RESOLUTION NO. 2021-261

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLAYTON COUNTY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT AN URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT TO PROVIDE UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (DRONES) TO THE CLAYTON COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OR THE CHIEF OF POLICE AS HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT, AND OTHERWISE PERFORM ALL OTHER ACTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO AMEND THE BUDGET WHERE NECESSARY TO REFLECT AN APPROPRIATE REVENUE SOURCE AND EXPENSE, AS MAY BE REQUIRED; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Police Department desires to apply for and accept an Urban Area Security Initiative ("UASI") grant to provide Unmanned Aircraft Systems (drones); and

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Police Department has already embraced Unmanned Aircraft Systems as a cost effective complement for their Aviation Unit; and

WHEREAS, participating in the UASI grant will expand the Clayton County Police

Department's fleet of Unmanned Aircraft Systems; and

WHEREAS, there has been a regional effort to provide Unmanned Aircraft Systems for law enforcement use that is consistent with legal and Constitutional limitations and the grant includes a requirement that provides for standard operating procedures to reinforce such lawful uses; and

WHEREAS, if selected, the UASI grant will provide the Unmanned Aircraft Systems without any matching funds from the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners deems it in the best interest of Clayton County, and the County will be best served by applying for and, if awarded, accepting the grant with Urban Area Security Initiative for the above stated purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County to apply for and accept an Urban Area Security Initiative ("UASI) grant to provide the Clayton County Police Department Unmanned Aircraft Systems to expand their fleet of aircraft.

Section 2. The Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chairman or the Chief of Police as his designee to execute the Agreement to perform all acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this Resolution. The Board of Commissioners further authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to amend the budget where necessary to reflect an appropriate revenue source and expense, all as may be required.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

JEFEREY E. TVRNER, CHAIRMAN

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