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DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 @ 9:01 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM
100 W. MAIN ST. ROOM 309A
CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE TO FLAG
WELCOME

ROLL CALL

Mr. Shannon Henry
Mr. James King
Ms. Sherry Riffin
Mr. John Brooke, County Attorney
Ms. Donna Patterson, Auditor

ORDER OF BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner King made a motion to approve September 6, 2022 Commissioner Minutes.

SECOND: Commissioner Henry

YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner King, President Riffin

PRESENTATION

ADULT GUARDIAN ADVOCATES

Ms. Emily Anderson, Court Administrator, introduced Ms. Linda Johnson, Guardian Advocates Inc. Ms. Anderson is on the current board. Local matches provide assistance for that particular county that paid the match. Volunteer Advocates for seniors and Incapacitated Adults (VASIA) is a division of Delaware, Grant and Madison County.

Ms. Johnson said Guardian Advocates Inc. is a program that provides assistance/help/protection to elders that have no family and are in desperate need. The volunteer assists with protection services, living conditions, socialization with others and giving the person a better quality of life. Ms. Johnson asked if the Commissioners would consider giving \$5,000 to support and help the program. Volunteers may call 765-602-8600.

MOTION: Commissioner King made a motion to approve \$10,000 out of Health & Wellness from Economic Development Incremental Tax (EDIT) fund to support and help the program. See additional information below.

SECOND: Commissioner Henry

YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner King, President Riffin



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**Letter of Intent for Adult Guardianship Program 2023
Volunteer Advocates For Seniors & Incapacitated Adults (VASIA) Program**

Name: Guardian Advocates Inc. **IRS Classification:** 501(c)(3) since 2019
d/b/a: Guardian Advocates-East **d/b/a:** Guardian Advocates-West
Contact: Linda L. Johnson, Development Coordinator, Ph: 765-675-4746
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John W Longaker III, CEO, Attorney, National Certified Guardian, Ph: 765-602-8600
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Website: www.GuardianAdvocatesInc.com also see www.in.gov/courts/ines/adult-guardianship/

Mission: Since 2019, advocate, support & protect older persons and persons with disabilities (who have no family to help), through Court-appointed guardianships and trained volunteers who are matched up to clients we serve under the Volunteer Advocates For Seniors & Incapacitated Adults (VASIA) guardianship program for its multiple county joint programs in an east division (Delaware, Grant & Madison Counties), and starting in 2023, through a "west" division, a multiple county joint program in Tipton, Howard, Cass, Fulton & Miami Counties (formerly Area Five VASIA).

Project: advocate, support & protect older persons and persons with disabilities (who have no family to help) in the "east" division and shared targeted overhead cost with the west division, which provides efficiencies of cost & effort.

- **What** – operate adult guardianship programs authorized by Indiana Probate Code 29-3-8.5-1 et seq. and supported by separate matching grants awarded by the Indiana Adult Guardianship Office of IN Supreme Court. Donations and grants are designated to benefit the residents of the division from which the funds came.
- **Who** – east/west co-directors, CEO, & 11-member board of directors manage a soon-to-be 8-member staff – operations are modeled after CASA, volunteer advocates are screened & trained to serve a matched up client
- **How** – one 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, one board of directors, two co-directors managing two divisions (west & east multiple joint county programs), separated funded so donations are used in their donor counties
- **How** – policies and procedures adhere to the VASIA grant guidelines, which follow the National Guardianship Association standards for guardians; served by a certified guardian, elder law attorney, volunteer advocates & staff; and an advisory group (for consulting advice for new referrals, major decisions and healthcare decisions), comprised of professionals in healthcare, banking, legal, social work etc.
- **funding** by a competitive grant process, which requires 50% of local county matching funds & grants: **VASIA Awards sought for 2023: \$75,000 held by Madison Co Auditor for Delaware, Grant & Madison Counties; \$75,000 held by the Tipton Co Auditor for Tipton, Howard, Cass, Fulton & Miami**
- services offered free of charge for most of our clients, a \$35/month client co-pay, and on a sliding scale for a few clients with substantial assets or income (see **Guardianship Stories**)
- **staff** – grant supports a staff of soon-to-be 8 professionals with over \$126,108.30 community services saved in each division (250% return on grant funds invested each year !!)
- **Population Served:** growing baby boomers (20% of US population and growing); this organized program helps **community resources:** Adult Protective Services, police, sheriff, EMT's, City and County offices, hospitals, assisted living facilities, and nursing homes by facilitating timely and quality medical care, advocacy and dignity.



