

RESOLUTION #2021- 8

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF DESHA COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION TO EMPOWER THE JUDGE TO CONTRACT WITH E. R. ASSIST. WHEREAS; The Treasury of the United States of America has granted funds to the County of Desha, through an ACT known at the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021;

WHEREAS; These funds were allotted to be spent in specific ways for specific purposes and;

WHEREAS; It was decided that a company that employed individuals with specific training and experience in receiving and dispersing grants should be used to protect the county's interest and;

WHEREAS; a company known as E.R. Assist, presented to us by Laural Matula, a representative of this company, expressed their interest and experience in filling this role for Desha County and;

WHEREAS; it was determined that they would do so as contract labor at varying rates of \$35, \$65 and \$95 per hour depending on the employees used to a maximum amount for the ARPA funds of \$20,000 and;

WHEREAS; other grants written and obtained by this company shall be paid to E.R. Assist by way of an admin fee written into the grant and this fee shall be paid to the company by the entity which received the grant:

Therefore be it resolved that the Judge be allowed to enter into contract with E.R. Assist for the purpose of guiding the county in the handling ARPA funds and pursuing grants for other entities that are designated by the county as, for public health and safety.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2021



Desha County Judge, Richard Tindall



Desha County Clerk, Valerie Donaldson