the Ohio Revised Code in which case a single Certificate of Award may be utilized for the consolidated bond issue if appropriate and consistent with the terms of this Resolution.

The County Administrator shall sign and deliver the Certificate of Award and shall cause the Bonds to be prepared and signed and delivered, together with a true transcript of proceedings with reference to the issuance of the Bonds, to the Original Purchaser upon payment of the purchase price.

The County Commissioners, or any of them, the County Auditor, the County Prosecutor, the County Treasurer, the County Administrator, the Clerk and other County officials, as appropriate, and any person serving in an interim or acting capacity for any such official, are each authorized and directed to sign any transcript certificates, financial statements and other documents and instruments and to take such actions as are necessary or appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution. Any actions heretofore taken by the County Commissioners, or any of them, the County Auditor, the County Prosecutor, the County Treasurer, the County Administrator, the Clerk and any other County official, as appropriate, in

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doing any and all acts necessary in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds are hereby ratified and confirmed.

**Section 7. Provision for Tax Levy.** There shall be levied on all the taxable property in the County, in addition to all other taxes, a direct tax annually during the period the Bonds are outstanding in an amount sufficient to pay the debt charges on the Bonds when due, which tax shall not be less than the interest and sinking fund tax required by Section 11 of Article XII of the Ohio Constitution. The tax shall be within the ten-mill limitation imposed by law, shall be and is ordered computed, certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers, in the same manner and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of those years are certified, levied, extended and collected, and shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof. The proceeds of the tax levy shall be placed in the Bond Retirement Fund, which is irrevocably pledged for the payment of the debt charges on the Bonds when and as the same fall due.

All special assessments collected for the Improvement described in Section 2 and any unexpended balance remaining in the improvement fund after the cost and expenses of the Improvement have been paid shall be used for the payment of the debt charges on the Bonds until paid in full. In each year to the extent the income from the levy of the special assessments for the improvement is available for the payment of the debt charges on the Bonds and is appropriated for that purpose, the amount of the tax shall be reduced by the amount of the income so available and appropriated.

Nothing in the preceding paragraph in any way diminishes the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit and general property taxing power of the County to the prompt payment of the debt charges on the Bonds.

**Section 8. Federal Tax Considerations.** The County covenants that it will use, and will restrict the use and investment of, the proceeds of the Bonds in such manner and to such extent as may be necessary so that (a) the Bonds will not (i) constitute private activity bonds or arbitrage bonds under Sections 141 or 148 of the Code or (ii) be treated other than as bonds the interest on which is excluded from gross income under Section 103 of the Code, and (b) the interest on the Bonds will not be an item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Code.

The County further covenants that (a) it will take or cause to be taken such actions that may be required of it for the interest on the Bonds to be and remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, (b) it will not take or authorize to be taken any actions that would adversely affect that exclusion, and (c) it, or persons acting for it, will, among other acts of compliance, (i) apply the proceeds of the Bonds to the governmental purpose of the borrowing, (ii) restrict the yield on investment property, (iii) make timely and adequate payments to the federal government, (iv) maintain books and records and make calculations and reports and (v) refrain from certain uses of those proceeds, and, as applicable, of property financed with such proceeds, all in such manner and to the extent necessary to assure such exclusion of that interest under the Code.

The County Auditor or any other officer of the County having responsibility for issuance of the Bonds is hereby authorized (a) to make or effect any election, selection, designation, choice, consent, approval, or waiver on behalf of the County with respect to the Bonds as the County is permitted to or required to make or give under the federal income tax laws, including, without limitation thereto, any of the elections available under Section 148 of the Code, for the purpose of assuring, enhancing or protecting favorable tax treatment or status of the Bonds or interest thereon or assisting compliance with requirements for that purpose, reducing the burden or expense of such compliance, reducing the rebate amount or payments or penalties with respect to the Bonds, or making payments of special amounts in lieu of making computations to determine, or paying, excess earnings as rebate, or obviating those amounts or payments with respect to the Bonds, which action shall be in writing and signed by the officer, (b) to take any and all other actions, make or obtain calculations, make payments, and make or give reports, covenants and certifications of and on behalf of the County, as may be appropriate to assure the exclusion of interest from gross income and the intended tax status of the Bonds, and (c) to give one or more appropriate certificates of the County, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings for the Bonds, setting forth the reasonable expectations of the County regarding the amount and use of all the proceeds of the Bonds, the facts, circumstances and estimates on which they are based, and other facts and circumstances relevant to the tax treatment of the interest on and the tax status of the Bonds. The County Auditor or any other officer of the County having responsibility for issuance of the Bonds is specifically authorized to designate the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" if such designation is applicable and desirable, and to make any related necessary representations and covenants.

**Section 9. Rating, Bond Insurance and Financing Costs.**

(a) **Application for Rating or Bond Insurance.** If, in the judgment of the County Auditor, the filing of an application for (i) a rating on the Bonds by one or more nationally-recognized rating agencies, or (ii) a policy of insurance from a company or companies to better assure the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, is in the best interest of and financially advantageous to this County, the County Auditor is authorized to prepare and submit those applications, to provide to each such agency or company such information as may be required for the purpose, and to provide further for the payment of the cost of obtaining each such rating or policy, except to the extent otherwise paid in accordance with the Certificate of Award,

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from the proceeds of the Bonds to the extent available and otherwise from any other funds lawfully available and that are appropriated or shall be appropriated for that purpose. The County Auditor is hereby authorized, to the extent necessary or required, to enter into any agreements, in the name of and on behalf of the County, that the County Auditor determines to be necessary in connection with the obtaining of that bond insurance.

