STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 53

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLAYTON COUNTY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT TO SECURE, PROVIDE ACCESS, AND OTHERWISE IMPLEMENT THE NEW STATEWIDE VOTING SYSTEM; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE ANY AGREEMENT AND TO OTHERWISE PERFORM ALL 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 RELATING THERETO; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, in the 2019 regular session, the Georgia Legislature passed HB316 and approved bond funding of up to $150 million to provide for a new verifiable paper ballot Statewide Voting System (SVS) for all counties in the state; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Georgia received funds from the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), some of which the Secretary of State has authorized for direct grants to counties to bolster cyber and physical election systems security, making polling places and voting more accessible, and providing for general purposes of implementing the new SVS; and

WHEREAS, the three available programs for the grant reimbursement (Security, Accessibility and General Implementation) are reimbursed at various ratios up to as much as $15,000; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to apply and accept grant funding from HAVA for reimbursement for security and accessibility expenses relating to the new voting system and finds that it is in the best interests and welfare of the County’s citizens to do so.
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 Clayton County to apply for and accept grant funds from the Help America Vote Act to offset and reimburse the County for funds expended in the security, accessibility and/or general implementation of the new voting system. The Board authorizes the Chairman to execute any Agreement and to otherwise perform all acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this Resolution. The Board also authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to amend the Budget where necessary to reflect an appropriate revenue source and expense relating thereto.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

SO RESOLVED, this 17 day of March, 2020.

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JEFFREY E. TURNER, CHAIRMAN

DEMONT DAVIS, VICE CHAIRMAN

SONNA GREGORY, COMMISSIONER

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ATTEST:

BRENDA B. JAMES, CLERK