



Commission Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 20, 2011

Chairman Virgil Madden called the Commission Board Meeting to order on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 10:39am in the Indiana State House, Room 101.

Roll Call

Kenneth Allen, Tim Brown proxy for Bruce Lemmon, Marco Deckard proxy for Jamal Smith, Laura Heinrich proxy for Gregory Larkin, Virgil Madden proxy for Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, Elijah Neal Jr., Shanida Sharp-Byrnes proxy for Tony Bennett, Adrienne Shields proxy for Mike Carr, Rev. Joe Smith, Rep. Vernon Smith, Wayne Wellington, Rob Wynkoop

Absent – Rep. Tim Brown, Mindy Lewis, Robert Marshall Jr., Sen. Scott Schneider, Lynn Smith proxy for Gina Eckart, Sen. Greg Taylor

Guest – Krishna Hayward and Wendy Kihiu with DFR Comptroller

Staff – James Garrett Jr., Malika Mays

Financial Report

Commissioners were given copies of the financial reports for the months of January, February and March. Ms. Hayward informed commissioners that no expenditures were made from the Donations (6000) account; the standard operational expenditures were made from the Appropriations (1000) account. Commissioner Wellington moved to accept the financial report; Commissioner Rev. Smith seconded the motion; financial report was approved unanimously.

Annual Report Discussion, Review and Approval

Commissioners inquired about the previous discussion and approval for printing and distribution of the 2009-2010 annual report. Mr. Garrett will follow up with PEN Products to see what happened with that process.

Mr. Garrett provided commissioners with two copies of the 2010-2011 annual report. One copy contained all tracked changes submitted by commissioners; the second copy contained the modifications, updated charts and information. Members briefly discussed the changes. Dr. Smith expressed his dissatisfaction with the report and provided commissioners with a few of his changes. The following Commissioners have agreed to meet with Demetrees Hutchins and James Garrett to go through the annual report and address Commissioners concerns in order to produce a document that everyone is satisfied with. The meeting will take place on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 8:30am to include the following commissioners: Rep. Smith, Laura Heinrich, Tim Brown, Virgil Madden, Adrienne Shields, and James Garrett.

The Black Barbershop Health Outreach Program

The Indiana Statewide Black Barbershop Health Initiative, in collaboration with The National Black Barbershop Health Outreach Program, the Gary, Ft. Wayne and Evansville local commissions, city of Indianapolis, South Bend, Elkhart and the Indiana Minority Health Coalition, will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 11:00am-4:00pm throughout local Black owned barbershops. This initiative will offer free screenings for Diabetes and High Blood Pressure; educational information on Prostate

Cancer and community resource referrals will also be provided to attendees. Mr. Garrett requested commissioners' support of this initiative for a monetary contribution to go towards the purchase of t-shirts for the barbers and volunteers. Dr. Smith says he can provide the printed shirt at a cheaper rate than the initial quote cost; Commissioners briefly discussed this initiative; Mr. Garrett will send a copy of the press release to all Commissioners for distribution. Commissioner Rev. Smith made a motion to accept on the concept in order to move forward, with a monetary donation for the t-shirts not to exceed \$3,150; Commissioner Wellington seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Statewide Fatherhood Expo

The Indiana Dad's Expo is another initiative the Commission is partnering with for the second year in a row, in conjunction with local and statewide organizations. The Commission will be a co-supporter for the Indiana Statewide Dad's Expo to be held on Saturday, May 21, 2011 at the Forest Manor Professional Development Center from 8:30am-3:00pm. The goal is to increase the productive role of fathers in the lives of their family and children by providing useful information, workshops and helpful resources. There is no financial obligation associated with this collaboration for the commission; Malika Mays and James Garrett will be volunteering.

Community Input/Comments

Commissioner Rev. Smith expressed his concerns with our legal system and would like some direction as to who he needs to speak with and what actions need to be taken in order to assist Black males involvement in the courts and criminal justice system. Commissioners briefly discussed this concern and provided Commission Smith with some helpful information and resources.

Meeting adjourned @ 12:13pm