

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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PERU, IN 46970  
July 18, 2022

Commissioner Hunt called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order. All Commissioners were present.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Dr. Guthrie introduced Lisa Sonafrank, Health Nurse. Nurse Sonafrank replaced Gerri Ann Braley.

Dr. Guthrie and Dr. Rudolph presented a request to the board to create the School Liaison position. Dr. Rudolph explained the position had previously been presented, however the next day the state changed the program and the Health Department decided to not move forward with the grant. Since that time, the grant has changed and would encompass all communicable diseases, not just responsibilities associated with COVID-19. Dr. Rudolph noted the grant is not mandatory, but according to the assessment with the school nurses, it would be appreciated. Dr. Rudolph presented the list of responsibility for the position.

**School Liaison Responsibilities**

June 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

- 1.) LHD School Liaison Responsibilities:
  - a. Establish reporting / meeting cadence with IDOH, LHD representatives, and school representatives to ensure open communication and an understanding of current guidance and consideration of COVID-19 as well as all communicable disease(s) as defined in 410 Indiana Administrative Code.
  - b. Provide timely feedback to LHD and IDOH regarding current initiatives and report as initiatives are completed, expanded, and added.
  - c. Reporting to IDOH including progress made with schools to achieve requirements set forth below:
    - ❖ school assessment
    - ❖ communicable disease response plans
    - ❖ immunization catch-up and COVID-19 clinics
    - ❖ educational information progress and new initiatives identified to support schools.
- 2.) Complete School Needs Assessment with Schools (District and/or schools) within jurisdiction.
- 3.) Design and provide education related to COVID and other communicable diseases to schools (for their use and/or designed for schools to distribute to parents).
- 4.) Support schools in their communicable disease response plans to ensure continuity of planning throughout the jurisdiction.
  - a. Have a working knowledge of 410 Indiana Administrative Code, Article 1 and the IDOH Communicable Disease Reference Guide for Schools and support schools in their understanding of responsibilities, including: \*Compliance with infection control measures  
\*Communicable disease reporting  
\*Outbreak management
- 5.) Coordinate, assist and ensure recovery of pandemic-related deficits in student health including:
  - a. Vision (IC 20-34-3-12) and hearing (IC 20-34-3-14) screenings at schools. ❖
    - ❖ Screenings to occur minimally once per school year, optimally one each semester.
    - ❖ LHDs and Schools may partner with local community partners, IDOH Mobile Units and/or any other partner as identified.
  - b. Dental health screenings – to occur minimally once per school year, optimally one each semester
    - ❖ Dental health screenings are not required under Indiana Code but are strongly encouraged
  - c. Immunizations recommended by the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for school-aged children.
    - ❖ Immunization clinics – shall be inclusive of Routine Vaccinations, COVID-19 and Flu.

- ❖ Immunization clinics will occur a minimum of once each semester.
- a. Providing hands-on support in the school/districts when supporting initiatives OR coordinating all initiatives
- b. Identifying both external and internal resources available to support LHDs and schools to continue and sustain best practices and initiatives as identified through this work.

The grant allows for 2 positions; however, the Health Department is recommending only 1 contracted position, which would eliminate the county's responsibility to cover insurance or PERF. The contract should cover the salary for approximately 3 years and will ensure the applicant understand the position is based on grant funding availability. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the Health Department to go before the Council to create a contracted School Liaison position under grant funding. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Dr. Rudolph stated the Health Department would like the position to start immediately and the Health Board would like hire the candidate at part-time and pay the position from the Health budget until the grant funding starts in January 2023. The Health Board would like to request an additional \$17,500 to cover the position at a rate of \$25.00 per hour. The Health Board would like to hire a medical assistant to not only serve in the Liaison position, but help with immunization clinics with the nurse. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the Health Board going before the Council to request and additional appropriation of \$17,500 to cover the part-time wages for the position. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

### **OLD JAIL DEMO**

The American Legion made a request to obtain glass bricks from the old jail when it is torn down. The board spoke to the engineer and the contractor has agreed to put the glass bricks aside and coordinating with the American Legion to pick them up. The board stated the contractor has made the agreement, therefore no action is needed for approval.

The board received the demolition contract of the old jail from Kreager Group. The board previously accepted the bid, but the contract was not formally signed. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to authorize Chairman Hunt to sign the contract. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

The board received the notice to proceed from Kreager Group for the demolition of the old jail. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to authorize Chairman Hunt to sign the notice to proceed. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

### **MCEDA**

Jim Tidd, MCEDA Director advised the board he received notice of a change to the proposed campground project at US 31 and US 24. Director Tidd stated he heard there was sale in the property and another developer was going to continue with the project.

### **BROADBAND**

Director Tidd updated the board on the status of the broadband project for Miami County. The county entered into an agreement with Ice Miller, Thomas P. Miller and White Board to help develop a strategy. Currently, the committee is gathering data from all the broadband providers and creating a gap analysis to determine the underserved areas. Farm Bureau is working on speed tests and additional data collection. The Broadband Committee will have access to the information from Farm Bureau, which will eliminate any additional work for the committee associated with the project. Currently, the development of the strategy is on track for completion in November.

### **TOWER DEMOLITION CONTRACT**

The board received a request for distribution of funds of \$20,400 under the OCRA Blight Grant for demolition of the old control tower. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the contract and authorize Commissioner Hunt to sign. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and to passed 3-0

### **RESOLUTION 7/18/2022**

The board received Resolution 7/18/2022 Resolution for Sale of Property to Abutting Landowner. The board previously agreed to sell the public right-of-way adjacent to W 200 S. The board received 1 bid from Scott Shepherd representing Millcreek Lake LLC for \$1,673.51. Commissioner Musselman approve Resolution 7/18/2022 Resolution for Sale of Property to Abutting Landowner. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **MINUTES**

Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the 7/5/2022 minutes. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **PAYROLL**

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve payroll. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **CLAIMS**

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve claims. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **PITNEY BOWES**

The board received the final contract for the new postage machine with Pitney Bowes. The board approved the purchase at their last meeting, but needed to sign the final contract for purchase.

## **YMCA RURAL TRANSIT**

Stacy McBride, YMCA Rural Transit Director presented the quarterly YMCA Rural Transit report for reimbursement for \$155,268. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the quarterly reimbursement for \$155,268. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Director McBride stated Rural Transit is scheduled to move to the new facility next month. There has been a long delay due to movement of a phone line. Director McBride also noted that all is going well with the new Rural Transit database system. All vehicles have tablets and drivers have learned the system quickly. Director McBride noted she is having difficulty keeping the vehicles on the road due to the high miles, repairs and inability to get the new vehicles that have been on order since last year. There will be 3 new vans coming in spring, but they are still waiting on the mini bus.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Elaine Anderson inquired on the solar feasibility study results. The board did not have any updates, but would follow up with Jim Tidd.

## **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **Adjourned**

## **MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Chairman**  
**Alan Hunt**

\_\_\_\_\_, Vice Chairman  
**Keith Musselman**

\_\_\_\_\_, Member  
**Brenda Weaver**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_, Auditor  
**Mary Brown**