

DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 @ 9:00 A.M.

COMMISSIONER'S COURTROOM

100 W. MAIN ST. ROOM 309A

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE TO FLAG

WELCOME

COMMENTS MAY BE MADE TO THE COMMISSIONERS VIA THEIR EMAIL AT [commissioners@co.delaware.in.us](mailto:commissioners@co.delaware.in.us)

ROLL CALL

Mr. Shannon Henry

Mr. James King

Ms. Sherry Riggan

Mr. John Brooke, County Attorney

Ms. Donna Patterson, Deputy Auditor

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**PUBLIC RESCUE PLAN**

Mr. Rick Yencer, Muncie, Indiana, asked that American Rescue Plan (ARP) be used for the good of the taxpayer.

MOTION: Commissioner Riggan made a motion to close the Public Hearing.

SECOND: Commissioner Henry

YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner Riggan, President King

**TABLED BUSINESS**

**AN ORDINANCE TO LIMIT WEIGHT AND COMMERCIAL TRUCK TRAFFIC ON COUNTY ROADS IN DELAWARE COUNTY, IN  
ORDINANCE 2021-026**

Mr. John Brooke, County Attorney, said he revised/added to the county code regarding weight restrictions on county bridges and commercial vehicles. The ordinance has the same intent, however it keeps commercial vehicles weighing over 26,000 #S off of county roads especially for detours.

MOTION: Commissioner Henry made a motion to remove from the table Ordinance No. 2021 - 026 - An Ordinance to Limit Weight and Commercial Truck Traffic on County Roads in Delaware County, IN.

SECOND: Commissioner Riggan

YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner Riggan, President King

MOTION: Commissioner Henry made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2021 - 026 - An Ordinance to Limit Weight and Commercial Truck Traffic on County Roads in Delaware County, IN.

SECOND: Commissioner Riggan

YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner Riggan, President King

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve September 7, 2021 Commissioners Meeting.

SECOND: Commissioner Riggin

YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner Riggin, President King

### COMMISSIONERS AMERICAN RESCUE FUNDS PLAN

Mr. Brooke updated the American Rescue Plan Funds, some items were taken out. Total amount of funding is less than 11 million dollars. Mr. Brooke has not allocated any money for revenue replacement. This will be placed in the hands of County Council to determine.

MOTION: Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve the American Rescue Funds Plan.

SECOND: Commissioner Riggin

YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner Riggin, President King

*American Rescue Funds Plan is available in the Auditor's office*

### ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC ON CERTAIN PUBLIC STREETS IN DELAWARE COUNTY ORDINANCE 2021-027

Mr. Brooke presented Ordinance 2021-027, Regulating Traffic on Certain Public Streets. This ordinance is in regards of placing stop signs to slow traffic down in the area of the Muncie Reservoir.

A Public Hearing will be held October 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Henry made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2021-027, Ordinance to Amend Ordinance Regulating Traffic on certain public Streets in Delaware County.

SECOND: Commissioner Riggin

YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner Riggin, President King

### MONTHLY/WEEKLY REPORTS

MOTION: Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve claims in the amount of \$2,004,287.

SECOND: Commissioner Riggin

YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner Riggin, President King

### DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mr. Brad Bookout, Economic Development, advised the Commissioners of a situation regarding the former Hilltop Hotel property. Delaware County had awarded Hilltop Hotel to Veterans Foundation. A prospect was interested in development, however the project has changed direction and funding is no longer available to carry out the project.

MOTION: Commissioner Henry made a motion to take the Hilltop Hotel property back from Veterans Foundation.

SECOND: Commission Riggin

YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner Riggin, President King

Mr. Bill Walters, Economic Development, per the request from the Commission, will do a "Request for Proposal" (RFP) regarding the Hilltop Hotel property.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Jane Meranda, Director of Community Corrections, spoke regarding COVID-19 relief funding (see below).

# DELAWARE COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Jayne Meranda  
Probation Officer  
Executive Director

May 25, 2021

Dear Delaware County Commissioners,

### ADULT PROGRAMS

Community Service  
Community Transition  
Court Alcohol and Drug  
Home Detention  
Electronic Monitoring  
Ignition Interlock  
Problem Solving Courts  
Jail Diversion  
Vivitrol Program

As the National COVID-19 Pandemic hit Delaware County in mid-March of 2020, the county shut down their offices to the public. As the pandemic continued, Delaware County began making decisions regarding arrest policies, jailing of offenders, and cancellation of court proceedings, all of which impacted Delaware County Community Corrections greatly. Community Corrections was unable to shut down and we continued to work and monitor clients because of the nature of our business and monitoring on Home Detention programs is 24/7.

