

# Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners

## Special Meeting

### Public Hearing for OCRA Phase 2 Funding

## 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 2 FUNDING** – Tracy Brown, and Tom Murtaugh

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: Business Grantmaking program. The amount of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to be requested is \$250,000. The amount to be used for the activities that will benefit low- to moderate-income families is \$243,750.

The funds will be used to provide loans to businesses outside of the Cities of Lafayette and West Lafayette. These businesses can apply for a forgivable loan of up to \$10,000. The loans are intended to help these businesses retain their employees during the COVID-19 Health Emergency. There will be paperwork that the applicants must complete including, Census information tracking the income of each employee. Fifty-one percent of the business' employees need to be below the low- to moderate-income levels. If the terms are met for two years, the loan can then be forgiven. There is no limit on the current numbers required for a business to qualify for this funding.

There will be a committee appointed to review the applications received. OCRA has guidelines as to who may serve on the committee, and the Board of Commissioners are still working to fill the committee positions.

- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

Commissioner Murtaugh 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