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AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE USE OF FUND 1238, OPIOID UNRESTRICTED FUND

The Floyd County Commissioners, Floyd County, Indiana find as follows:

WHEREAS the Commissioners recognize the critical need to combat illegal drug activity and its associated crimes within our community; and

WHEREAS the sale and distribution of large amounts of opioids and other illegal substances in Floyd County contribute to other criminal activity and addiction; and

WHEREAS the Commissioners recognize that the coordinated, targeted efforts of a dedicated Floyd County Drug Interdiction Task Force (hereinafter referred to as the "DITF") are needed to address large scale sale and distribution of opioids and other illegal substances; and

WHEREAS Floyd County has received substantial funds through national opioid settlements; and

WHEREAS Floyd County has dedicated a substantial portion of those funds towards addiction treatment and rehabilitation efforts; and

WHEREAS the Commissioners recognize that enforcement efforts aimed at preventing the introduction and inflow of large amounts of opioids and other illegal substances into Floyd County help ensure the efficacy of these programs; and

WHEREAS, the DITF requires financial support to effectively carry out its mission, including but not limited to, the costs associated with personnel, equipment, training, and operational expenses;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Floyd County Commissioners, Indiana, that:

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this ordinance is to designate all funds from the Opioid Unrestricted Fund specifically for the support and operation of the DITF, thereby enhancing its capacity to combat the large-scale sale and distribution of opioids and other illegal substances in Floyd County.

2. **Use of Funds**.
   (a) These funds from Fund 1238 shall be utilized for the following purposes:
      a. Reimbursement of overtime pay for law enforcement officers of the Floyd County Sheriff's Office and other Floyd County law enforcement agencies for Task Force related activities.
      b. Purchase and maintenance of surveillance vehicles and surveillance equipment.
      c. New equipment and currency necessary to conduct controlled purchase of opioids and other illegal substances.

  d. Purchase and training of K9 units.

  e. Any other expenses deemed necessary for the effective operation of the Task Force, however, the Floyd County Board of Commissioners shall retain all rights, responsibilities, and authority with regard to the use of the funds in compliance herewith. The Floyd County Board of Commissioners shall approve expenditures by Resolution.
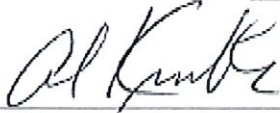
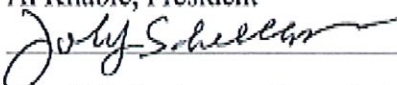3. **Administration and Oversight.**

 (a) The DITF board ("The Board") will consist of the Floyd County Auditor, the Floyd County Sheriff, the Floyd County Prosecutor, and a member of the Floyd County Commissioners. The Board shall be responsible for the administration of Opioid Unrestricted funds. The Board will meet as needed to approve all expenditures.

 (b) The Floyd County Sheriff and the Floyd County Prosecutor shall designate a law enforcement officer to serve as Coordinator of the Task Force. The Coordinator and the County Auditor will approve overtime reimbursement pay and shall establish a written policy to do so.

 (c) All operations of the DITF are the responsibility of the Coordinator and members. All actions taken by task force members are the responsibility of the agency by which they are employed.

 (d) The Board will file a quarterly report with the Floyd County Commissioners reflecting the financial expenditures and the associated activities (in general) without disclosing any information that could compromise undercover operations.
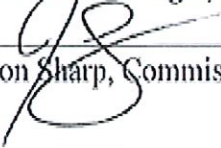
4. **Effective Dates.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Commissioners.

5. **Conflict with other Ordinances.** All other ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions and intent of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED by the Floyd County BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS this 18th day of June, 2024.

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Al Knable, President

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John Schellenberger, Commissioner

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Jason Sharp, Commissioner

Attest

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Diana Topping, Auditor