

BE IT REMEMBERED THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in the Henry County Courthouse Circuit Courtroom on Wednesday October 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Steve Dellinger, Joe Wiley, Bobbi Plummer, Joel Harvey, Henry County Attorney, Kellie Pierce and Olivia Hayse of the Henry County Auditor's Office

The meeting was opened with the Pledge and a Prayer given by Steve Dellinger.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Joe Wiley to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Joe Wiley to approve claims as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Joe Wiley to approve payroll as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bobbie Plummer and seconded by Joe Wiley to approve the monthly reports for the Clerk and Weights & Measurers. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Joe Wiley to write a letter of support to Delaware County for the Mental Health Facility Grant Application. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Joe Wiley to approve the quote for 40th Parallel Surveying for the Topographical Survey of the Courthouse in the amount of \$7,778.00, and Mason Private Location in the amount of \$2,925.00. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Joe Wiley to approve the quote for the purchase of a new server for the taxing software the county uses in the amount of \$10,608.18. Motion carried unanimously.

Angela Cox information the Commissioners they are hoping to get the Coalition Coordination hired and make the announcement of Monday. She also still has a concern with the west end of the Henry County Office Building being repaired.

Commissioner Dellinger asked for clarification on if the Sheriff Department was going to bid fuel on his own and not with the City of New Castle, EMS, Coroner and Community Corrections. Sheriff explained that it is an accounting issue billing the other agencies. The Sheriff would like to have each agency individualized in the billing.

Sheriff Sproles and Matt Pierce talked with the Commissioners about leasing of vehicles with Enterprise. Four cars would be \$57,000 roughly. The traditional financing for four years is \$68,800 on four vehicles. Cars purchased from Hamilton County will be a huge help with the car problem at the Sheriff's Department. He would like to do the lease because he is being a fleet manager and he is a captain and this is taking away from his other jobs. Enterprise also has a matrix system to let them know if someone has gone over on oil or if the tires need to be changed. With these they will receive the factory warranty, and they have several place they will be able to use for oil changes and repairs.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Joe Wiley to put the lease on hold until all information is received and reviewed by Joel Harvey and will make a decision at the next Commissioners meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Joe Wiley to approve the Assignment of Tax Sale Certificate for 100 S Broad St, Mooreland Indiana and 207 Deye St, Mooreland IN to the Town of Mooreland. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Joe Wiley to put the personnel committee together to start reviewing and updating the personnel policy. Motion carried unanimously.

The Walmart out lot was put out for bid and there were no bids for this property. Since no bids were received it can be listed with a Relator. There were two appraisals on this property.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Joe Wiley to list the Walmart out lot with Susan Falk-Neal. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Joe Wiley to approve Resolution 2023-25 (020) A Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of Revenue (Abatement Share-Restricted) Received from the Settlement of Claims Against Opioid Manufacturers and Distributors. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-25 (020)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF REVENUE (ABATEMENT SHARE-RESTRICTED) RECEIVED FROM THE SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS AGAINST OPIOID MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS

WHEREAS, the state of Indiana has entered into settlements with several pharmaceutical manufacturers, pharmaceutical distributors, and other parties, arising from the marketing, sale and distribution of opioids ("Settlements"); and

WHEREAS, a portion of the funds received from the Settlements have been and will be distributed to local government entities, including Henry County; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the revenue received by local governments from the Settlements may only be used for the treatment, support, housing and care of persons suffering from, or at risk to suffer from, opioid abuse and substance abuse, and to provide education, support and training to abate the abuse of opioids and other substances ("Abatement Share Funds"); and

WHEREAS, Hope Initiative, Inc., a local non-profit organization intends to acquire a property in Henry County to be used for transition housing for females who have completed the JCAP program and have been released from custody at the Henry County Jail; and

WHEREAS, funding is needed to assist Hope Initiative in the acquisition of the property, the renovation of the property for use as transition housing, and the staffing and operation of the property; and

WHEREAS, Abatement Share Funds may be used to pay for substance abuse and mental health counseling services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The sum of up to One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00) is hereby allocated to assist Hope Initiative, Inc., in the acquisition of a property in Henry County to be used for transition housing for females who have completed the JCAP program and have been released from custody, for the renovation of the property for use as transition housing and for the staffing and operation of the property.

2. Additional expenditures of funds received from the Settlements shall be approved by separate Resolution.

3. A list of expenditures of the Abatement Share Funds received by Henry County is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit "A."

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall be effective upon passage and appropriation of the amount set forth herein by the Henry County Council.

REPEALER: All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SEVERABILITY: Any provision herein contained which is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unlawful or which by operation of law shall be deemed unenforceable, shall be omitted but the rest and remainder of this resolution, to the extent feasible, shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA THIS ___ DAY OF _____, 2023.

ATTEST:

County Auditor

EXHIBIT A

Abatement Share Funds received by Henry County, Indiana, as a result of the Settlements, shall be used for the following purposes:

1. The sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be utilized for the repair or replacement of the roof on the Guest House building.
2. The sum of up to Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) shall be utilized for the payment of Jamie Owens' salary through December 31, 2023.
3. The sum of up to One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00) to assist Hope Initiative, Inc., in the acquisition of a property in Henry County to be used for transition housing for females who have completed the JCAP program and have been released from custody, for the renovation of the property for use as transition housing and for the staffing and operation of the property.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Joe Wiley to approve Resolution 2023-25 (021) a Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of Revenue (Abatement Share-Restricted) Received from the Settlement of Claims Against Opioid Manufacturers and Distributors. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-25 (021)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF REVENUE (ABATEMENT SHARE-RESTRICTED)
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WHEREAS, the Jail Chemical Addiction Program ("JCAP") is offered to certain inmates at the Henry County Jail to assist inmates with chemical addiction issues and provide cognitive behavioral therapy to prevent future substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, funding is needed to acquire educational materials to be used in the JCAP; and

WHEREAS, Abatement Share Funds may be used to pay for substance abuse and mental health counseling services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The sum of Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Twelve Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$12,712.50) is hereby allocated for the acquisition or licensing of the *A New Direction* educational programming and materials for use in the JCAP.
2. Additional expenditures of funds received from the Settlements shall be approved by separate Resolution.
3. A list of expenditures of the Abatement Share Funds received by Henry County is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit "A."

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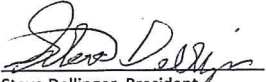
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4. The sum of Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Twelve Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$12,712.50) for the acquisition or licensing of the *A New Direction* educational programming and materials for use in the JCAP.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Joe Wiley to allow the county to be a subordination so the homeowner of the property that was chosen for the county OOR Program in 2021 can get a car loan and keep the lien against the property. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Joe Wiley to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the County of Henry and the City of New Castle for E911. Motion carried unanimously.

Melanie Sanders Douglas asked the commissioners if there was any decisions made on how and when the Sanders Shelter at Memorial Park would be rebuilt. It has been 5 ½ years since the Sanders Shelter was torn down and was to be built back and has not yet been. Joel Harvey explained that he did review the lease and it does allow the Expo to remove the shelter but also is an obligation to rebuild it. The next step is for Joel Harvey and one of the Commissioners to sit down with the Expo board to get some hard dates as to when this will be done, if they can't get dates then they will have to consider what the next steps are.

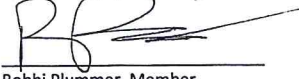
A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Joe Wiley to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.




Steve Dellinger, President



Joe Wiley, Vice President



Bobbi Plummer, Member

ATTEST:


Debra G. Walker, Auditor