THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS In Re: : Regular Meeting. : September 10, 2020 PROCEEDINGS OF REMOTE MEETING OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING before Chairman Douglas J. Preisse, Director Edward Leonard, Deputy Director David Payne, and Board Members Bradley K. Sinnott, Kimberly E. Marinello, and Michael Sexton, on Thursday, September 10, 2020, beginning at approximately 3:13 p.m., and concluding at approximately 3:38 p.m.

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6	On behalf of the Board.	
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8	Also present:	
9	Antone White, Executive Assistant to the	
10	Board, Director, and Deputy Director Matt Kelly	
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1	Thursday Afternoon Session September 10, 2020
2	3:13 p.m.
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4	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I'll take
5	roll.
6	Kim Marinello.
7	MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.
8	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.
9	MEMBER SEXTON: Here.
10	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Doug
11	Preisse.
12	CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.
13	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Brad
14	Sinnott.
15	MEMBER SINNOTT: Here.
16	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Carla
17	wanted me to remind you that each of us should
18	identify ourselves before speaking so she knows who
19	is speaking.
20	The first item on the agenda is the
21	project manager contract modification. And I'll
22	let Director Leonard speak to that.
23	DIRECTOR LEONARD: When the Board
24	This is Ed Leonard. When the Board originally
25	extended the contract for project management

services, as many of you are aware, Jo Campbell has
been assigned to us by TMH Solutions as the project
manager for the implementation of our voting
equipment last year and has continued with us on
implementation of the Tenex voter data management
system.

7 And when the 2020 contract was 8 executed in December of '19, it was structured with 9 an amount and a total number of hours that would 10 have gotten us through July of this year or that 11 was the anticipated implementation timetable; but 12 because of the extended primary, that threw off 13 everything in terms of the implementation schedule. 14 We will continue to work with our team on 15 implementation, but at this point we're 16 anticipating implementation in January of next 17 vear. But the extension with modifications will 18 provide a sufficient number of hours and extend the 19 contract maximum to get us through the balance of 20 the year. 21 And it was budgeted in the contract

21 And It was budgeted in the contract 22 to get us through July, and given the amount of 23 hours of work we still -- we're in September and we 24 haven't run out of hours, but without this contract 25 modification we would run out of hours.

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1	MEMBER MARINELLO: Good idea.
2	Do we have any minutes to approve?
3	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We do not.
4	MEMBER MARINELLO: All right. I
5	move that the Board authorize the Director and
6	Deputy Director to modify the contract with TMH
7	Solutions for project management services Jo
8	Campbell at the Franklin County Board of
9	Elections to reflect an increase in the number of
10	hours by 450 and increase the contract maximum by
11	\$51,750.
12	CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This is Doug
13	Preisse and I second the motion.
14	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The motion
15	has been properly made and seconded. I will take
16	roll.
17	Kim Marinello.
18	MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.
19	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.
20	MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.
21	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Doug
22	Preisse.
23	CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.
24	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Brad
25	Sinnott.

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1	MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.
2	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
3	carries.
4	The next item on the agenda is the
5	hiring of Devyn Fields-Thomas. Devyn has been a
6	seasonal with us since early 2016. She actually
7	mentioned that she was very excited about going
8	through her second presidential election. I don't
9	know many people that say they're excited about
10	going through a presidential election. So I was
11	really impressed and she's a fantastic employee.
12	She'll be working in voter services. And by all
13	accounts she's a model employee and respected by
14	all the folks back there in voter services as well
15	as the other employees here at the Franklin County
16	Board of Elections.
17	MEMBER SINNOTT: This is Sinnott. I
18	move that the Board hire Devyn Fields-Thomas who
19	will serve in the voter services department as a
20	full-time employee at a rate of \$15.80 per hour and
21	with a start date of August 14, 2020.
22	MEMBER MARINELLO: I second. This
23	is Kim Marinello.
24	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
25	properly moved and seconded. I will take roll.

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1	Kim Marinello.
2	MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.
3	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.
4	MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.
5	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Doug
6	Preisse.
7	CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.
8	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Brad
9	Sinnott.
10	MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.
11	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
12	carries.
13	The next item is the hiring of Aaron
14	To. And Aaron comes to us as the former deputy
15	director of the Madison County Board of Elections,
16	and he's been working for I'm thinking a
17	month or so back with Carla in operations and he
18	has been a huge asset. And the reason this appears
19	on he wouldn't be a full-time employee. He's a
20	part-time employee. But because he's coming in
21	higher than scale, it requires Board approval.
22	MEMBER SEXTON: This is Michael
23	Sexton. I move that the Board hire Aaron To who
24	will serve in the operations department as a
25	part-time employee at a rate of \$15.80 per hour

