

RESOLUTION

NO. 16-0214

RE: ADOPT THE 2015 PORTAGE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE.

It was moved by Maureen T. Frederick, seconded by Kathleen Chandler that the following Resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, in October of 2000, the President of the United States signed into law the "Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000" (Public Law 106-390) to amend the "Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Act of 1988" which among other provisions requires local governments to adopt a mitigation plan in order to be eligible for hazard mitigation funding; and

WHEREAS, the Portage County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was first approved by the Portage County Board of Commissioners by Resolution 07-0760 on July 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, federal mitigation planning regulations require local mitigation plans to be updated and resubmitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for approval every five years in order to continue eligibility for hazard mitigation assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, because of staffing turnover at the Portage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency and also at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Portage County was granted three extensions to properly complete the development of the updated plan, approval and formal adoption steps; and

WHEREAS, J.H. Consulting, LLC of Buckhannon, West Virginia, with the assistance of the Portage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency and the Portage County Mitigation Planning Committee held public planning meetings from July 2014 through November 2014 to review and revise the Portage County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by law; and

WHEREAS, J.H. Consulting, LLC with the assistance of the Portage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency and the Portage County Mitigation Planning Committee has completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, develops a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and creates a plan for implementing, evaluating and revising this strategy; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2016, the Portage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency was notified that the Portage County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard

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Mitigation Plan has received approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and that all jurisdictions should proceed with adoption; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Portage County Board of Commissioners approves and adopts the 2015 Portage County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan update as presented by the Portage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency and prepared by the J.H. Consulting, LLC of Buckhannon, West Virginia; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Roll call vote as follows:

Maureen T. Frederick, Yea;

Vicki A. Kline, Yea;

Kathleen Chandler, Yea;

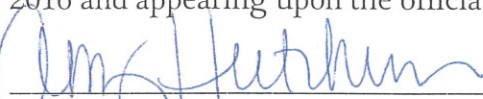
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I, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Portage County duly adopted March 8, 2016 and appearing upon the official records of said Board, Volume 85, page ____.



Clerk, Portage County Board Commissioners