

Boone County Board of Commissioners Minutes
SPECIAL MEETING
October 25, 2019
Connie Lamar Meeting Room
Boone County Government Building

Commissioners Present: Jeff Wolfe, Donnie Lawson, and Tom Santelli

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Attending: Jordan Clouser (Attorney) and Kaylee Jessie (Administrative Assistant)

Board President Jeff Wolfe opened the meeting at 9:10 am with the pledge of allegiance.

In the Matter of County's Health Insurance:

The Commissioners met with Apex and went over the quotes received for the County's health insurance. Commissioner Tom Santelli commented that health insurance for the county represents about 4.6 million dollars in spending. He also wanted to give kudos to Ken Hedge with his involvement on the Insurance Committee and being focused on how we contain the cost of health care and provide the best value to our employees. We currently are with SIHO, and they have done an outstanding job. SIHO presented us with a renewal quote of about 9.8% increase. The county also received a proposed quote from United Health Care and UMR with a 5.8% increase and a larger network. We want to provide the best value to our employees and fairly represent our constituents in terms of the overall cost.

Commissioner Tom Santelli made a motion to that we change our health insurance to United Health Care as the network, UMR as the Claims Administrator, and Reliance Standard as the Stop Loss carrier beginning on January 1, 2020. Commissioner Donnie Lawson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

In the Matter of Affidavit for Payment:

An affidavit for payment for INDOT in the amount of \$387,051.88 for Bridge #202 was presented.

Commissioner Donnie Lawson made a motion to approve the affidavit for payment.
Commissioner Tom Santelli seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

In the Matter of Memo for Appeal Request – Township Assistance Action:

Schasta Wagner had submitted an appeal request for township assistance action and it was heard during a public meeting on Monday, October 21st. After further research and discussion, the Commissioners have granted the appeal and are requesting the Town of Zionsville Public Assistance to provide the assistance. A memo was prepared for today's meeting.

Commissioner Tom Santelli made a motion to approve to approve the memo for the appeal request.
Commissioner Donnie Lawson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Additional Comments:

Commissioner Tom Santelli commented that he was at the Town of Zionsville Candidates Forum, and they were asked three things that are most important as an elected official. For him, it is integrity, service before self, and the pursuit of excellence. He is very disappointed to report that the Commissioners had to make an emergency payment to our health care provider because the Auditor failed to make that payment. We had to take emergency action with our County Treasurer. It has been described as a dereliction of duty. For somebody to put our health care for our employees, their spouses, and children at risk is very disappointing to

him. Another issue he would like to raise is that when he was on the council, they had moved to put the 1st deputy at 80% of the elected official in the wage and salary study because they are here to represent the elected official when they are not here. The Auditor and the 1st Deputy Auditor are not present at today's meeting though a deputy auditor is. Deputy Auditor Debbie Crum added a comment that the Auditor's office had a change of employee status in June. Those family vacations taken this week were already scheduled in January and were unable to be moved. They are doing the best that they can in their office. Commissioner Tom Santelli replied thanking Debbie for her comment and adding that he was also on a family vacation and was not able to pay all the attention to his family because he was dealing with some of these issues. He appreciates her diligence.

With no further business, Commissioner Tom Santelli made a motion to adjourn at 9:20 am. Commissioner Donnie Lawson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.