



COLE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

**Agenda for the Commission of Cole County
For Thursday, August 27, 2020**

(Commission is in session as posted beginning at 9:00 am, unless otherwise noted. The Commission will handle administrative matters between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm daily)

- 1. CALL TO ORDER (8:00 a.m.)

CALL TO ORDER:

The Cole County Commission met with Presiding Commissioner Sam Bushman, Eastern District Commissioner Jeff Hoelscher, Western District Commissioner Kris Schepeler, Health Director Kristi Campbell, Crystal Sullivan (Community Health), Auditor Kristen Berhorst, Mike Hyde (St. Mary's), Glenda Dahlstrom (Capital Region), Finance Debbie Malzner, Counselor Jill LaHue, News Tribune Jeff Haldiman, Harry Otto (Self), Donna Seidel (Health Department), Deputy Clerk Lynne Reinkemeyer, present.

- 2. MINUTES & REPORTS RECEIVED AND FILED
- 3. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS
- 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OTHER UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS
- 5. COMMISSION COMMENTS
- 6. BIDS & CONTRACTS
- 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- 8. NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION:

Auditor Berhorst stated the prior approval amount requested through **Cares Act Funding Application D-03-03 for 2 Respirator Fit Testers With Probe Refill Kit & Warranty** was incorrect in the amount of \$35,950.00. **The correct amount should be \$36,062.68.**

MOTION:

Commissioner Schepeler made a **motion to approve the CARES Act Application request C-03-02 for 148 Desk Shields - \$7,200.00.** Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Schepeler (Yes).

MOTION:

Commissioner Schepeler made a **motion to approve the CARES Act Application request D-03-04 for 76 Halo Battery-Powered Pressurized Respirators - \$73,247.00.** Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Schepeler (Yes).

MOTION:

Commissioner Schepeler made a **motion to approve the CARES Act Application request D-03-08 for 74 PPE Storage Bags - \$6,083.00.** Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Schepeler (Yes).

MOTION:

Commissioner Schepelerle made a **motion to approve the CARES Act Application request D-03-05 for 2 Handheld Disinfectant Sprayers - \$3,090.00**. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Schepelerle (Yes).

MOTION:

Commissioner Schepelerle made a **motion to approve the CARES Act Application request D-03-09 for 11 Handheld Disinfectant Sprayers - \$16,638.00**. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Schepelerle (Yes).

MOTION:

Commissioner Schepelerle made a **motion to approve the Emergency Purchase for 148 Desk Shields and Handheld Disinfectant Sprayers listed on the CARES Act funding Recommendation (as of 8/26/20)**. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Schepelerle (Abstain).

DISCUSSION:

A conference call was held with representatives from BKD, Julie Murdock and Leann Peden, regarding **Phase 2 Funding Methodology CARES Act Funding - Projections as of 08/27/20, dated August 26, 2020**. A handout was provided for review. The Commissioners were in agreement with Phase 2 Allocation (Internal County Procurement) with the numbers listed being a placeholder at this time. Auditor Berhorst, on behalf of the working group, asked approval to extend the school's application deadline from August 31, 2020 to the end of September 2020 at this time and BKD was in agreement with the request.

DISCUSSION:

Discussion of a **Community COVID Testing Site in Cole County** was held, with representatives from the Cole County Health Department, Community Health, St. Mary's and Capital Region. Some discussion included; the previous listed representatives have been in contact with Director Campbell of the Cole County Health Department to discuss the need for a Community COVID Testing Site, difficult to maintain testing, patient needs for testing outside the hospitals own testing/patients, allocation on supplies, additional testing, supplies less available, manpower difficult to manage, the efficiency of a joint single testing site as it seems testing is increasing, HR Roadblocks, 140-170 test a day at Capital Region, hospitals getting beyond what they can manage, the responsibility of healthcare providers to the community, work together to provide needs to the community, criteria to be tested and why some do not pay for testing (affordability to pay for testing an issue with some patients), testing people who are symptomatic and/or for dental/health reasons, concern for staff and others in offices being in contact with individuals being tested, should counties outside of Cole County pay for what is not covered by insurance when testing is being done in Cole County, pre-registrations and doctor's order for testing, CDC Guidelines always changing, joint public announcements and forums for the community and the use of old Health Department Building for a community test site for whomever would take charge of the testing site.

9. OTHER ISSUES THAT HAVE COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION THIS DAY

Health Director Campbell stated Chris and Jen are working on the Health Department's website regarding reporting of COVID numbers. In addition, Campbell also stated the "Community Spread" of COVID is below 30% and the schools are going above and beyond the guidelines to keep students in seat.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Commission will stand in recess until 4:30 p.m.

Commission adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Presiding Commissioner

Eastern District Commissioner

Western District Commissioner