(b) **Financing Costs.** The expenditure of the amounts necessary to pay any Financing Costs in connection with the Bonds, to the extent not paid or reimbursed by the Original Purchaser in accordance with the Certificate of Award, is authorized and approved, and the County Auditor is authorized to provide for the payment of any such amounts and costs from the proceeds of the Bonds to the extent available and otherwise from any other funds lawfully available that are appropriated or shall be appropriated for that purpose.

**Section 10. Bond Counsel.** The legal services of the law firm of Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP are hereby retained. Those legal services shall be in the nature of legal advice and recommendations as to the documents and the proceedings in connection with the authorization, sale and issuance of the Bonds and rendering at delivery related legal opinions, all as set forth in the form of engagement letter from that firm which is now on file in the office of the Clerk. In providing those legal services, as an independent contractor and in an attorney-client relationship, that firm shall not exercise any administrative discretion on behalf of this County in the formulation of public policy, expenditure of public funds, enforcement of laws, rules and regulations of the State of Ohio, any county or municipal corporation or of this County, or the execution of public trusts. For those legal services, that firm shall be paid just and reasonable compensation and shall be reimbursed for actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred in providing those legal services. The County Auditor is authorized and directed to make appropriate certification as to the availability of funds for those fees and any reimbursement and to issue an appropriate order for their timely payment as written statements are submitted by that firm. The amounts necessary to pay those fees and any reimbursement are hereby appropriated from the proceeds of the Bonds, if available, and otherwise from available moneys in the General Fund.

**Section 11. Certification and Delivery of Resolution and Certificate of Award.** The Clerk is directed to promptly deliver or cause to be delivered a certified copy of this Resolution and a signed copy of the Certificate of Award to the County Auditor.

**Section 12. Satisfaction of Conditions for Bond Issuance.** This Board determines that all acts and conditions necessary to be done or performed by the County or to have been met precedent to and in the issuing of the Bonds in order to make them legal, valid and binding general obligations of the County have been performed and have been met, or will at the time of delivery of the Bonds have been performed and have been met, in regular and due form as required by law; that the full faith and credit and general property taxing power (as described in Section 7) of the County are pledged for the timely payment of the debt charges on the Bonds; that no statutory or constitutional limitation of indebtedness or taxation will have been exceeded in the issuance of the Bonds; and that the Bonds are being authorized and issued pursuant to Chapter 133 of the Ohio Revised Code, this Resolution and the Certificate of Award.

**Section 13. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements.** This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board or any of its committees, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, all in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 14. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Vote on Motion                      Mr. Benton   Aye                      Mrs. Lewis   Aye                      Mr. Merrell   Aye

**OTHER BUSINESS  
RESOLUTION NO. 24-759**

**IN THE MATTER OF CONFIRMING THE SEMIANNUAL REVIEW OF INVESTMENT PROCEDURES AND ISSUING WRITTEN FINDINGS BASED ON THE REVIEW:**

It was moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, to approve the following:

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Investment Advisory Committee (the "Committee") has established written county investment policies, pursuant to section 135.341 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 135.34 of the Revised Code, the Delaware County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") may review semiannually the investment procedures of the investing authority, and when it is determined that the investing authority has failed to invest the inactive moneys of the county as provided by law, or in documented substantial, material, and continuing disregard of the advice or written policies of the Committee, the Board shall inform, by written notice, the investing authority of its finding; and

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WHEREAS, the Board has conducted a review of the investment procedures of the investing authority for the time period of January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024, and is prepared to issue written findings based on the review;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Board hereby confirms that it has conducted a semiannual review of the investment procedures of the investing authority, based on the investing authority’s reports, public records, and additional information provided in accordance with section 135.34 of the Revised Code.

Section 2. Based on the review of investment procedures, the Board hereby finds and determines that the investing authority has failed to invest the inactive moneys of the county as provided by law, or has invested the inactive moneys of the county in documented, substantial, material, and continuing disregard of the advice or written policies of the Committee, specifically with respect to investments that are in violation of Section V.B. of the Committee’s Investment and Depository Policy.

Section 3. The Board hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to provide written notice and a copy of this Resolution to the investing authority informing him of the Board’s findings.

Vote on Motion                      Mr. Merrell   Aye                      Mr. Benton   Aye                      Mrs. Lewis   Aye

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ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

**CA Davies** – Nothing to report.

**DCA Huston** – Nothing to report.

**Attorney Hochstettler** – Nothing to report.

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COMMISSIONERS’ COMMITTEES REPORTS**

Commissioner Lewis, Commissioner Benton and Commissioner Merrell all attended The Wall That Heals over the weekend and was moved by the display, volunteers and public turnout.

Brian Galligher, Director of Veteran’s Services gave report on the outcome of The Wall That Heals.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Barb Lewis

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Gary Merrell

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Jennifer Walraven, Clerk to the Commissioners