

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-20

A RESOLUTION INCREASING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SPENDING AUTHORITY FROM \$25,000 TO \$100,000

WHEREAS, the Port Executive Directors' spending authority of \$25,000 has become inadequate for many smaller scale projects requiring materials and services due to increased costs and inflation; and

WHEREAS, raising the spending authority to \$100,000 will speed up the purchasing process for many projects and will make the Port more efficient, cost-effective and reduce administrative burden; and

WHEREAS, the current spending authority of \$25,000 is lower than Port rules which allow direct appointment of personal services contracts under \$50,000, which effectively nullifies the ability to make such direct appointments for personal services contracts over \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, this spending authority remains subject to all other legal requirements for government agencies, such as rules regarding public contracting; and

WHEREAS, for transparency and accountability the Executive Director is required to notify each Port Commissioner by email in advance of any spending decision over \$50,000 and also notify the Commission in a public meeting of these expenditures during the Executive Director's Report, Now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Columbia County as follows:

The Board approves increasing the Executive Directors' spending authority from \$25,000 to \$100,000. The Executive Director will notify each Port Commissioner by email in advance of any spending decision over \$50,000 and will also notify the Commission in a public meeting of these expenditures during the Executive Director's Report.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of August 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Port of Columbia County

By:


President

Attested By:


Secretary