RESOLUTION 2020-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA, CONCERNING CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT POLICIES AND ACCESS TO COUNTY BUILDINGS DURING EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, the Governor of the State of Indiana declared a public health emergency as a result of the novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") outbreak in Indiana;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County declared a local disaster emergency as a result of COVID-19 for Warrick County, which declaration has subsequently been renewed on March 24, 2020 and April 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2020, the Governor of the State of Indiana renewed its declaration of a public health emergency, with such declaration to expire on May 5, 2020, unless further renewed;

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County renewed its declaration of a local disaster emergency for Warrick County, with such declaration to expire in conjunction with the public health emergency as declared by the Governor of the State of Indiana;

WHEREAS, as part of the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County's renewal of its local disaster emergency declaration on April 6, 2020, the Board of Commissioners prohibited public access to any and all County buildings or facilities until midnight on May 5, 2020;

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County also adopted Resolution 2020-05, which implemented a certain workforce reduction plan and pay resolution for all County employees effective April 1, 2020 and expiring on May 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2020, the Governor of the State of Indiana ordered that the public health emergency declaration shall expire on June 4, 2020, unless further renewed;

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County adopted Resolution 2020-07, which extended the prohibition of public access to any and all County buildings or facilities until 4:00 p.m. on May 8, 2020, and which also renewed the certain workforce reduction plan and pay resolution for all County employees to be effective through 4:00 p.m. on May 8, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Indiana State Department of Health has contracted with Optum Health, a third party vendor, to commence additional testing that will include residents of

Warrick County to determine the presence of COVID-19 beginning Wednesday, May 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of protecting the health and safety of employees of Warrick County, as well as the citizens of Warrick County, during the public health emergency as declared and subsequently renewed by the Governor of the State of Indiana, while also avoiding disruption of essential County services to which the citizens of Warrick County are entitled to continue receiving, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County desire to permit certain individuals access to County buildings and facilities for purposes specifically set forth in this Resolution, and to end the County employee workforce reduction programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana, that except as otherwise provided below, public access to certain Warrick County buildings and facilities shall continue to be restricted through 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2020, whereby there shall be no public access to any County building or facility except by prior appointment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, beginning at 8:00 a.m. on May 11, 2020 through 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2020, members of the public may access the following County services for the following specific reasons:

1. Warrick County Judicial Center
    a. *Clerk's Office*
        i. Individuals may access the Clerk's Office for the purposes of filing or performing actions related to:
            1. Protective Orders;
            2. Marriage Licenses; and
            3. For other reasons by appointment only.

    b. *Community Corrections*
        i. Individuals may access the Community Corrections office for purposes or reasons related to:
            1. Client Evaluations;
            2. Intakes;
            3. Drug Testing; and
            4. For other reasons by appointment only.

    c. *Auditor's Office*
        i. Individuals may access the Auditor's Office for the purposes of filing or performing other actions related to:
            1. Filing deductions for individuals over the age of sixty-five (65);
            2. Determination of property lines;
            3. Searches of plat books or township books; and
            4. For other reasons by appointment only.

    d. *Guardian Ad Litem*

i. Individuals may access the Judicial Center for purposes of conducting one-on-one meetings as part of the Guardian Ad Litem program, and for other reasons by appointment only.

e. *Other Offices and Departments*

i. Additional offices and departments located in the Judicial Center shall be by appointment only.

2. Warrick County Historic Courthouse

a. *Health Department*

i. Individuals may access the Health Department facilities for the purposes of attending pre-scheduled appointments with nurses and other Health Department employees, and for other reasons by appointment only.

b. *Purdue Extension Office*

i. Individuals may access the Purdue Extension Office by pre-scheduled appointment for the purposes of obtaining 4-H Supplies and other Project Manuals, and for other reasons by appointment only.

c. *Veterans Affairs Office*

i. Individuals may access the Veterans Affairs Office by pre-scheduled appointment for the purposes of filing necessary documents or performing other required actions, and for other reasons by appointment only.

d. *Other Offices and Departments*

i. Additional offices and departments located in the Historic Courthouse shall be by appointment only.

3. Offsite Offices and Departments

a. Public access to the following offices and departments shall be according to the specific policies and guidelines set by such office or department:

i. Warrick County Economic Development
ii. Warrick County Sheriff
iii. Warrick County Jail
iv. Warrick County Highway
v. Warrick County Animal Control

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana, that, beginning 8:00 a.m. on May 11, 2020

through 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2020, members of the public permitted access to County buildings and facilities in accordance with this Resolution, as well as all third party vendors and contractors retained by Warrick County to perform work inside County buildings and facilities, will be granted access only in the event the person is wearing a mask or other similar facial covering that adequately cover the individual's nose and mouth and is worn at all times while inside County buildings or facilities. Furthermore, individuals shall observe social distancing at all times while present inside a County building or facility, including, without limitation, maintaining a distance of at least six (6) feet from other individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana, that the workforce reduction plan and pay resolution for County employees as contained in Resolution 2020-05 and extended in Resolution 2020-07 shall expire effective 4:01 p.m. on May 8, 2020. Therefore, beginning 8:00 a.m. on May 11, 2020 and continuing thereafter, all Warrick County offices and departments shall return to full staff. Except as otherwise provided in Resolution 2020-06 with respect to Emergency Leave benefits and other applicable law, any and all leave, paid-time off benefits, and/or other absences of an employee shall be governed by the Warrick County Employee Handbook.

The above Resolution is passed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana, this 8th day of May, 2020.

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