



Indiana County Commissioners COVID-19 Call Notes

Monday, March 30, 2020

11:56 AM

- **Jodi Golden (Executive Director of OCRA):** Welcome & thank you for your time and service to Indiana
- **Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch:** Thank you for your service to the State of Indiana
 - You are on the front lines and answering the hard questions for your counties
 - We want to update you with what is going on the State level but also we want to hear your concerns so we can bring them to the Governor's office as well as if there is any issues that we can bring to future executive orders
 - We will compile those into a suggestion sheet and it will go to the Governor's office to then be reviewed and decisions will be made
 - We need to work together to keep Indiana safe and we want to hear from you with what you need, what ideas you have, and so on
 - Please try to tune into Governor Eric Holcomb's address today (3/30/20) at 2:30PM (EST) for he will be addressing some different health concerns after meeting with health professionals in Indiana
 - https://livestream.com/accounts/18256195/events/9054752/player?width=960&height=540&enableInfoAndActivity=true&defaultDrawer=feed&autoplay=true&mute=false#_blank
- **Jodi Golden:** We want to update you on the repurposing of CDBG funds and to give you the information on that is Eric Ogle our CDBG program director here at OCRA
 - **Eric Ogle (CDBG Program Director):** COVID-19 Response Program with repurposed CDBG funds
 - Three areas of focus:
 - Public facilities
 - Public services
 - Economic development
 - We want to address issues that communities are facing in the above areas and there will be more detail to come on what projects those are specifically
 - Look on your email later today or this week for more detailed information on what these funds will be going towards
- **Jodi Golden:** Challenges, needs, pop-up programs we need to know about, are there challenges or needs that you have that need to be brought up to the governor's office:
 - **Cheryl Musgrave from Vanderburgh County:**
 - Challenges: The issues that the county is going to face with the loss of revenue (i.e. gas tax, property tax, hotel/tourism tax, etc.) Bankruptcy for businesses is a concern



as well as income tax from residents as well. We are going to be looking for relief and it might not be tomorrow or next week but programs farther in the future.

- **Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch:**
 - The state is in the same position and we can understand that concern. Indiana is in the process of trying to get money to Indiana residents, how will it be allocated, and working with the federal government on how to compliment programs along with theirs to help that revenue flow come back in. We are trying to work with our partners on the local level all the way up to federal to match programs for long term relief. We are aware and we are very interested in helping and we are continuing to work towards that with you. Though we don't have a clear answer at this time, it is changing and adapting day to day and we are working to get there. Please know that we are sharing it with the governor's office so that you all can serve better.
 - Contacted by a reporter last night and that the local health facility was not giving as much information about those that were infected and so the reporter was calling to get that information at the county level. Wish that the state department of health would give exact information of what the local health departments are allowed to put out so there is consistency across the state and the county commissioners do not have to answer that question.
 - **Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch:** We understand that concern and that is helpful to know. We will pass that along to the Indiana State Department of Health.
 - Thank you for the opportunity to get to talk with you all and address these challenges.
- **Jodi Golden:** Thank you and please continue to reach out if you need anything from us here at the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA.)
 - OCRA resource page available
 - <https://www.in.gov/ocra/3009.htm>
 - Press Conference Link Today (3/30/20) at 2:30PM (EST) Governor Eric Holcomb:
 - https://livestream.com/accounts/18256195/events/9054752/player?width=960&height=540&enableInfoAndActivity=true&defaultDrawer=feed&autoplay=true&mute=false#_blank