April 23, 2020 - Special Commissioners’ Meeting

In person attendees: Kim Meyers, James Crowl, Lynne Liechty

Telephonic attendees: Jim Getz, Connie McCahill, Mike Landrum, Michael McEntyre, Isaac Lee, Chris Folland, Craig Ralston, Karen DeForest, Kim Anderson, Rodney Robinson, Don Stuckey, Erin Schiffli, Jen Sharkey.

Frank Charlton, County Park Superintendent said there have been questions about foot traffic at the County Park. Mr. Charlton said they have all three (3) entrances to the Park locked and it has helped some, but others go around the gates. Lynne Liechty asked if there was anyway the road to the Event Center could be opened so people that would like to walk in the Park could do so. Frank Charlton said if that gate is opened, it opens up to the rest of the Park.

Commissioner Liechty said no one shall have access to the Campground or use the playground because that is up to the Governor. James Crowl said those are shut down and we cannot jeopardize things. Frank Charlton said he has explained that on a daily basis, especially about the playground. Lynne Liechty recommended posting a sign or roping it off so people are aware they cannot use the playground. James Crowl said they are honoring the Governor’s decision because down the road if there are any repercussions from not following his orders, it could cause issues in the future. Frank Charlton said he realizes the Governor has shut down the campgrounds, but people walk through the campground because they want to walk around the lake.

Lynne Liechty said with the theft problems that have existed in the Campground, people walking through the campground should be stopped. Mr. Charlton said he stops the pedestrians on a daily basis, but the next day they are back doing the same thing.

James Crowl said he has no problem with people parking at the Event Center and walking around that area, but they must stay out of the campground and the playground. The Commissioners recommended that Frank Charlton do the best he can. Frank Charlton clarified that as long as they stay west of the bridge, down by the playground they can walk the whole area, up around the loop and the horse barn, etc., but they must stay out of the campground.

Rodney Robinson, Sheriff, said he could find some caution tape if needed to mark off the playground.

James Crowl said the next item on the agenda is the EDC Board of Director’s Appointment discussion. He said he has had several conversations with a gentleman whom is willing and able to fill the position for the remainder of the year. James Crowl made a motion to appoint Wil Howard to the EDC Board of Director. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with two (2) ayes.

Alicia vanEe, Health Department, requested permission to purchase nine-hundred (960) N95 comparable masks not to exceed $1,920.00. Ms. vanEe said the Sheriff is going to purchase the last forty (40) of the masks from his budget. Alicia vanEe said she is requesting that the Commissioners pay for these masks from their cumulative capital budget. Kim Meyers said there is plenty of funds in there to handle the expense. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the purchase and to have the Commissioners’ Budget pay for the masks. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ms. vanEe reported there are twenty (20) positive cases in Steuben County. Eleven (11) people have recovered and three-hundred fifty-three (353) tests have been taken, twenty-one (21) of which are still pending. She said the testing is through Cameron and the ISDH drive through. Ms. vanEe said they are continuing to move forward with the testing and the test results are coming back faster now.

Alicia vanEe said Sheriff Robinson offered the use of a Detective for contact tracing, but as of right now, they are handling it.

James Crowl asked Alicia vanEe to consider what she would like to see in the Community Center if the Governor starts opening things back up. Ms. vanEe said she has some thoughts on the issue and she would be happy to give those to the Commissioners.
Gary Fair, Community Center Building Manager, said the north parking lot will not be completed by the May 2 deadline so it will be done later in May.

Josh Odom, Town of Hudson, requested Alicia vanEe to share the vendor for the PPE. Alicia vanEe said she did not find the vendor herself; it was located through the Sheriff’s Department. She recommended that Mr. Odom contact Sheriff Robinson.

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