

On motion of Commissioner Reece, seconded by Commissioner Driehaus the following resolution was adopted...

RESOLUTION LAUNCHING THE COVID-19 ECONOMIC RECOVERY & RELIEF TASKFORCE

BY THE BOARD:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County continues to be confronted by economic challenges associated with the ongoing global health pandemic spurred by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, those economic challenges threaten the livelihood and quality of life of those working and living in Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, the unemployment rate remains high and significant uncertainty remains in the global, national and local economy; and

WHEREAS, Moody's Analytics has reported that, nationwide, nearly 10 million renters are behind on rental payments; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to present challenges to the viability of local small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the demand for homeless services remains at an elevated rate due to the impacts of COVID-19; and

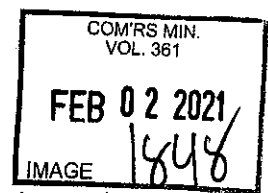
WHEREAS, on January 5, 2021, the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners, voted and passed unanimously, a Resolution appointing Vice President Alicia Reece to lead a new Hamilton County Economic Relief Taskforce to assist residents and businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic through marketing, public briefings, and outreach; and

WHEREAS, today the taskforce will be officially launched as the COVID-19 Economic Recovery & Relief Taskforce; and.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Economic Recovery & Relief Taskforce will focus on tax and rate relief, job retention, re-employment, food, housing, small business relief, infrastructure, transportation, and advocacy at the state and federal level for additional resources to meet the critical needs of Hamilton County residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the COVID-19 Economic Recovery & Relief Taskforce is to expand upon the economic and community relief efforts of Hamilton County's 2020 CARES Act programming by: collaborating among county departments, focusing various county efforts, coordinating existing County programs and resources, developing additional initiatives to spur economic relief and enhance residents' knowledge of and access to these resources, and providing a focused and rapid response to economic challenges facing Hamilton County residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Economic Recovery & Relief Taskforce will consist of two phases; Phase 1: COVID-19 Economic Recovery & Relief Taskforce Internal Action Team – focused on immediate relief for citizens and businesses and, Phase 2: Economic Recovery & Relief Taskforce External Team - focused on Rebuilding the Economy & Investing in the Future; and



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners does hereby create the Hamilton County Economic Recovery & Relief Task Force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as Phase 1 of this effort, that the Hamilton County Administrator is hereby directed to provide a recommendation to the Board on current, planned and prospective County managed programs and actions which may result in tax/rate relief, provision of basic services and job and reemployment benefits for Hamilton County residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that County Administration will report to the Board within two weeks on the 2020 CARES Act funding, including reprogramming of unobligated funds and provide a status update on the additional emergency rental assistance funding provided through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the timeline associated with this Resolution should not delay the advancement of any individual program or activity to the degree it is necessary to address the urgent needs of Hamilton County residents and businesses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners will consider those Administrator's recommendations at a future public meeting of the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, to advance Phase 2 of this effort, will take action at a later date to appoint members of an external task force to advise the Board on additional long-term prospective policy initiatives to accelerate the recovery of the local Hamilton County economy.

ADOPTED at a regularly adjourned meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, this 2nd day of February, 2021.

Ms. Summerow Dumas. YES

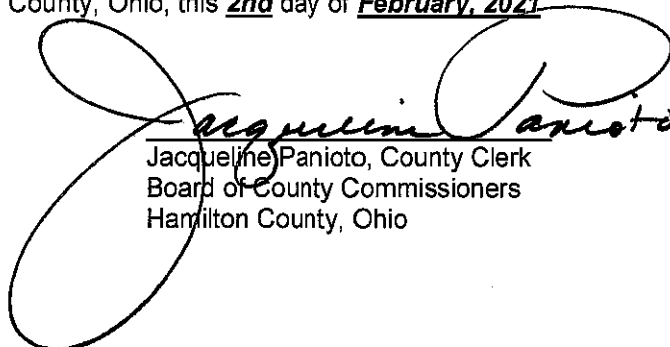
Ms. Reece. YES

Ms. Driehaus. YES

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a Resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in session this 2nd day of February, 2021

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the Official Seal of the Office of the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, this 2nd day of February, 2021


Jacqueline Panioto, County Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Hamilton County, Ohio