

Monroe County Board of Commissioners Meeting

March 18, 2020

10:00am

1. Call to Order
2. Commissioners' Public Statement
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Approval of Claims Docket
 - a. Accounts Payable- March 18, 2020
5. Reports
6. New Business

**A. Ordinance 2020-16
Monroe County Appropriation Ordinance
Supporting COVID-19-related Assistance and Emergency Relief**

This ordinance **(1) ratifies the declaration and finding that emergency relief is necessary,**

Through the authority granted to Monroe County government by various provisions of state and local law, including but not limited to Indiana Code 10-14-3-17, Indiana Code 36-1-8-5.1, Resolutions 2008-51 and Resolution 2013-15, and Monroe County Code Chapter 450, the Monroe County Commissioners ("Commissioners") hereby ratify the March 16th declaration of the Presiding Officer and extend the emergency through April 1, 2020.

(2) Under the authority of state law, including but not limited to the provisions referenced above in Section 1, **Authorizes the appropriation of \$25,000 to be used for COVID-19 relief- through the Rainy day fund or through the infrastructure of the Sophia Travis Community Service Grant Funding;** funds will be provided to United Way of Monroe County which provides county-wide relief through the efforts of multiple social service agencies

AND authorizes the appropriation of \$25,000 to the Hoosier Hills Food Bank via the Rainy Day Funds in an effort to provide county wide emergency food acquisition.

(3) Relaxes procedures and formalities; authority delegated by the Council and Commissioners to their presidents

Procedures and Formalities otherwise required by Indiana State law are waived, due to the Governor's Public Health Emergency and Indiana Code 10-14-3-17.

It is the intention of the Commissioners and Council that Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) immediately be directed to United Way of Monroe County, upon passage of this Ordinance. **The Commissioners may release additional funding as may be deemed appropriate and necessary.**

(4) **Relaxes enforcement of zoning ordinances to waive building code requirements** only to the extent necessary to ensure that provisions of the code do not block humanitarian efforts of social service agencies to work with coalitions in order to secure basic human necessities, while continuing to ensure public health and safety.

B. Resolution 2020-09 A Resolution of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners Requesting the Use of Food and Beverage Funds.

This resolution provides for the formal request of the BOC for up to \$200,000 from the County's Food and Beverage Tax Fund for support of Food and Beverage establishments and other business that promote the tourism located outside the limits of the city of Blooming.

This support is to address the needs of the establishments, and may include, but not be limited to, grants and/or interest free loan program

Establishments are encouraged to email information regarding the need for support and ways to address the need to FBsupport@co.monroe.in.us

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners urges the City of Bloomington to provide this support for establishments within the City's municipal limits.

C. Retainer and Representation Agreement with Eubanks and Associates, LLC for District Court Litigation Challenging the US Forest Service's Huston South Vegetation Management and Restoration Project, pursuant to Council approval.

Move: The County Commissioners authorizes our President to approve all claims, subject to ratification, as necessary for the duration of the disaster emergency.

Given the Governor's executive Order 20-4, when reconvened the notice and agenda for reconvening the meetings will be solely posted on our website: www.co.monroe.in.us and some of the Commissioners may attend the meeting via phone or other electronic methods.

Announcements:

County Council meeting scheduled at 11:00 am this date is cancelled

