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RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 6/- //-004

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT

RESOLUTION OF THE KOSCIUCKO COUNTY COUNCIL, AUTHORIZING THE LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT TO THE INDIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND RURAL AFFAIRS WITH THE TOWN OF PIERCETON

WHEREAS, the Kosciusko County Council recognizes the need to enhance the quality of life of residents; and

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, authorizes the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs to provide grants to local units of government to meet the housing and community development needs of low- and moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, the Kosciusko County was selected by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs as a participant in the Hoosiers Enduring Legacy Program to work with the local communities of Milford, Mentone, and Pierceton to create a Strategic Investment Plan that builds long-term capacity, develops attainable projects and leaves a legacy in the community; and

WHEREAS, as participants of the program, Kosciusko County and the participating Towns were awarded up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs to implement projects from the Strategic Investment Plan, which requires a minimum one-to-one match utilizing the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus Relief Funds allocated to each community; and

WHEREAS, the Kosciusko County Council agreed to award all one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to Milford, Mentone, and Pierceton to use on projects in their communities, additionally the Kosciusko County Council agreed to utilize up to one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) of their American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus Relief Funds on projects in the County's Strategic Investment Plan to serve as part of the local match for the Towns' projects; and

WHEREAS, Kosciusko County has utilized three hundred two thousand seven hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$302,798) of their American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus Relief Funds on the Sidney Broadband Infrastructure project, which was listed in the County's Strategic Investment Plan, and therefore eligible to be utilized as a portion of the participating Town's local match requirement; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Pierceton is requesting a grant amount of two hundred eighty thousand forty-two dollars (\$280,042) of Community Development Block Grant funding for their Milford Water Meter Replacement project and the Town of Milford is committing two hundred twenty-one thousand three hundred eighty-six dollars (\$221,386) from the Town's American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus Relief Funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Kosciusko County, Indiana that:

- 1. The Kosciusko County Council endorses the Town of Pierceton's application for grant funding for improving and/or adding sidewalk connections on School Street and Third Street to increase the safety and access to Pierceton Elementary School and Pierceton Park, and to execute and administer a resultant grant including requisite general administration and project management, contracts and agreements pursuant to regulations of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- 2. The Kosciusko County Council hereby commits the necessary requisite local funds in the amount of fifty-eight thousand six hundred fifty-six dollars (\$58,656), in the form of the expenditure of ARPA-Coronavirus Relief funds on the Sidney Broadband Expansion project.

Adopted by the County Council of the Kosciusko County, Indiana this 11th day of January, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL	
Mike Long, President	Sue Ann Mitchell
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Tony Ciriello	Attest:
I affirm, under the penalties for perjury,	Rhonda Helser Rhonda Helser, County Auditor

I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redacted each Social Security number in this document, unless required by law.

Angela N. Arnett