

**STARKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION 2020-016
AUTHORISING SUBMITTAL OF CDBG COVID-19
RELIEF GRANT APPLICATION TO OCRA
AND RELATED MATTERS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Starke County, Indiana (the “Commissioners”) is the duly elected executive representative of the County of Starke, a unit of government of the State of Indiana, and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners recognize the need to maintain and stimulate businesses and the economy of Starke County; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners recognize the challenges faced by its low and moderate income citizens, including elderly citizens and others vulnerable to the effects of COVID-19, and also to low and moderate residents subject to occupational displacement caused by COVID-19 pandemic countermeasures such as the Governor’s stay-at-home orders, business closures and social distancing; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners, in cooperation with the Constellation of Starke Executive Committee, (a consortium of governmental and non-governmental entities located in the county) has conducted or will conduct public hearings prior to the submission of an application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (“OCRA”), with such hearings to assess the housing, public facilities and economic needs of its low-and moderate-income residents; and,

WHEREAS, at their regularly scheduled public meeting on May 11th, 2020 the Commissioners approved an oral motion authorizing the county staff and the county attorney to draft and file with OCRA an application for a Community Block Development Grant as COVID-

19 relief. The application was specified to help fund a food delivery service for Starke County residents with hot meals to be purchased at restaurants in the county, and groceries to be purchased at grocery stores in the county. The program was immediately and successfully launched on an emergency basis with the help of funding from the Starke County Community Foundation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners that:

The Commissioners hereby ratify the oral motion and approval of May 11th, 2020, and merges the same into this more formal written Resolution.

This Resolution hereby APPROVED this 15 day of June 2020, by the following vote:

COMMISSIONERS OF STARKE COUNTY

VOTE

yes


Charles Chesak, *President*

yes


Kathryn Norem, *Commissioner*

YES


Bryan Cavender, *Commissioner*

ATTEST:


Rachel Oesterreich, *Auditor*
Of Starke County Indiana