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Generalized Dollars Saved (\$126,108.30) on Guardianship Cases

ICU-Approximately, \$1500 a day. Since obtaining guardianship, client has a DNR in order. (no family prior) client incapacitated with Intellectual Disabilities. Prior to guardianship this client cost hospitals approximately 5 x's x 4 days each **Total \$30,000 saved**; (2) **Mental Health**- Approximately, **\$5,700 a day saved**, now client resides in a group home under our care as guardians (no supportive family before) mental health/Intellectual disabilities. (a) **Court cost for no trespass order- Approximately \$500 saved** and incapacitated person serves jail time. This was settled out of court and dismissed due to obtaining guardianship. (b) **because this client was homeless** and not taking meds when guardianship obtained, client spent **10 days \$57,000 plus court/legal saved**; (prior to this incident client was on a revolving door to hospital, courts, prison, case management). However, many times she never showed to her appointments and was seldom taking her meds appropriately. There is a community cost involving the police and **endangerment** risk of estimated dollars at 2 hrs/week x \$71.81/average hourly police wages in 143.62 x 2 to allow for police vehicles expenses, etc = 287.24 x 13 incidents = **\$4,308.30 saved** (3.) **ER Visits**- Approximately, \$1,400 x 3 = **approx. cost \$4,200 saved** not including cost for further treatment or admitting. Now client has been approved for hospice care and has DNR since guardianship, instead of visiting ER for disease related issues for treatment, which is what he did when alone and not having proper care he needed. (4.) **ER Visits**- Approximately **\$1,400 saved**, not including cost for further care or treatment. Client went 17 times previously due to hypochondria, no diagnosis was determined. Since guardianship, able to utilize physician appropriately and redirecting client when having a panic attack about possible symptoms. (No ER visits this year) hospital's **unnecessary costs approximately \$23,800 saved** plus tests run to eliminate costs.

Guardian Advocates-East Adult Guardianship Program Metrics – Madison, Delaware, & Grant Counties:

YTD	2022 Mad/Del/Gr	2021 Mad/Del/Gr	2020 Mad/Del/Gr	2019 Mad/Del/Gr
Active Clients	30 = 15/ 9 /6	15/1/3	13/0/1	10/0/1
Granted/In Process				
Deaths	3 = 2/0/1	1/0/0	5/0/0	2/0/0
Clients on Waiting List	8 = 1/6/1	1/1/1	1/0/0	1/0/0
Other Options Completed	5 = 3/2/0	6/0/0	5/0/0	4/0/1
Total Incapacitated Adults in Program	46 = 26/13/7	23/2/4	24/0/1	17/0/2
Volunteers Active	20	17/1/0	17/0/0	12/0/0
Volunteers in Training	6	0/0/0	2/0/0	0/0/0
Total Lives Touched	72	47	44	31

Guardianship Stories from Actual Served Clients

"Amy" obtained Public benefits, stopped financial exploitation – Grant County
Amy was living in her house with a young couple who talked their way into living in her home, making a mess of the inside & using her income to live on. Now she has preserved most of her money for present and future needs and receives Medicaid benefits for her nursing home care. When we visit she is happy and the staff tells us she is involved in the activities at facility.



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Adult Twins "Jack" & "Jill" – stopped neglect & abuse by their mother – Madison County

Adult Protective Services removed adult twins, age 20, from their house due to neglect and abuse by their mother. After we were brought in, "Jill" was able to finish her schooling at the local high school and "Jack" was able to explore employment, though slowed by the pandemic. "Jack" has vocational rehab to explore and start employment, day programming to have outings, volunteer opportunities, and socialization.

"Carolyn" saved from self-neglect - Delaware County

"Carolyn" had been getting home care, but now needed 24-hr care, which the home health care agency couldn't provide on her Medicaid coverage. She wasn't taking proper care of her pets, allowing them to urinate and poop in the house. She was also falling asleep with a cigarette in her hand. Now she has care, sanitary and safe living conditions, socialization with others, and Medicaid covering Nursing Home's employees' wages who care for her. Our plan is to move her to assisted living facility, a lesser restrictive alternative, giving her a better quality of life.

"Kate" saved from condemned house – lesser restrictive environment – Madison County

"Kate" was evicted from her home that the local town condemned as unsafe to live in. There were literally holes in the roof and ceiling in a couple of her bedrooms. We were able to get her rehabilitation at a nursing home after a short hospitalization. We suggested to her that she move from the nursing home to an assisted living apartment, a lesser restrictive alternative/environment. We discovered she had long-term care insurance that she was not using, so that covered the cost of assisted living, allowing her to conserve her retirement savings for future needs.

"Will" delusional military veteran found wandering – Grant County

We received a call from Adult Protective Services to become guardian for Will, a retired electrical engineer, because he abandoned his car in a retail store lot and was found delusional wandering in a gas station parking lot. We are in the process of finding him an assisted living placement through Medicaid waiver, subject to Court approval, since he has been barred from the Veterans Administration housing program for bad behaviors.

