

Ordinance 2020-17

Commissioners’ Ordinance Establishing Procedures for Deposit of Funds and Approval of Claims during COVID-19 Emergency

Come now the Monroe County Board of Commissioners (“Commissioners”), who state their intent to comply with the attached State Board of Accounts Directive, which allows variances in procedures during the Coronavirus 19 outbreak (“COVID-19”), and state the following:

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, Indiana Governor, Eric J. Holcomb, declared a Public Health Emergency (“Emergency”), issued Executive Order 20-02, and has issued several additional Executive Orders related to the Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Presiding Officer of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to Monroe County Code 450, declared a seven (7) day local emergency for all of Monroe County, Indiana, which was renewed until April 1st, and which may be renewed periodically; and

WHEREAS, when on March 19, 2020, the State Board of Accounts issued State Examiner Directive 2020-1, directing units regarding certain exceptions to the deposit of funds and the approval of claims during the Emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Timely Deposit of Funds

Indiana Code 5-13-6-1 provides procedures for deposit of funds; however, during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners (“Commissioners”) direct that Monroe County may make two deposits per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays, in a manner consistent with the attached State Board of Accounts (“SBOA”) Directive 2020-1, which is incorporated herein.

Section 2. Approval of Claims

Indiana Code 5-11-10 et seq. provides procedures for approval of claims; however, the Commissioners hereby wish to adopt the flexibility allowed by the SBOA Directive 2020-1 and to delegate to the President authority to approve claims in a manner as allowed, and as deemed necessary by the President, who may in her discretions consult with staff and elected officials regarding processes.

Section 3. Effective Date and Severability

This Ordinance takes effect upon passage by the Commissioners. Any subsequent legal or administrative action which may be necessary for the furtherance of this Ordinance is hereby authorized. Should any provision of this Ordinance be found unenforceable or invalid, the remaining portions remain in effect.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2020, by the Board of Commissioners of Monroe County, Indiana.

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Julie Thomas, President

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Lee Jones, Vice President

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Penny Githens, Member

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ATTEST: _____, Catherine Smith, Auditor