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1	retroactive to August 3rd of 2020.
2	CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This is Doug
3	Preisse. I second the motion.
4	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
5	properly moved and seconded. I'll take roll.
6	Kim Marinello.
7	MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.
8	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.
9	MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.
10	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Doug
11	Preisse.
12	CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.
13	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Brad
14	Sinnott.
15	MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.
16	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The next
17	item on the agenda is holiday hours. And typically
18	we would be closed on Columbus Day, Monday,
19	October 12th. We are required to be open,
20	obviously, because of the 2020 election and our
21	Early Vote Center. And we want to keep the entire
22	office open so that if any voters have any
23	questions they can come to us during normal
24	business hours and we'd be able to answer those.
25	Tentatively, assuming that we can certify our

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1	elections and get everything well in hand, we would
2	like to replace October 12th with closing on
3	Friday, November 27th, which is the day after
4	Thanksgiving.
5	MEMBER KIMBERLY MARINELLO: Sounds
6	perfect to me.
7	I move that the Board offices will
8	remain open to the general public on Columbus Day,
9	Monday, October 12th, and will tentatively close on
10	Friday, November 27th.
11	CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And I'll second.
12	This is Doug Preisse.
13	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
14	properly moved and seconded. I will take roll.
15	Kim Marinello.
16	MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.
17	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.
18	MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.
19	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Doug
20	Preisse.
21	CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.
22	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Brad
23	Sinnott.
24	MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.
25	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The motion

1	11 carries.
2	The next item on the agenda is the
3	approval of seven purchase orders. And you have
4	that in your packet listed as Exhibit A.
5	The first item on there is for
6	\$15,029, and it's for the purchase and installation
7	of dual reflective window coverings for the Early
8	Vote Center as well as security coverings and
9	framings for the outside windows and doors.
10	The second item on the exhibit is
11	for \$73,425, and that's for the purchase of three
12	separate types of envelopes, one being an outer
13	ballot envelope, one being the return ballot
14	envelope, and the other being an ID envelope, and
15	we need to order 500,000 of each of those, again,
16	at the cost of \$73,425.
17	The third item is the purchase of
18	70,000 PPE masks for \$18,200. That would be for
19	staff, voters, as well as pollworkers.
20	The next item for \$12,250 is for
21	disinfectant wipes for the Early Vote Center and
22	election day as well as election day polling
23	locations. We'll have a hundred thousand wipes.
24	They come in 250 count containers.
25	The next item is for \$14,898.20 for

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1	114,250 pairs of latex gloves to be used on
2	election day as well as the Early Vote Center, and
3	that will be those gloves will come in 2,285
4	count boxes.
5	The next item is the purchase of
6	32-ounce bottles of isopropyl alcohol. That would
7	be 1,000 bottles we'd be purchasing at a cost of
8	\$11,470. Again, those would be used in our Early
9	Vote Center as well as our polling locations.
10	And then, finally, we have an item
11	of styluses. We have 275,000 styluses at six cents
12	each. Those will be used by voters using the
13	electronic poll pads as well as the electronic
14	voting machines. We believe that will help us with
15	keeping the polling locations sanitized. The
16	amount for that purchase is \$20,680.
17	So all of those are listed in
18	Exhibit A. Unless there are any questions, I would
19	entertain a motion to approve those seven purchase
20	orders.
21	CHAIRMAN PREISSE: It's Doug. Is
22	that first expenditures a grant from the Secretary
23	of State or what's the notation on the purchase
24	order or the material there that talks about a
25	grant from the Secretary of State?

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: So I
think actually, I think six of these purchases
we can use grant money that was given to us. We
were given a little over a million dollars from the
Secretary of State. And I believe the only
purchase and maybe I don't know. Are we
using that money for the purchase of the envelopes,
as well? I guess I'm asking the Director or I
don't know. Maybe Matt would know.
DIRECTOR LEONARD: So we have two
different grants from the Secretary of State. And
the first expenditure that you were commenting
about is actually a grant fund to go towards
security, so whether computer equipment or physical
security type equipment. And then there is the
CARES Act grant, which is the \$1,027,000 grant that
we received. Those are items that are additional
for the Coronavirus pandemic. And so the
envelopes, they fall under that. I'll double check
it.
Matt, are you on the call, Matt
Kelly?
MR. KELLY: Yes, this is Matt.
Actually, the brand new design of
the envelopes, that falls under the CARES Act.

