

WARRICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
107 W. Locust Street, Suite 303
Boonville, Indiana
November 4, 2020
11:00 A.M.

The Warrick County Commissioners met in emergency session with Dan Saylor, President; Robert Johnson, Vice President; and Terry Phillippe, Member. Attorney John Goth and Administrator Roger Emmons were in attendance.

Auditor Debbie Stevens and Secretary Kristine Georges attended and recorded the minutes.

President Dan Saylor called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**RESOLUTION MANDATING RESTRICTIONS FOR
CERTAIN SOCIAL AND CIVIC GATHERINGS
RESOLUTION 2020-17**

Commissioner Saylor: Call to Order the Emergency Meeting to address the Resolution for social gatherings.

Kristine Georges: Resolution number would be 2020-17.

Commissioner Saylor: So, Counselor, you want to...

John Goth: Yeah, this is a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana, mandating restrictions for certain social and civic gatherings. And what this does is it operates under the Governor of Indiana's Executive Order that allows local government units to limit the number of people at a social gathering or civic event. In this case, Warrick County is following the lead of Evansville and Vanderburgh County and setting that number at one hundred and twenty-five (125) people. A one hundred and twenty-five (125) attendees of a given event. And if there is an event that is anticipating having more than a hundred and twenty-five (125) people there, all they need to do is submit a COVID-19 mitigation plan to the Health Department. That mitigation plan needs to follow the Back on Track Indiana Initiative, which comes from the Governor's Office, and it sets forth the six (6) or so things that they need to comply with. And Health Department reviews it, make sure it's in compliance with that program initiative, and if it is, and they approve the program, the plan, then the event can take place. So, really, it's just allowing the County, the Commissioners to have a better idea what events are happening and to make sure those events are happening in compliance with the, with the Governor's Back on Track Program.

Roger Emmons: Question, now, what are, any, there's no penalties if somebody goes ahead and has this that I see.

John Goth: No, and that's kind of a result of the program itself. They can go in and shut, shut the event down. But, there's no, there's no monetary penalties for...

Roger Emmons: It's up to Aaron and/or law enforcement that could do...? Or...?

John Goth: Aaron? Yeah, the Health Department can come and shut it down if they refuse to comply. Then law enforcement (inaudible).

Roger Emmons: I mean I saw they can approve or deny or request adjustments or clarification. But, they can also shut it down.

John Goth: Yeah, yeah, and the Health Department, they, we, the Health Department's been doing these for a while. But, normally, those events are above five hundred (500) people. So, the Health Department is familiar with these types of events. There's a program and protocol is place for what they normally do and how they normally, what they normally require to meet those, those components.

Roger Emmons: Okay.

Commissioner Saylor: So, John, it doesn't say how long this is, this is in effect 'til we...?

John Goth: It's in effect until you rescind it, but, otherwise, it's in effect 'til the Governor's Executive Order allowing the County to do this is rescinded or modified.

Commissioner Saylor: Either or, and to rescind this, is that, we can do that in a regular scheduled meeting?

John Goth: Yeah. Yeah. And again, if you look under, under two (2), it lists the events that, that are generally included under social and civic gatherings, wedding ceremonies, family reunions, parties, benefits, fundraisers, fairs, festivals, carnivals, parades, community events, community holiday celebrations, conventions, non-school sporting events, concerts, performances, entertainment events. So, religious services are exempted from this as well as Warrick County School Corp sporting events are also exempted from this. (Inaudible).

Commissioner Saylor: So, Commissioners, do you have any questions or (inaudible)?

Commissioner Phillippe: I do not.

Commissioner Saylor: I guess I'll ask for a motion.

Commissioner Phillippe: I'll make a motion.

Commissioner Johnson: I'll second.

Commissioner Saylor: I have a first and a second by Commissioner Johnson. All in favor say, aye.

Commissioner Phillippe: Aye.

Commissioner Johnson: Aye.

Commissioner Saylor: Aye. Motion carries three, zero (3-0) to approve Resolution 2020-17.

John Goth: That's all I have.

Roger Emmons: John, you got an original for their signatures and Debbie's attestation?

John Goth: Yep. Sure do.

Roger Emmons: Thank you.

Commissioner Saylor: Alright, so, I need your...

Commissioner Phillippe: Make a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Saylor: I have a motion to adjourn. Do I have a second?

Commissioner Johnson: Second.

Commissioner Saylor: All in favor say, aye.

Commissioner Phillippe: Aye.


Commissioner Johnson: Aye.

Commissioner Saylor: Aye. Motion carries three, zero (3-0).

(Resolution 2020-17 is located on Pages 3 through 4 of these Official Minutes)

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M.


WARRICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



DAN SAYLOR, PRESIDENT



ROBERT JOHNSON, JR., VICE PRESIDENT



TERRY PHILLIPPE, MEMBER

ATTEST: 

DEBORAH K. STEVENS, AUDITOR
WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA

RESOLUTION 2020-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA, MANDATING RESTRICTIONS FOR CERTAIN SOCIAL AND CIVIC GATHERINGS

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 and remains in effect to date, with such declaration to expire in conjunction with the public health emergency as declared by the Governor of the State of Indiana;

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2020, the Governor of Indiana issued Executive Order 20-43, which requires that organizers of events where total attendance is expected to exceed five hundred (500) individuals submit an event plan addressing COVID-19 mitigation efforts to the local health department for approval prior to such event taking place;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-43 has subsequently been renewed by the Governor of Indiana and remains in effect to date;

WHEREAS, despite Federal, State, and local action, COVID-19 remains a serious threat to the health, safety, and welfare of Warrick County residents, requiring additional efforts to reduce the threats associated with exposure to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Warrick County is currently experiencing an increase of positive COVID-19 cases;

WHEREAS, the Warrick County Health Department has concluded that a significant number of positive COVID-19 cases have resulted from large social and community gatherings;

WHEREAS, the Warrick County Health Department has also been in communication with local healthcare institutions and has been advised that there have been significant increases in the number of COVID-19 related admissions to local hospitals, and that unless COVID-19 admissions are reduced, local healthcare institutions may face capacity issues;

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Executive Order 20-43, as renewed, permits local government units to impose more restrictive guidelines than those set forth in any Executive Order issued by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, in accordance with Subsection 1(e) of Executive Order 20-43 of the Governor of the State of Indiana, as renewed, are committed to taking action to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Warrick County by imposing restrictions on certain social gatherings in meetings in Warrick County.

RESOLUTION 2020-17

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana, as follows:

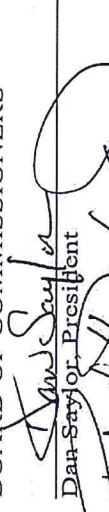
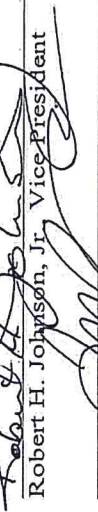

1. The organizers of any social or civic gathering(s) where the total number of those in attendance is reasonably expected to exceed one hundred twenty-five (125) persons are required to submit a written COVID-19 mitigation plan to the Warrick County Health Department at least ten (10) business days before the date of the event.
2. A “social or civic gathering” is an event involving the gathering of multiple persons from different households, whether indoors or outdoors, at the same time and in the same place to attend an event, including, without limitation, the following: weddings, ceremonies, family reunions, parties, benefits or fundraisers, fairs, festivals, carnivals, parades, community events, community holiday celebrations, conventions, non-school sporting events, concerts, performances, and entertainment events.
3. A COVID-19 mitigation plan must outline the steps that will be taken to protect against the spread of COVID-19 at the social or civic gathering, and shall address the following:
 - i. **Guest Information.** Identify information to provide to attendees regarding reminders to stay home if symptomatic or part of a high-risk population, to practice social distancing, the correct wearing of face coverings, to comply with CDC guidance, etc.
 - ii. **Screening.** Identify steps to screen staff, volunteers, and attendees for symptoms of COVID-19, such as taking of temperatures, self-reporting of any symptoms, etc.
 - iii. **Social Distancing.** Identify steps taken to ensure proper social distancing is maintained between all persons present at the social or civic gathering, such as multiple entrances, designated seating areas, one-way flow of attendees, ground markers indicating appropriate social distancing space, spacing between available seating, etc.
 - iv. **Sanitation Measures.** Identify steps taken to ensure proper cleaning and sanitization of the event space, including increased cleaning of high-touch areas and the provision of adequate handwashing and hand sanitizing stations.
 - v. **Face Coverings.** Identify that face coverings will be required to be worn by all persons present at the social or civic gathering, and outlining the steps taken to ensure compliance.
 - vi. **Compliance.** Identify the number of staff and/or volunteers who will monitor the social or civic gathering and ensure compliance with the plan as approved by the Warrick County Health Department, as well as other applicable State and local laws.
4. The Warrick County Health Department may approve, deny, or request adjustments or clarification to a COVID-19 mitigation plan.

This Resolution shall be effective as of November 4, 2020.


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Passed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County this 4th day of November, 2020.

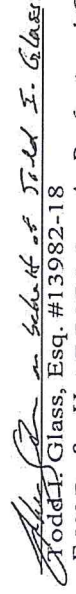
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