

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL SUNSHINE MEETING
February 1, 2022
5:00 P.M.

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VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL SUNSHINE MEETING

Agenda

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.

Council Chambers, Vigo County Annex

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Calling of the roll
3. Public comment.
4. Communications from elected officials, other officials, or agencies of the County.
5. First reading by summary reference of proposed ordinances and resolutions
 - i. ROC 2022-01, Additional Appropriation 2022-01: Health Department
 - ii. ROC 2022-02, Resolution 2022-02: New Goshen Fire Protection District
6. Reports from committee(s)
7. Resolutions and Ordinances other than appropriations.
 - i. Resolution 2022-02; ROC 2022-02: New Goshen Fire Protection District
8. Ordinances relating to appropriations
 - i. Additional Appropriation 2022-01; ROC 2022-01: Health Department
9. Adjournment

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given the Taxpayers of Vigo County, Indiana, that the Vigo County Council will meet at the Vigo County Government Center, 127 Oak Street, Terre Haute, Indiana at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 to consider the following appropriations in excess of the budget of the current year. The Vigo County Council will also meet on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at the same location for a Sunshine Meeting.

REQUESTED

VIGO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND/1159

1159.39990.000.0000 COVID Expenses/CV Relief
Total Vigo County Health Department Fund

\$ 75,900
\$ 75,900

Pursuant to State of Indiana Executive Order 20-09 (the "Order"), the meeting will be made available by electronic means. Any votes conducted will be by roll call vote. In accordance with the Indiana Open Door Law and the Order, media and members of the public are encouraged to observe the meeting at <https://www.vigocounty.in.gov/departments/division.php?structureid=71> . Members of the public may submit comments prior to the meeting to county.council@vigocounty.in.gov

JAMES W. BRAMBLE

VIGO COUNTY AUDITOR

TO BE PUBLISHED: Friday, January 21, 2022.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO TAXPAYERS OF NEW
GOSHEN FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT**

The taxpayers of New Goshen Fire Protection District are notified that on February 8th, 2022 at 5:00 pm at the Vigo County Government Center at 127 Oak Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, the Vigo County Council, as fiscal body, for New Goshen Fire Protection District will meet to discuss the fire district incurring indebtedness for:

\$340,000 for the purchase of fire equipment pursuant to IC 36-8-13-6.

Taxpayers shall have the right to be heard. A determination whether or not to borrow and the maximum amount of loan may be made at this hearing. If a determination is made, a Notice will be published pursuant to statute. Affected taxpayers shall have the right to file objection petitions with the County Auditor within 30 days of publication of the Notice of Determination.

New Goshen Fire Protection District
Joseph Watts, Treasurer
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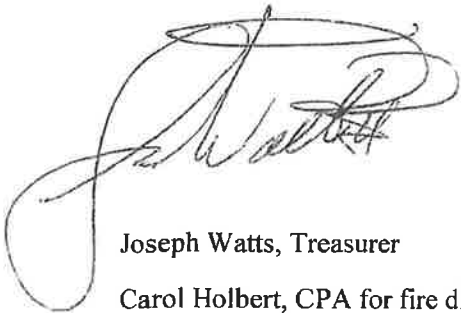
New Goshen Fire Protection District
P. O. Box 154
New Goshen, Indiana 47863

December 29, 2021

County Council

New Goshen Fire Protection District would like to request to be assigned to committee for our new debt service fund which will begin on 7/15/2023. We would like to meet with the committee in January so we can have our public hearing for the February meeting. Resolution to borrow will be adopted at the February meeting and notice to incur indebtedness will be published immediately following approval to begin the 30-day objection period for taxpayers.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Watts", with a large, looping flourish extending from the bottom left.

Joseph Watts, Treasurer

Carol Holbert, CPA for fire district

VIGO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Darren Brucken, M.D.

Health Commissioner

DATE: January 7, 2022

TO: Vigo County Council and Auditor

RE: Additional Appropriation to the 2022 VC Health Department Budget

An **additional appropriation** is needed in the following line item:

1159-³⁹⁹⁹⁰~~37850~~.000.000 COVID Expenses/CV Relief **\$75,900**

The Vigo County Health Department requests an additional appropriation for contract employees working on Vigo County's COVID-19 response. The additional funding will be used for a registered nurse to administer the COVID-19 vaccine and for contact tracers for the timeframe February 15 until April 28.

In October 2021 the Vigo County Health Department received a six month reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccine administrative costs.

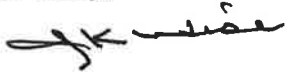
U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service reimbursement for the Vigo County Health Department from January until July 2021: **\$133,203.57**.

The reimbursement can be used to fund our additional appropriation request.

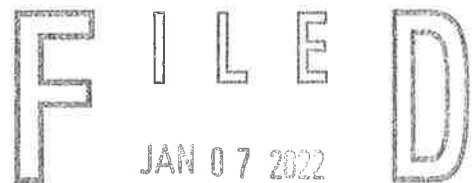
Attached is a guidance letter from Dr. Box regarding the reimbursement of funds. The guidance has been confirmed by DLGF and SBOA, and includes the funds should not be used to supplant local budgets.

Also attached is our plan to phase out contract employees.