"Annabelle" Stopped Financial Exploitation – Madison County

An attorney of an elderly person, Annabelle, who had a "friend" convince her to cash out two IRA and give the friend one-half of the monies. This turned out good - the money was returned and the Adult Protective Services and Court are aware of the woman's exploitation and the "friend" is out of the woman's life. Her dementia has worsened so we are coordinating home care so she can remain home and not give up the love of her life, her dog.

\$10,000
Jennifer P. G. J. G.
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INCREASED PAY FOR ELECTION ROOM AND PRECINCT WORKERS

Mr. Rick Spangler, Clerk, said an Election Board Meeting was held September 1, 2022. All members of the board voted to increase pay to Election Room workers and Election Day Precinct workers. The minutes and proposal were provided (see below).

MOTION: Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve the presented pay schedule.

SECOND: Commissioner King

YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner King, President Riggins

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact their party headquarters. High School students may volunteer too.



DELaware COUNTY CLERK OF THE COURTS

Rick R. Spangler, Clerk



September 1, 2022

Delaware County Commissioners,

During our September 1st 2022 Election Board Meeting we voted to increase payment to our Election Room workers and Election Day Precinct workers. Our new pay schedule is as follows:

Election Room Commissioner	\$15.00 per hr.
Election Room Deputy	\$12.00 per hr.
Precinct Workers	
Inspector	\$125.00
Democrat Judge	\$110.00
All others	\$95.00
Meals	\$21.00 (unchanged)
School	\$40.00 (unchanged)

These changes were passed unanimously by the Election Board and need your approval before moving on to County Council.

Thank You,
Rick

Rick R. Spangler
Delaware County Clerk of The Circuit Courts

Sherry Riggins
Donna Patterson
Chief Deputy Auditor

[Signature]
Date: 9.19.2022

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SELECTION OF MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER AND CONTRACTOR FOR MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY AT DELAWARE
COUNTY JUSTICE AND REHABILITATION CENTER

Mr. John Brooke, County Attorney, said two RFP's were sent out. Battin Woodruff Construction responded for construction work (BOT) and three proposals were received for mental health provider. After inspection, Wellpath, out of Nashville, TN had the most comprehensive and detailed proposal and met all criteria. Mr. Brooke recommended Wellpath.

President Riggin said she was very impressed with Wellpath presentation.

MOTION: Commissioner King made a motion to accept Wellpath for the mental health facility.

SECOND: Commissioner Henry

YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner King, President Riggin

MOTION: Commissioner Henry made a motion to accept Battin Woodruff Construction as the contractor for the mental health facility.

SECOND: Commissioner King

YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner King, President Riggin

Mr. Brooke will provide the agreements at a later date.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DELAWARE COUNTY CODE FOR THE PURPOSE
OF CONTROLLING UNWANTED AND EXCESSIVE NOISE IN DELAWARE COUNTY, IN
ORDINANCE NO. 2022 - 022

MOTION: Commissioner Henry made a motion to table Ordinance 2022-022, An Ordinance to Amend the Delaware County Code for the purpose of controlling unwanted and excessive noise in Delaware County, Indiana.

SECOND: Commissioner King

YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner King, President Riggin

DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mr. Tom Goul, Veterans Director, announced Veteran Stand Down, located at the Delaware County Fairgrounds from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on September 20, 2022.

Commissioner King said condolences go out to Richmond Police Department for the loss of Officer Ms. Seara Burton who recently was shot while on duty.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

MOTION: Commissioner King made a motion to approve claims in the amount of \$1,906,987.22 and ARP Claims in the amount of \$72,504.85.

SECOND: Commissioner Henry

YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner King, President Riggin

PUBLIC COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, OTHER BUSINESS & DISCUSSION

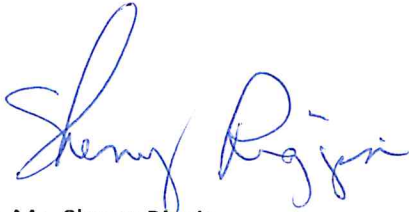
None

RECESS

MOTION: Commissioner King made a motion to recess until October 3, 2022.

SECOND: Commissioner Henry

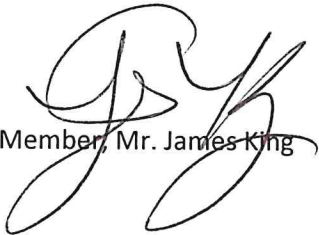
YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner King, President Riggin



President, Ms. Sherry Riggin



Vice President, Mr. Shannon Henry



Member, Mr. James King



Mr. Steven G Craycraft