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1	That was part of the CARES Act directive, that we
2	order and redesign our envelopes. So as that came
3	through the directive of the CARES Act, we
4	requested those envelopes be paid for with CARES
5	Act dollars.
6	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Thank you,
7	Matt.
8	MEMBER SINNOTT: This is Sinnott.
9	Are we confident that we will get the PPE and the
10	sanitation materials in time? We're certainly
11	competing with many other would-be buyers.
12	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: In a lot of
13	cases, Mr. Sinnott, we have already we already
14	have these on-site. We're using other vendors as
15	well to get our allocation. So I'm quite confident
16	that we will get everything that we are ordering.
17	They're coming from multiple sources, including the
18	county emergency management, the county
19	commissioners, the different vendors. So to answer
20	your question, yes.
21	Do you echo that, Ed?
22	DIRECTOR LEONARD: Yes. I would
23	also add that we've worked with county
24	administration that if there are items that don't
25	arrive and they have them within their current

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1	supply of the hand sanitizer or masks or gloves and
2	we don't get ours in in time that the county would
3	provide from their stockpile of resources and then
4	would get backfilled when our order arrives. But
5	again, many of it is already on site or the vendors
6	we're working with the county has established
7	relationships with them. So we are confident that
8	they'll get delivered in time.
9	MEMBER SINNOTT: This is Sinnott.
10	Thank you. I move that the Board approve the seven
11	purchase orders that are listed on Exhibit A.
12	MEMBER MARINELLO: I second. Kim
13	Marinello.
14	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
15	properly moved and seconded. I will take roll.
16	Kim Marinello.
17	MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.
18	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.
19	MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.
20	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Doug
21	Preisse.
22	CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.
23	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Brad
24	Sinnott.
25	MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

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1	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
2	carries.
3	The next item on the agenda is Early
4	Vote Center and back office hires. And I'll ask
5	Matt Kelly if he would address that.
6	MR. KELLY: Thank you, Mr. Deputy.
7	Good afternoon, members of the Board.
8	You have in front of you Exhibit B,
9	which is a proposal I put together to basically
10	re-engineer some of our work and the people that
11	are assigned to do the work both in the Early Vote
12	Center and with our back office staff and these are
13	seasonal employees.
14	We are expanding the Early Vote
15	Center into the warehouse. The warehouse will be a
16	huge machine room. Therefore, the square footage
17	that we need to cover in that space as well as the
18	two front rooms that we'll be using for the Early
19	Vote Center, it's causing us to kind of rethink our
20	positions with the managers of the Early Vote
21	Center and adding or requesting to add two
22	additional people to the Early Vote Center to
23	manage just that huge warehouse machine room.
24	In re-engineering some of the other
25	positions here, again, we have expanded needs this

1 time around not just because of the shear volume 2 but also because of the pandemic and keeping people 3 socially distant. So with the retirement of Gene 4 Shell and a few other things happening at the same 5 time, we have re-engineered some of the 6 work-related items to include asking seasonals to step up in their duties and empowering them to take 7 8 on more of a leadership role in very specific areas 9 and having very specific people with skill sets to 10 meet our needs. 11 So in the proposal I have lead 12 seasonal employees working in the back office in 13 very specific areas and adjusting their salaries to 14 meet those needs and to find the right people for 15 those jobs. And we have made sure that we have a 16 balanced mix of both Republicans and Democrats 17 across the Early Vote Center and the back office. 18 And giving the seasonals the lead designation will 19 help alleviate some of the management that's needed 20 in some of these areas. 21 So I would ask you to approve the 22 back office assignments and the appointments of the 23 Early Vote Center positions so we can move forward 24 in designing the early vote team and continue on 25 with our back office staff.

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1	CHAIRMAN PREISSE: You don't have
2	people identified here, but you do have
3	parenthetically names associated and some TBA, I
4	guess, to be announced.
5	MR. KELLY: Yes. We're trying to
6	recruit a Republican for the nursing home position
7	and we need to approve some Early Vote Center
8	managers and a two-machine captain, and I believe
9	the names of the Republicans and the Democrats are
10	soon to come.
11	CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. Thank you.
12	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: If there
13	aren't any further questions for Matt, I would
14	MR. KELLY: I would only add that
15	some of the people in these positions have been
16	here since August 3rd and I would ask that you make
17	the rates retroactive for those people to the
18	August 3rd date.
19	MEMBER MARINELLO: I move the Board
20	authorize the Director and the Deputy Director to
21	hire all the Early Vote Center and back office
22	positions listed on Exhibit B. This is Kim
23	Marinello.
24	CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Doug Preisse
25	seconding the motion and presuming that Mr. Kelly's
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1	last request is anticipated in the motion that the
2	positions are retroactive to an August date.
3	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Was that
4	intended in your motion, Kim Marinello?
5	MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.
6	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Okay.
7	Fantastic.
8	It's been properly moved and
9	seconded. I'll take roll.
10	Kim Marinello.
11	MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.
12	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.
13	MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.
14	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Doug
15	Preisse.
16	CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.
17	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Brad
18	Sinnott.
19	MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.
20	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
21	carries.
22	The next item on the agenda is
23	advertisement, and I understand that there's a
24	motion pending on that. And I also believe there
25	may be if necessary some discussion. So I'll turn