Sincerely,



Joni Wise
Administrator



VIGO COUNTY AUDITOR

The Vigo County Health Department agrees to participate in the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) COVID-19 Vaccination Program (the Program) as administered by the State of Indiana through the Indiana Department of Health established by I.C. 16-19-1-1. The Vigo County Health Department will be administering vaccine to eligible recipients, at no cost to the recipients. The purpose of this agreement is to provide financial compensation for the administrative costs borne by the Vigo County Health Department during their participation in the Program. For purposes of the initial phase of the Program, The Vigo County Health Department is administering the vaccine on behalf of the State.



Eric J. Holcomb
Governor

Kristina M. Box, MD, FACOG
State Health Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 4, 2022

To: Local Health Departments, County Councils, and other Fiscal Bodies

From: Kristina M. Box, MD, FACOG
State Health Commissioner *KMB*

Subject: Updated guidance regarding COVID-19 vaccine administration fee disbursements

The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) began disbursing payments to local health departments for COVID-19 administration fees in October 2020. IDOH billed these fees to insurance companies, Medicare, Medicaid, and HRSA for eligible claims. If your county signed the COVID-19 billing grant with IDOH, we are returning these funds to you to help offset costs related to COVID-19 vaccine operations, testing, and other pandemic costs.

IDOH began developing this process starting in January 2021. We have been working with Zotec Partners to bill the claims and reconcile collections. Though still underway, we have begun disbursing some payments to ensure adequate cash flows. Please note that we send the collected amount less a \$3 billing fee to offset the cost of our contract. Only claims that are paid are disbursed. As we continue to submit claims with updated insurance information, we will continue disbursements to appropriate providers.

Since these funds relate to the ongoing public health emergency, my office strongly recommends that these funds be first used for expenses directly related to public health activities, including offsetting local expenses related to COVID-19 that are not

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otherwise covered. Following that, we know that many children have fallen behind in regular vaccinations, well visits, and more that also would be ideal uses of these funds. This windfall represents a significant opportunity to invest in public health to ensure preparedness for the challenges that lie ahead. These funds are one-time in nature and therefore should be used for one-time costs and investment. Using these funds to replace local appropriations would result in long-term deleterious and negative impacts to local health departments at a time when public health nationwide is experiencing unprecedented funding challenges, staffing shortages, and more. Therefore, local governments should not use these funds to supplant local budgets.

Finally, my office worked with the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) and the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) to issue guidance related to your questions on these agreements. While these agreements use the language of a grant, that is merely the vehicle for us to get these funds out to you. The agreements are in fact contract for services (administration of mass vaccination clinics) and therefore the typical grant reporting is not required. Moreover, these should not be tracked as grants in your Auditor's records. The funds should be treated similar to other insurance reimbursements that Local Health Departments may be receiving already, such as commercial insurance recoveries, Medicaid, and Medicare. We have confirmed this with the SBA.

Additionally, insurance reimbursement funds for vaccine administration should be treated as payment for services and deposited in *1159 Health Fund* which is non-reverting. DLGF and SBOA have confirmed these do not automatically impact levies. IDOH supports their interpretive guidance on these topics.

- Payments from vaccine administration reimbursements are supplemental to tax draw revenues and therefore need to be appropriated.
- This will require Council action and DLGF approval as with any appropriation modification.
- The funds can be used to support activities of the LHD subject to IC 16-20-1-5, IC 16-20-1-27.

If you have any questions regarding these grants, please feel free to contact David Hopper, Director of Local Health Department Outreach (dahopper@isdh.in.gov).

Plan to phase out COVID contract employees:

February 15-March 18

12 Tracers/Educators

\$17 hourly as contract employees

Average paid per pay period: \$900

Time frame encompasses 3 pay periods plus one additional week.

$$900 \times 12 = \$10,800$$

$$\$10,800 \times 3 \text{ (pay periods)} = \$32,400$$

$\$450 \times 12 = \$5,400$ This covers the one week after the 45 day CARES Act funding ends.

$$\$32,400 + \$5,400 = \$37,800$$

March 19-April 1

6 Tracers/Educators

\$17 hourly as contract employees

Average paid per pay period: \$900

Time frame encompasses 1 pay period.

$$900 \times 6 = \$5,400$$

April 2 – April 28

3 Tracers/ Educators

\$17 hourly as contract employees

Average paid per pay period: \$900

Time frame encompasses 2 pay periods.

$$900 \times 3 = \$2,700$$

TOTAL: \$48,600

February 15-April 28

1 Registered Nurse to administer COVID-19 vaccine

\$60 hourly as contract employee

35 hours a week

Amount per pay period: \$4,200

Time frame encompasses 6 pay periods plus one additional week.

$\$4,200 \times 6 \text{ (pay periods)} = \$25,200$

\$2,100 this covers the one week after the 45 day CARES Act funding ends.

$\$25,200 + \$2,100 = \$27,300$

TOTAL: **\$27,300**

$\$48,600 + \$27,300 = \$75,900$

The timeframe and number of contract workers is derived from the projection models/forecasts by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) for Indiana.

The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) is an independent global health research center at the University of Washington.

They have been among the most reliable projection models/forecasts in performance over time.