

BE IT REMEMBERED THE HENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA, met via Zoom teleconferencing in lieu of the Courthouse Circuit Courtroom, in the City of New Castle, Indiana on May 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Betsy Mills, Chad Malicoat, Clay Morgan, Harold Griffin, Kenon Gray, Peggy Stefandel, Susan Huhn, Debra Walker, Henry County Auditor, and County Attorney Joel Harvey.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Clay Morgan and the pledge by Kenon Gray.

Susan Huhn gave an update on the EDC Revolving Loan and talked about Main Street business loan.

Chad Malicoat gave background about why he feels the county should contribute monies from Food & Beverage to the New Castle Main Street for grants for restaurants alone. Betsy Mills expressed her concern about it being a grant and feels they should be given as low interest loans so that they can continue to give the loans.

Kenon Gray asked Corey Murphy about the 4% interest loan given by the RDC Revolving loan and if that was set in stone or if it could be modified. Corey explained that because of COVID-19 the rate has been lowered to between 3 ½ and 4 ½ %. Before COVID-19 it was at 6% and could go higher if they felt the business was risky.

Harold Griffin asked if we give this money to Henry County Main Street would it be for the entire county. Corey Murphy stated that it would be offered to all restaurants around the county.

A motion was made by Chad Malicoat to allocate \$250,000 to New Castle Main Street for a grant program for locally owned restaurants. Motion died for a lack of a second.

A motion was made by Kenon Gray and seconded by Chad Malicoat to donate \$150,000 of Food & Beverage monies to New Castle Main Street for a grant program for locally owned restaurants. Motion carried unanimously.

Susan Huhn read about the jail project and discussed the Settlement Agreement in the Bell case. Kim Cronk gave an update on the jail.

A motion was made by Chad Malicoat and seconded by Betsy Mills to approve the proposed settlement agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kenon Gray and seconded by Chad Malicoat to carve out community corrections from the hiring freeze. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Chad Malicoat and seconded by Clay Morgan to allow Judge Witham to hire a secretary for Circuit Court 1. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kenon Gray and seconded by Betsy Mills to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Susan Huhn, President

Harold Griffin, Vice President

Kenon Gray

Chad Malicoat

Peggy Stefandel

Clay Morgan

Betsy Mills

ATTESTED:

Debra G. Walker, Henry County Auditor