It is important to point out that although officers were not arresting for certain offenses and individuals were not being jailed or going to court, there continued to be crime with an increase in substance abuse related offenses and domestic violence incidents due to the quarantine and isolation. Services like our classes and support meetings were shut down and when they resumed, space was limited due to social distancing protocols for safety resulting in less clients engaged in programming. Community Corrections began a new domestic violence class called MRT-DV to help address the increased domestic violence cases as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of social distancing protocols, we are only able to have 12 participants in a class at a time meaning that more classes had to be added to accommodate the clients referred to substance abuse and domestic violence classes. Community Corrections currently averages 35 participants a month in the substance abuse classes and domestic violence class. Prior to the pandemic, we were able to accommodate approximately 130 participants a month in all of the substance abuse and behavior modification courses. Participants in these programs come from the felony courts on the Vivitrol Program, Home Detention JRP, Problem Solving Courts, and the Court Alcohol and Drug Program from City Court. Community Corrections is asking for \$10,500.00 to purchase workbooks for these classes for the year and \$18,000.00 to continue administering these classes to the participants.

### JUVENILE PROGRAMS

Home Detention

### COGNITIVE PROGRAMS

Adult Education  
Prime For Life  
Changing Offender Behavior  
Coping with Anger  
Partners in Parenting  
Straight Ahead Recovery

The participants in these classes are monitored by Case Managers, a Peer Recovery Specialist and a Surveillance Officer during their time at Community Corrections, most of which are on for a year. The Case Managers monitor the clients during their programming, maintain regular appointments with them to help guide them through their case, give drug screens for those that are battling substance abuse issues, and report compliance/noncompliance issues to the referring courts. Our Peer Recovery Specialist meets with the participants to provide support during their classes, guidance in their recovery, and support to them as they complete their monitoring period or case. The Surveillance Officer checks on these same participants in their home and monitors their GPS points to ensure the safety of the community. The Officer also provides participant, staff, and building safety during the running of the classes. Community Corrections is asking for \$255,879.00 to continue in administering case management for all participants with the above mentioned staff involved in these classes throughout the year and \$17,800.00 for drug screen costs, increased fuel and vehicle maintenance for surveilling participants in their home.

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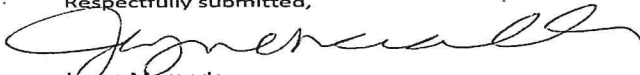
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Community Corrections is requesting \$302,179.00 in COVID-19 relief funding to help continue the administration of the substance abuse programming, domestic violence classes, and monitoring of participants within the community as they navigate through their court case. Thank you for your consideration in awarding Community Corrections with COVID relief funding. Any amount that we may be allotted will be greatly appreciated.

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Respectfully submitted,



Jayne Meranda  
Executive Director  
Delaware County Community Corrections

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Mr. and Mrs. Merkel, owners of Merk's Family Restaurant located in Muncie, Indiana, north of Delaware County Airport, said due to COVID 19 a lot of money has been lost in the family owned restaurant. Merk's had to close their inside business and was only able to prepare carry outs for three months. Their business has struggled.

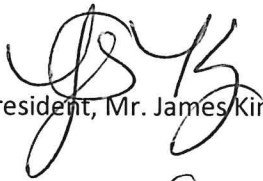
The Commissioners suggested that they contact the Visitor's Bureau because they are the distributor of the monies.

RECESS

MOTION: Commissioner Henry made a motion to recess until October 4, 2021.

SECOND: Commissioner Riggin

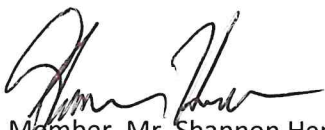
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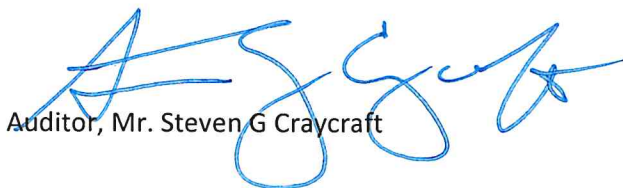
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Vice President, Ms. Sherry Riggin



Member, Mr. Shannon Henry



Auditor, Mr. Steven G Craycraft