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1	it over to the Board members.
2	MEMBER SEXTON: Michael Sexton. I'd
3	like to make a motion. I move that the Board
4	authorize for the placement of advertising provided
5	by the Secretary of State \$350,000 for television,
6	\$25,000 for radio, and \$25,000 for digital.
7	Further, that the Board retain two media
8	consultants, one Democrat and one Republican, who
9	will coordinate the purchasing of the
10	advertisements and assist the Board staff in the
11	procurement of additional public service
12	announcements containing the Secretary of State's
13	advertising, with each consultant receiving no
14	commission for placement of advertising but a flat
15	fee of \$10,000 and that the Director and Deputy
16	Director are authorized and instructed to implement
17	the terms of this motion through shared and
18	cooperative effort.
19	MEMBER SINNOTT: This is Sinnott.
20	Second.
21	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is there any
22	discussion on that?
23	MEMBER SINNOTT: This is Sinnott.
24	I'm sorry. Did I interrupt someone?
25	MEMBER MARINELLO: No.

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1	MEMBER SINNOTT: All right. Let me
2	share my perspective on this claim that I support
3	the motion. I do think it's a good idea to make a
4	significant expenditure to advertise how voting
5	will be different in this election than the last
6	election and encourage the early use of mail
7	balloting. This is an entirely different subject
8	than the purchasing of television time to tell
9	voters that there will be a November election, an
10	issue that has divided the Board in recent years.
11	Instead, this is a response to the unique
12	circumstances of 2020.
13	Earlier this year, in the last
14	election, the primary of 2020, the rules of voting
15	changed. They were modified to meet the pandemic
16	conditions of March and April. The night before
17	the primary election, voting on March 17 was
18	canceled. In its place, the State adopted an
19	exclusive mail balloting period completely
20	different than anything previously seen.
21	The methods of voting will be
22	different for the November election than they were
23	in that last election. The expenditure of some
24	public funds to advertise the changes, a message
25	developed by the Secretary of State and already in

1 statewide distribution, is warranted under these 2 circumstances. 3 Additionally, the continuation of 4 the pandemic and reactions related to it indicate 5 this election will be better managed and 6 administered if voters in large numbers will choose to vote by mail and mail in their ballots early. 7 8 An expenditure under these circumstances to promote 9 the Secretary's message on that point is also 10 warranted. 11 So while I would not use tax dollars 12 to buy advertisements in saying that there will be 13 a November election in America, I do support some 14 expenditure to explain how voting in this election will be different from the last election and 15 16 encourage early mail balloting under pandemic I think Mr. Sexton's motion is well 17 conditions. 18 made. 19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is there any 20 further discussion? 21 MEMBER SEXTON: I'd just like No. 22 to say thank you. I think a lot of things 23 Mr. Sinnott said are -- Obviously, we're in a total 24 different election this year. And from the 25 circumstances from the primary, I think that this

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1	advertising will go a long way to help educate the
2	voters in Franklin County so that we will have more
3	of an outreach to vote early either by mail or at
4	the Early Vote Center. So I'm just thankful we're
5	coming to this conclusion on this and thank
6	everyone who has been involved.
7	CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you,
8	Michael.
9	MEMBER MARINELLO: I agree
10	completely.
11	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is there any
12	further discussion?
13	Seeing none, it's been properly
14	moved and second and I will take roll.
15	Kim Marinello.
16	MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.
17	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.
18	MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.
19	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Doug
20	Preisse.
21	CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.
22	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Brad
23	Sinnott.
24	MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.
25	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion

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1	carries.
2	Are there any other agenda items to
3	come before the Board? If not, I would entertain a
4	motion to adjourn.
5	MEMBER SINNOTT: This is Sinnott.
6	Move to adjourn.
7	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is there a
8	second?
9	MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.
10	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I'll take
11	roll for adjournment.
12	Kim Marinello.
13	MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.
14	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.
15	MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.
16	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Doug
17	Preisse.
18	CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.
19	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Brad
20	Sinnott.
21	MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.
22	DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We are
23	adjourned. Thank you.
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5	THE STATE OF OHIO: SS:
6	COUNTY OF FRANKLIN:
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8	I, Carla D. Castle, a Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of
9	Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, correct, and complete written transcript of
10	the proceedings in this matter; That the foregoing was taken by me
11	stenographically and transcribed by me with computer-aided transcription;
12	That the foregoing occurred at the aforementioned time and place;
13	That I am not an attorney for or relative of any of the parties and have no interest
14	whatsoever in the event of this matter. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
15	my hand and official seal of office at Columbus, Ohio, this 30th day of September, 2020.
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19	/s/Carla D. Castle
20	Notary Public, State of Ohio
21	My Commission Expires: September 29, 2021.
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