



**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
APRIL 14, 2020, – 10:00 A.M.  
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on April 14, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. by teleconference/phone. Those present were Tom Linkel, Gerald Wendel, Tom Wilson, Faye Hay and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

**Open:** The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance was led by Tom Linkel.

**Extension of Travel Advisory and Campground Restrictions:** Commissioners discussed the need to extend the current orange travel advisory for an additional seven days to correlate with the Governor's executive order 20-18. In addition to the travel advisory, the Commissioners discussed the restrictions for local public campgrounds. Campgrounds were closed throughout Indiana on April 7<sup>th</sup> except for persons residing in recreational vehicles or cabins at campgrounds who genuinely have no other viable place of residence. **Motion to extend the travel advisory at orange and the restrictions at the campgrounds by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Letter of Understanding – Closing of US 52:** Commissioners discussed the letter of understanding closing US 52, contract # M-41944. The official detour will be US 52 to SR 229 to I-74 to SR1. The unofficial detour will be Duck Creek Road. **Motion to sign the Letter of Understanding with INDOT by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

Sara Duffy emailed the following questions for Commissioners to answer:

1. What is the number one message you want people in Franklin County to hear about this crisis? **Mr. Lovins stated that we will get through this. We need to stay the course. There are fewer people out on the roadways now.**
2. Governor Holcomb talked about coordinating with Ohio Governor Dewine. Do you coordinate with nearby counties? Will you coordinate with them about extending the Level Orange travel watch? **Yes, the Sheriff, Commissioners and Health Dept. do communicate with the State and surrounding counties. Commissioners have been in touch with Decatur County Commissioners as well. The level orange travel advisory coordinates with the Governor's stay at home order.**
3. Please explain the difference between patients recovered and people released from quarantine? **Recovered patients are those who have tested positive and were exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms and are now no longer testing positive or exhibiting**

symptoms. Those who have been released from quarantine have been exposed to somebody who has tested positive.

4. Who releases someone from quarantine? Their doctor and/or health department can release someone from quarantine.

**Approve March 10, 2020 Minutes:** Motion to approve the March 10, 2020 minutes by Gerald Wendel, seconded by Tom Wilson. Motion carried. (Mr. Linkel was not in attendance at the 3-10-2020 meeting.

**Community Crossing Matching Grant Fund 2020-1 Award Letter:** The County has been awarded \$1,000,000 in Community Crossing Grant funds which will be used for two paving projects and one chip and seal project. Commissioners thanks Larry Smith, County Engineer for his work on the paperwork.

Grant Reeves – Mr. Reeves informed Commissioners that he was working on updating the leave policy that was previous put in place as a band-aid at the beginning of this pandemic. He will be working on getting the County in line with the Federal guidelines.

Sara Duffy had a follow-up question to Mr. Lovins in regards to being released from quarantine in what appeared to be less than the 14 days. Mr. Lovins explained his answer to that particular situation which was followed up by the Health Department.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes approved 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2020.

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Attested By: Karla J. Bauman  
Karla J. Bauman, Franklin County Auditor