



RESOLUTION #26-05-044

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR \$2,500,000 TO THE 2026 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS/ANTI-ANNEXATION PURPOSES

The Bethel Township Board of Trustees, Bethel Township, Miami County, Ohio met in regular session on the 12th day of May, 2026 with the following Trustees being present: Kama Dick, Julie Reese and Josh Wilkerson.

Trustee Kama Dick moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Bethel Township Board of Trustees, Bethel Township, Miami County, Ohio are committed to stopping annexation of township farmland by neighboring municipalities; AND

WHEREAS, potential avenues to thwart annexation are to offer agriculture easements or development restrictions to land owners in exchange for cash payments, to outright purchase certain parcels, to work with our legislators, to work with developers, to work with land preservation groups, and to pursue other ideas; AND

WHEREAS, the Bethel Township Board of Trustees, Bethel Township, Miami County have at least one special project approved to construct a shelter and pickle ball court(s) at Friendship Park; AND

WHEREAS, per the advice of our Fiscal Officer consultant, one option to set aside and track funding for these purposes is to create a cost center, seed it with an initial amount, and add to the fund(s) annually; AND

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Officer has recommended to use Cost Center 3830 titled "Special Proj/Anti-Annexation" to fund and track special projects/anti-annexation activities; AND

WHEREAS, the estimated budget for special projects/anti-annexation activities is expected to be:

1. \$2,500,000 for easements and land acquisition (1000-760-710-3830),
2. \$82,000 for salaries (1000-110-112-3830),
3. \$500 for uniform reimbursement (1000-110-251-3830),
4. \$1,000 for travel & meeting expenses (1000-110-330-3830),
5. \$300 for cell phone reimbursement stipend (1000-110-341-3830),
6. \$500 for postage (1000-110-342-3830),
7. \$500 for office supplies (1000-110-410-3830); AND

WHEREAS, all but the estimated amounts for the easements and land acquisition were previously budgeted and are included in the 2026 final appropriations amounts per resolution 25-03-029; AND

WHEREAS, the Bethel Township Board of Trustees must approve the supplemental appropriation for the estimated expenditures for easements and land acquisition. THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Bethel Township, Miami County, approves supplemental appropriations totaling two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000.00), for fiscal year ending December 31, 2026, as follows:

<i>Fund – Program</i>	<i>Fund Name – Program Name – Purpose</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1000	General	
760	Capital Outlay – land & easements	\$2,500,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in order to track all special project/anti-annexation expenditures, the Fiscal Officer is directed to transfer the following amounts as specified:

SECTION 1. Eighty-two thousand dollars (\$82,000.00) from account 1000-110-112-0000 to account 1000-110-112-3830 to track salary expenditures,

SECTION 2. Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) from account 1000-110-251-0000 to account 1000-110-251-3830 to track uniform reimbursement expenditures,

SECTION 3. One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) from account 1000-110-330-0000 to account 1000-110-330-3830 to track travel & meeting expenses,

SECTION 4. Three hundred dollars (\$300.00) from account 1000-110-341-0000 to account 1000-110-341-3830 to track cell phone reimbursement expenditures,

SECTION 5. Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) from account 1000-110-342-1000 to account 1000-110-342-3830 to track postage expenditures,

SECTION 6. Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) from account 1000-110-410-1000 to account 1000-110-410-3830 to track office supply expenses.

Trustee Josh Wilkerson **seconded** the motion and the Board voted as follows upon roll call:

Vote:	Trustee Kama Dick	<u>yes</u>	<u>Kama Dick</u>
	Trustee Julie Reese	<u>yes</u>	<u>Julie Reese</u>
	Trustee Josh Wilkerson	<u>yes</u>	<u>Joshua Wilkerson</u>

Attest: _____
Rhonda Ross, Fiscal Officer
Bethel Township, Miami County, Ohio