

**RESOLUTION R-2022-111
LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL**

A Resolution of Luzerne County Council Authorizing the Use of American Rescue Plan Act Funds to Enter into a Contract with Booth Management Consulting, LLC

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (H.R. 1319) into law; and

WHEREAS, the \$1.9 trillion package, based on President Biden's American Rescue Plan, is intended to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, including the public health and economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (American Rescue Plan) established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund ("SLFRF") to provide governments with the resources needed to respond to the pandemic and its economic effects and to build a stronger, more equitable economy during the recovery; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County is receiving approximately \$113 million in ARP funds; and

WHEREAS, SLFRF funds may also be used for projects and services related to lost revenue; and

WHEREAS, in early 2022 Luzerne County advertised a Request for Proposal to obtain a consultant to provide American Rescue Plan Act administration and grant management services; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County administration and Luzerne County Council believe it is in the best interest of the County to obtain the services of a consultant to provide guidance and assistance with the administration of the ARPA funds which are subject to audit by the U. S. Treasury Department; and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter at section 2.09.B.8., in part, requires Luzerne County Council to approve, by resolution adopted by affirmative vote of at least a majority of its current members, any contract or obligation that would result in a payment by the County of more than \$25,000 in any future calendar year for which no budget has been adopted; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County Council desires to approve a contract with Booth Management Consulting, LLC for consulting services and assistance with the administration of the ARPA funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Luzerne County Council approves the use of American Rescue Plan Act SLFRF funds to enter into a one-year contract with Booth Management Consulting, LLC for consulting services and administration of ARP funds not to exceed the amount of \$350,000.00.

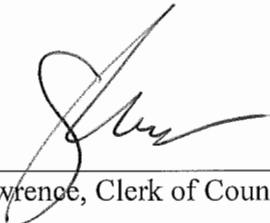
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Luzerne County Executive Branch is authorized to take all steps necessary to enter into the contract as set forth above.

This Resolution shall become effective 6 days after adoption.

ADOPTED at a meeting of Luzerne County Council held on June 28, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE (11-0)

YES: Bienias, Lescavage, Lombardo, McDermott, McGinley, Mitchell, Perry, Radle, Thornton, SJ Urban and Wolovich

Attest: 
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: 
Kendra Radle, Chair

LUZERNE COUNTY MANAGER

By: 
Randy Robertson, County Manager