Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



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Resolution #22-0427-077

Approve use of ARP funding for COVID-19 identified project and contract with BIS Digital

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Anišhinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and
- WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on July 11, 2016 which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on August 24, 2016; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is vested with the authority, under Article IV, Section 7(b), to ratify contracts to be entered into by the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Court/Justice Center has a need that relates to addressing COVID-19 concerns, 1) Upgraded Court recording system for hearings, est. \$29,381.83; and
- WHEREAS, these improvements will allow better remote court experience for all involved in hearings during COVID-19; and

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WHEREAS, Tribal Council has the authority to authorize such specific use of ARP funding for such projects; and

WHEREAS, the Contract has been reviewed by the Unified Legal Department; and

WHEREAS, nothing in this Contract shall be construed to be a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians or any of its subordinate enterprises or entitles; and

WHEREAS, Venue for any dispute arising out of this Contract shall be the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court. This Contract, and any disputes arising out of this Contract, shall be governed by the laws of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, Tribal Council approves the use of ARP funding and the contract with BIS Digital for upgrades to the Court video system.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on April 27, 2022, via ZOOM and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Government Center, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Pam Johnson, Acting Council Recorder

Julie Wolfe Tribal Council Speake

Attest:

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Tribal Ogema Grants Department Court Administrator