

**UNION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – DECEMBER 12, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Paul Wiwi, David Woeste, Alan Alcorn, Pam Tharp, Richard Blank, Loree Persinger, Beth Richardson, Melissa Browning, and Gene Sanford

Wiwi called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Woeste moved to approve the minutes of the December 5 meeting. Wiwi seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

**BICENTENIAL PROCLAMATION:** Wiwi read a proclamation declaring December 11, 2016 as the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Indiana statehood and presented a bicentennial flag which had flown over the Statehouse on October 26<sup>th</sup> to the county. Melissa Browning reported on attending the state celebration held in Indianapolis on December 11<sup>th</sup> and presented a bicentennial flag, the torch used in the Union County portion of the relay around the state and the bicentennial banner to the county. She will look into a proper way of displaying these items.

**VOLUNTARY INSURANCE:** Tom Gentz of Advantage Group of West Chester, Ohio presented a proposal to represent the county with all of the voluntary insurance proposals that are available to county employees at their own cost. These would be things like additional life insurance, dental and vision insurance, cancer insurance, accidental injury and death insurance. These are available currently to county employees at their own cost by a multitude of agents. His proposal would be to simplify the process and categorize each insurance into a category and then compare them for best coverage and cost for our employees. The Commissioners tabled the matter for further investigation and deliberation.

**MEDICAL INSURANCE:** Warren McDonald of Health SuperVision of Mason, Ohio reported that he had been unable to get firm figures for a quote, but would like to be considered for later consideration if possible.

The Commissioners then began discussion of the proposals before them. The partially self-funded policy presented by APEX Benefits of Indianapolis which had the least cost was discussed with concerns over its acceptance by Reid Hospital. A conference call was made to APEX to discuss these concerns.

The Commissioners then met with Tyler Vanderpool of RMD who stated there was no lowering of premiums since his last proposal. Looking ahead, he suggested offering more than one policy with differences in coverage and increasing premium cost to employees.

After lengthy discussion, Woeste moved to accept Option 1 from United Health Care as presented by Tyler Vanderpool. This is an increase in employee premium from \$742.99 to \$846.66 monthly and a \$5 increase in office visit and \$1,250 increase in out of pocket expenses for employees.

**MISC:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Attest \_\_\_\_\_, Auditor