

R E S O L U T I O N

Setting forth the manner for distribution of levy dollars for operation, purposes, and programs of economic development in Cuyahoga County including the creation and preservation of job and employment opportunities for the people of Cuyahoga County.

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio declared on December 16, 2003, the necessity of submitting to the electors of Cuyahoga County the question of an additional levy of seven-tenths (0.7) of a mill to supplement general fund appropriations for the operation, purposes, and programs of economic development in Cuyahoga County, including the creation and preservation of job and employment opportunities for the people of Cuyahoga County.

WHEREAS the duration of the levy is for a period of five (5) years, outside the ten mill limitation, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5705.191 and 5705.19(EE) of the Ohio Revised Code.

WHEREAS a strong local economy supports the priorities of County government including economic independence, health and safety of citizens and fiscal integrity.

WHEREAS over the past three years Cuyahoga County has lost more than 40,000 jobs - representing \$446 million to our local economy - and is continuing to lose more than 5,000 jobs quarterly.

WHEREAS poverty is increasing, threatening the quality of life, safe and strong neighborhoods and the educational success of our youth.

WHEREAS an economic development plan supports initiatives that expand employment opportunities and sustain the quality of our communities.

WHEREAS the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners has created an economic development plan that includes critical funding through low-interest loans to maintain and expand our business community, strengthen our major economic development assets, invest in technological infrastructure and provide for the constructive reuse of Brownfield sites in the County.

WHEREAS reinvesting in our community assures and improves economic vitality and increases the tax base throughout the County.

WHEREAS arts and culture enterprises improve our community by providing nearly 4,000 jobs and generating more than one billion in economic activity in Cuyahoga County and appeals to the creative, knowledge-based workers our community needs to attract and retain.

WHEREAS arts and culture enterprises builds our neighborhoods by adding stability and value, strengthening retail districts, attracting small business and new residents, increasing property value and revenue for communities.

WHEREAS arts and culture institutions and events attract visitors to Cuyahoga County, increasing sales and bed tax revenues.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio declares its commitment to ensuring the continued economic vitality of this community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio do hereby commit that all funds generated from the proposed levy be used only to supplement general fund appropriations for the operation, purposes, and programs of economic development in Cuyahoga County, including the creation and preservation of job and employment opportunities for the people of Cuyahoga County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio do hereby commit that all revenues go to economic development that create jobs and stimulate the economy in Cuyahoga County, with one half to economic development as it relates to arts and culture.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such arts and culture -related activities, whether project or event, must demonstrate job creation/retention and/or sales tax generation/success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funding of said arts and culture -related activities will be determined pursuant to the set of recommendations that have been developed by the Cuyahoga County Cultural Leadership Task Force and which will be reviewed and approved, following public hearings, by the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio declare that any proposed change in the above stated funding formula must be discussed in an open public hearing called by the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners with appropriate public notification prior to any official vote on the matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution each to David Reines, County Administrator; Tracey Nichols, Interim Director, Department of Development and Robert E. Paponetti, Director, Department of Workforce Development.

**On Motion of Commissioner Dimora, seconded by Commissioner McCormack,
the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.**

Ayes: Dimora, McCormack, Jones.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

**Penelope M. Hughes,
Clerk of the Board**

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