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### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS INVEST \$1.2 MILLION FOR ALL POLICE AGENCIES

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, June 2, 2022, – The Board of Lake County Commissioners recently authorized the purchase of Lexipol for all police agencies in Lake County. The investment, which is applicable to every law enforcement agency in Lake County, will enhance policy documentation, ensure policies are in accordance with current legal standings, and facilitate better training of first responders by providing easy, real-time access to all policies as determined by the law enforcement agencies.

“Today’s announcement is yet another example of Commissioners support and investment in our public safety system in Lake County. I want to thank the local Chiefs and Sheriff Leonbruno for their participation in this countywide initiative,” said Commission President John R. Hamercheck. “From our understanding, this is the first countywide implementation of a public safety software in the State of Ohio. Once again, Lake County is exhibiting leadership throughout the State.”

Lexipol is a digital solution to assist with federal, state, and department specific policies, manuals and training requirements. This online platform allows police officers to stay current on all aspects of training in a flexible manner without needing large group sessions.

“I am grateful to our local officers for their professionalism and dedication to their respective communities. This investment will provide substantial assistance to all 22 of our police departments in Lake County. It’s critical that we keep our communities safe by dramatically improving training and reducing the financial burden on municipalities to provide top line educational opportunities,” stated Commissioner John Plecnik.

The program is slated to begin this summer and concludes in 2026. Lake County will serve as the fiscal agent for the project with local agencies being responsible for costs beyond 2026.

“This is a great way to be forward thinking county-wide and ensure all departments are up-to-date on training and policies, and I thank Commissioners Hamercheck and Plecnik for getting this done.” said Mayor Richard Regovich of the City of Willowick.

The Commissioners will use \$1.2m of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This is the sixth ARPA project approved by the County Commissioners since receiving the funds in the summer of 2021. The County will receive \$44.7 million from the Federal program. All funds shall be obligated in accordance to Department of Treasury guidance by 2024 and spent by December of 2026.

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