RESOLUTION NO. RS-2021- 11

(Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchase [INTG-21-0058] Personal Protective Equipment [PPE] for Division of Emergency Services)

RECITALS

The Code of the Public Local Laws of Washington County, Maryland (the "Public Local Laws"), §1-106.3, provides that the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland (the "Board"), "may procure goods and services through a contract entered into by another governmental entity in accordance with the terms of the contract, regardless of whether the county was a party to the original contract."

Subsection (c) of §1-106.3 provides that "A determination to allow or participate in an intergovernmental cooperative purchasing arrangement under subsection (b) of this section shall be by resolution and shall either indicate that the participation will provide cost benefits to the county or result in administrative efficiencies and savings or provide other justifications for the arrangement."

The Division of Emergency Services seeks to purchase thirty-five (35) sets (coats and pants) of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc. of Williamsport, Maryland, at contracted unit prices based on the contract awarded by the State of New Jersey (Solicitation #17-DPP00100; New Jersey Contract T0790), Thirty-Five [35] Jamesville V-Force Coats at \$1,426.15, for a total of \$49,915.25; and Thirty-Five [35] Jamesville V-Force Pants at \$1,010.50, for a total of \$35,381.50; all for a grand total of \$85,296.75. This structural firefighting, turn-out gear will be purchased to assist in outfitting our first responders throughout the County. This is an annual program that has been supported through general budget funding.

The County will benefit with the direct cost savings in the purchase of PPE because of the economy of scale this contract has leveraged. Additionally, the County will realize savings through administrative efficiencies as a result of not preparing, soliciting, and evaluating a bid. Acquisition of the equipment by utilizing the state of New Jersey contract and eliminating the County's bid process will result in an administrative and cost savings for the Division of Emergency Services in preparing specifications and the Purchasing Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board, pursuant to §1-106.3 of the Public Local Laws, to authorize by Resolution the purchase of said equipment from Witmer Public

Safety Group, Inc., of Williamsport, Maryland, at contract unit prices based on the contract awarded by the State of New Jersey (Solicitation #17DPP00100; New Jersey Contract T0790).

Adopted and effective this <u>20th</u> day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:

Krista L. Hart, Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:

Jeffrey A. Cline, President

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