

# Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners

## OCRA Public Hearing

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

11:00 am

Tippecanoe Room, Tippecanoe County Office Building  
20 N 3rd Street, Lafayette, Indiana

Commissioners present President Tracy A. Brown, Vice President Thomas P. Murtaugh and Member David S. Byers.

Also present: Sharon Hutchison, Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett, and Recording Secretary Jennifer Wafford.

**I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER – President Brown**

**II. OCRA PHASE 1 FUNDING**

The Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) program is funded by Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. These funds are to be used for a Community Development project that will include the following activities: a delivery service to provide supplies to quarantined individuals of those medically vulnerable during the Covid-19 pandemic. The amount of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to be requested is \$100,000. The amount to be used for the activities that will benefit low- to moderate-income families is \$100,000.

Khala Hochstedler, Health Department Administrator, advised that there has been approximately \$2,000 expended to provide food to quarantined households so far. When the Health Department advises an individual that they must quarantine due to Covid-19, they ask them if they have family or friends that can deliver groceries and medications to them. If the individual does not have family or friends who can bring them groceries, the Health Department is required by the Indiana Communicable Disease Code to provide this service to them. Since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, the County Health Department has provided groceries to approximately 15 separate households. For the Phase 1 funding to cover the service, the household has to meet certain income guidelines. If they do not meet the guidelines for this program, there are other funds in place to still provide the groceries needed.

Commissioner Brown asked if the Purdue University students who have Covid-19 are being cared for outside of this funding.

Khala Hochstedler advised that Purdue Students can isolate in designated isolation housing where their needs are being met. However, for the students who live in apartments and choose not to isolate in this housing, there may be a need to provide this service for them.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

Commissioner Byers moved to adjourn. President Brown adjourned the meeting.

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ATTEST:

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Robert A Plantenga, Auditor      09/21/2020

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Wafford, Recording Secretary