

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 88-23

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. 87-23

A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO TRANSFER THE ASSETS AND OPERATIONS OF LANCASTER FAIRFIELD PUBLIC TRANSIT TO FAIRFIELD COUNTY, TO AUTHORIZE THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPLY FOR GRANTS ON BEHALF OF LANCASTER FAIRFIELD PUBLIC TRANSIT, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Lancaster's Public Transit Department, known as Lancaster Fairfield Public Transit ("LFPT"), has operated since 2020 to provide safe, affordable, and accessible transportation for all Fairfield County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners, recognizing the need for expanded public transportation services throughout the County, and the need for additional funding to provide those services, approached the City to help procure new revenue streams for LFPT; and

WHEREAS, after much research, consultation, and discussion, it was discovered that the County has access to additional grant funding that could be used for public transit services throughout Fairfield County which the City does not; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is willing to pursue this additional grant funding on behalf of LFPT and the entire county if the City is willing to transfer LFPT's current assets and operations to the County; and

WHEREAS, LFPT is required to apply now for grant funding for the next fiscal year, which the Board of Commissioners has been advised to do as the local political subdivision on behalf of LFPT to effectuate this potential transfer in the coming year; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO

SECTION 1. That the City of Lancaster hereby intends to transfer the assets and operations of LFPT to the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners by July 1, 2024.

SECTION 2. That the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to apply for any available grant funding on behalf of LFPT.

SECTION 3. That additional legislation will be introduced to carry out this transfer once both parties have completed their due diligence.

SECTION 4. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the City and for the further reason that this resolution must be enacted immediately for the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners and LFPT to meet application deadlines for grants that will allow LFPT to continue to provide uninterrupted public transit services for City and County residents; wherefore, this resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: 8/28/23 after 2nd reading. Vote: Yeas 8 Nays 0 Abstain 1

Date Approved: 8/28/23

Clerk: Teresa Lee Sandy

Offered by: Con Johnson

Second by: Thomas A. James

Requested by Public Works Committee

Teresa A. Lee
President of Council
David L. Schepfle
Mayor