



## **RESOLUTION R-050-21**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ALLOCATE THE USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 FUNDS TO COVER EXPENSES CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACT**

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) was signed into law by the President of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 9901 of ARPA amended Title VI of the Social Security Act to add section 602, which established the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recover Fund, and section 603, which established the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (together, the Fiscal Recovery Funds); and

**WHEREAS**, Walker County is estimated to receive \$13,550,256 paid in two equal tranches of \$6,775,128, with the first payment having been received on or about May 21, 2021 and the second payment to be made no earlier than 12 months after the date on which the first payment is received; and

**WHEREAS**, Walker County has established the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to provide for separate accountability of Fiscal Recovery Funds; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 603(c)(1) provides that funds may be used:

- To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
- To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers;
- For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency;
- To make necessary investment in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Walker County Water and Sewerage Authority (WCWSA) has embarked on a \$45 million water and sewer system improvement project to provide clean, safe and healthy drinking water to nearly 50,000 Walker County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, WCWSA requests Walker County invest \$5 million in its improvement plan to assist in the construction of a water treatment plant, distribution network to supply water throughout the county and enhancements to treat sewer; and

**WHEREAS**, WCWSA's plan will improve water quality, water pressure and fire protection throughout the county; address public health concerns associated with failing private wells in unserved rural communities; bring a reliable water source to the Girl Scout Camp Adahi area; and support regional economic development opportunities at the McLemore development on Lookout Mountain;



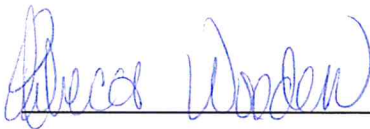
**THEREFORE**, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County does hereby authorize the following allocation of expenditures pursuant to the infrastructure provision of section 603(c)(1) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 as follows:

- Walker County Water and Sewerage Authority improvement plan - \$5,000,000

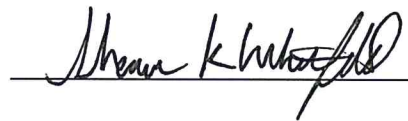
**SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

**ATTEST:**

**WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA**

  
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REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk

  
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SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman



The foregoing Resolution received a motion for passage from Commissioner Hart, second by Commissioner Whitfield, and upon the question the vote is 3 ayes, 0 nays to adopt the Resolution.