

BE IT REMEMBERED THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in the Henry County Courthouse Circuit Courtroom on Wednesday July 12, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. with the following members present: Steve Dellinger, Joe Wiley, Bobbi Plummer, Debbie Walker, Henry County Auditor and Joel Harvey, Henry County Attorney.

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

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

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Joe Wiley to approve the 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 Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Joe Wiley to accept the monthly reports from the Henry County Treasurer and Henry County Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Penny York gave an EDC update. The second mover has moved here as part of Make My Move, he is employed at NLBC. He is currently living in a Vrbo until he can take possession of his new house out on Landmark Drive. This is the second mover.

Angela Cox talked with the commissioners about she is going to be hiring new employees and she is concerned with the structural issue with the Henry County Office Building and there is no rooms that can be used because of the mold issue. Commissioners informed her they were working on this.

Angela Cox requested to use OPID money to create a system of care for mental health in Henry County. She would like to hire Jamie Owens who currently works with the county JCAP program on a contract basis through ARP fund. In order to secure the continuation of the JCAP program and quality professionals to administer it, she would like to bring Jamie on board as a full-time county employee under the Health Department. Because the county has opted in to the additional public health funding from the State, she will be able to assure responsibility for this full-time position beginning January 1, 2024. She is requesting to make Jamie a full-time employee no later than August 14th and fund her position from that date through December 31, 2023 with Opioid Settlement Funds. She would like to have this position classified as an SO and have the salary at \$75,000 per year with a pro-rated amount to be paid for the remaining of 2023 with Opioid Settlement funds. Also at a later date she would like to hire a Recovery Oriented System of Care Coordinator prior to January 1, 2024. This position is being created with the help WIS, it would be funded by the Health Department beginning January 1, 2024. She would like for this individual start no later than October 7, 2023.

Joe Copeland informed the Commissioners that the Federal Grant for Bridge #138 has been approved. They have completed the RFP's and 3 firms submitted proposals, Butler Fairman & Seufert, Inc., SJCA and USI. The proposals were reviewed by Steve Dellinger, Steve Rust and Joe Copeland and the highest ranked firm was SJCA. All the information was sent to the State and they have now approved for the county to negotiate with the highest ranked firm. Randolph County wants to use the county's edger with a small loader, a price was given at \$350/week or \$70/day. Bobbi Plummer asked if the interlocal agreement with Randolph County covered this, Mr. Copeland stated it did not and he will be working with Joel Harvey on an MOU. The Solar Farm Company is not maintaining the road on South County Line, they are just filling the holes and not digging them out to repair them correctly. The company has agreed to pay the bill and has informed the county to hire someone to fix them correctly. Pritchett Backhoe Service has agreed to do it for \$8,200.00. Joel Harvey is working on the contract for this. 200 N resurfacing, the State will pay for material if the county puts it down.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Joe Copeland to make 650 N and Prairie Road a 4-way stop having Joel Harvey create the Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously. Joe Copeland is going to put red flashing lights on top of the stop sign on Prairie Road.

Tim Welch presented a Grant that he has received for LEPC, it is a FEMA Planning Grant from EMA in the amount of \$20,304.00. A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Joe Wiley to approve the grant. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Joe Wiley to appoint Stacy Dick on the Cemetery Commission to replace Ellen Shelton. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Joe Wiley to approve the 2024/2025 Humane Society Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Dellinger read a letter from the City of New Castle informing the Commissioners the will be terminating the Interlocal 911 Agreement.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Joe Wiley to approve Ordinance 2023-7-12 (007) An Ordinance Opting to Appoint a Member to the Board of Directors of the Community Mental Health Center that Serves Henry County. Motion carried unanimously. Judge McCord was the county appointment to the board.

ORDINANCE NO.: 2023-07-12 (007)

AN ORDINANCE OPTING TO APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER THAT SERVES HENRY COUNTY

WHEREAS, Meridian Health Services Corporation has been certified by the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction as the Community Mental Health Center for Henry County; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 12-29-2-15, has recently been amended to provide that the board of commissioners of a county within a community mental health center's service area may "opt-in" and appoint a member of the county fiscal body or member for the board of county commissioners (or a designee of the board of county commissioners) to the governing or advisory board of the community mental health center; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to opt-in and appoint a representative to the Board of Directors of Meridian Health Services Corporation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED:

1. Pursuant to Indiana Code § 12-29-2-15 (c), the Board of Commissioners of Henry County hereby elect to "opt-in" to select a member of the Board of Directors of Meridian Health Services Corporation.

2. The Board of Commissioners selects the Honorable David L. McCord, Judge of the Henry Circuit Court III, its designee on the Board of Directors of Meridian Health Services Corporation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage.

SEVERABILITY: Any provision contained in this ordinance, which is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unlawful, or by operation of law, including subsequent legislative enactment, is rendered inapplicable, shall be omitted and the rest and remainder of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

REPEALER: All ordinances that are in conflict with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Henry County, Indiana this 12 day of July, 2023, by a vote of 3 to 0.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA

Steve Dellinger
Joe Wiley

ATTEST:

Debra G Walker
Debra G. Walker, Henry County Auditor

Jeff Ray discussed with the Commissioners about signing a letter to allow Randolph to use part of the trail in Henry County.

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

Steve Dellinger
Steve Dellinger, President

Joe Wiley
Joe Wiley, Vice President

Bobbi Plummer
Bobbi Plummer, Member

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