

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL  
25 NORTH BROADWAY  
PERU, INDIANA 46970  
August 16, 2022

Councilman Duckwall – Present  
Councilwoman Chittum – Present  
Councilman Donaldson – Present  
Councilman Wood – Present  
Councilman Wiles – Present  
Councilman Sailors – Present  
Councilman Nutt-Present

President Duckwall called the meeting to order.

Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer. President Duckwall led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Duckwall reminded the Council of budget hearings to be held August 30 – September 1, 2022.

#### **MINUTES**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the July 19, 2022 minutes. Councilman Nutt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 6-0.

#### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/TRANSFERS**

None

#### **ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

##### **HEALTH**

Dr. Rudolph, Health Board came before the Council to present a request to create a School Liaison position from grant funding. Dr. Rudolph explained the total grant would be for \$220,000 and would not require the county to contribute money or benefits. The grant funding can be used for anything school related including the Health Department giving vaccination for school age children within the department. The grant funds can be used beyond the grant period until the monies run out at which time the program will end unless the state continues the program. Dr. Rudolph stated the Board of Health feels the department needs at least 2 part-time positions. One of the positions would help with immunization for school age children at the Health Department up to 14 hours per week and the other will be working directly with the schools providing resources up to 30 hours per week. Dr. Rudolph noted the participation by the school corporation is on a voluntary basis. 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.

Dr. Rudolph explained the department would like to hire a part-time vaccinator at a rate of \$20-\$30 per hour and would require a medical assistant certification. The recommended rate for the School Liaison is \$15-\$16 per hour. Dr. Rudolph stated with the recommendations submitted for the School Liaison and Vaccinator positions pay and work hours, that would allow funding for at least 3 years. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the creation of a School Liaison at a rate of \$15-\$16 per hour and Vaccinator a rate of \$20-\$30 per hour under grant funding. Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

### **SALARY ORDINANCE UPDATE**

Auditor Brown presented salary ordinance update #7, which reflects the update to the mileage rate to .50 per mile retroactive to July 19, 2022. Councilman Sailors made a motion to approve salary ordinance update #7, which reflects the update to the mileage rate to .50 per mile retroactive to July 19, 2022. Councilwoman Chittum 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

### **REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE**

None

### **COUNCIL DISCUSSION & COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Auditor Brown stated the September 20, 2022 meeting would need to be changed due to the AIC Conference interfering with then normal meeting time. Auditor Brown recommended changing the date to September 13, 2022 and the Council agreed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Pete Sahaidachny, City Council stated he was unable to attend the Silo Event Center tour and wanted to know if there was any information provided at the event. Council President Duckwall stated nothing was provided and would probably not open until next fall.

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Sailors 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted

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**Mary Brown**  
Miami County Auditor