

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF LUTHER, OKLAHOMA, CONCERNING FUNDING PURSUANT TO THE CARES ACT AND THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND, CONFIRMING THAT IT IS THE POLICY OF THE TOWN THAT ALL PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL COSTS ARE “SUBSTANTIALLY DEDICATED” TO THE COVID-19 RESPONSE EFFORTS OF THE TOWN THROUGHOUT THE ONGOING STATE OF EMERGENCY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWN STAFF TO PROCEED WITH AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF COVID-19 RELATED PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL COSTS FOR THE STATED PERIOD; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION AND FUNDING PROCESS.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the coronavirus COVID-19 disease to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency due to the COVID-19 Virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma declared an emergency caused by the impending threat of COVID-19 to the people of this State and the public’s peace, health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s statewide emergency declaration has been renewed and extended numerous times and remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Mayor and the Board of Trustees to protect the health and safety of the Town and its inhabitants, to preserve the peace, and to provide civil defense and emergency functions; and

WHEREAS, the guidelines applicable to funding from the CARES Act indicate that there is a presumption that all public safety personnel costs are related to the COVID-19 relief efforts unless the relevant municipal official determines otherwise; and

WHEREAS, approval of this Resolution is in the best interest of the residents of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF LUTHER, OKLAHOMA, THAT pursuant to the guidelines established for the receipt by a municipality of funds pursuant to the CARES Act and the Coronavirus Relief Fund, the Board confirms the presumption that all public safety personnel costs of the

Town for the period from March 1, 2020, through the present date, were substantially dedicated to the Town's COVID-19 response efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Town Staff are authorized and directed to proceed with an application to the State of Oklahoma for reimbursement of COVID-19 related public safety personnel costs for the stated period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and the Town Manager are authorized to execute all documents necessary to complete the application and funding process.

This Resolution is approved in open meeting of the Town of Luther, Oklahoma, on the 8th day of September, 2020.



Mayor Jenni White

ATTEST:



Town Clerk

Approved as to form and legality:



Beth Anne Childs, Town Attorney