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## **Meeting Minutes Friday, July 21, 2023**

In attendance were Commissioner Scott Burnham, Presiding Commissioner Scott Nelson, Commissioner Ron Hook, and Administrative Coordinator Amy Kendall

Commissioner Hook called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

## **Meeting Agenda**

Commissioner Burnham made a motion to approve today's agenda. Presiding Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion.

## **Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Burnham made a motion to approve meeting minutes for Tuesday, July 18, 2023, and Wednesday, July 19, 2023. Presiding Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion.

## **Business**

A court order to void a check was presented and approved by Presiding Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner Burnham, and Commissioner Hook.

A court order to transfer funds was presented and approved by Presiding Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner Burnham, and Commissioner Hook.

A court order authorizing Presiding Commissioner Nelson to sign the letter of direction for VanAm Economic Development loan was presented and approved by Presiding Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner Burnham, and Commissioner Hook.

A court order authorizing Presiding Commissioner Nelson to sign the agreement with HUB International Mid America was presented and approved by Presiding Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner Burnham, and Commissioner Hook.

## **Adjourn**

With no further official business on the agenda Commissioner Burnham made a motion to adjourn to any unofficial business that may develop during the day. Commissioner Hook seconded the motion. All are in favor of adjourning. The meeting ended at 9:25 a.m.

## **Progressive Community Services Quarterly Meeting at 10:00 am**

### **Friday, July 21, 2023**

Attendance: Progressive Community Services Executive Director Heather Weddle, County Attorney Josh Bachman, Commissioner Ron Hook, Commissioner Burnham, Presiding Commissioner Scott Nelson and Administrative Coordinator Amy Kendall

Heather reviewed with the Commissioner's the boards attendance and the minutes of the April, May and June meetings. She also gave a copy of the 2022 Annual Report. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.

**Meeting to discuss test Results from Air Quality test Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> with Occutech at 10:30 am (Emergency Meeting)**

Attendance: Tim Miller and Fritz Ambrozi with Ambrozi Contracting, Maintenance Supervisor Roger Murphy, Auditor Tara Horn, Purchasing Agent Kim Hartman, Commissioner Ron Hook, Presiding Commissioner Scott Nelson, Commissioner Scott Burnham, Administrative Coordinator Amy Kendall, Justin with Occutech on our speaker phone. Dean Parsons with Gerken Environmental on phone (on Fritz's phone)

Presiding Commissioner Nelson started meeting, he introduced everyone. He stated the Pure Air shared their finding with us, we are here to hear your report and remediation. Justin explained he is still working on his report. He did get the lab results back; the air samples didn't show anything too alarming. The 4<sup>th</sup> floor and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor west wing air samples were more elevated than other areas. There was mold growth in the immediate areas where the drywall had sat wet for more than 72 hours, recommend that is handled properly and we recommend in that area the carpet be replaced. Other samples in the building did not show any mold spores or anything significant going on in other places in the building. Commissioner Hook asked that these were air samples? Justin confirmed yes, and explained when you compare air samples with exterior, they are low. There was moisture damage and physical mold growth in the jury room, office and court room and had to be cleaned by someone like Gerkin. A complete wipe down, clean walls and when they are done run PRV samples to make sure the area does not have concentrated mold spores. He stated the best practice is to remove and replace the carpet. Presiding Commissioner Nelson asked about fogging the area. Justin explained they don't do any remediation. Fritz stated remediation is Dean with Gerkin. Dean said the product we use can pass the PRV, that's what we look at, it's like cleaning a surgical suite. Presiding Commissioner Nelson asked what would be your procedure? Justin answered to isolate the area, put under negative air, us a machine to circulates the air and take out mold particles. Presiding Commissioner Nelson asked is this scrubbing? Justin said this is air scrubbing. Fritz stated that Gerkin is here now up in the courtroom, jury room and offices scrubbing. Once the areas are wet wiped, the area will be fogged, then let it air out, the longer the better. Then will do the testing, if it passes, we take plastic out, if it doesn't pass, we redo. Justin said after talking with Fritz about the report from Pure Air, his methodology is entirely different than what they are recommending. Justin's qualm with their methodology is they did mold sampling, once they are done, they will do air samples. He did wipe sampling, but when done they are going to air sampling. Pure Air should use same methodology. Justin does countless mold sampling, and he has an issue with them saying you have a problem on the front end and doing a difference sample on the back end. Justin has a strict PRV, you will see in his report. Another part is a visual inspection for mold, if that looks good then the PRV, if he sees anything else Gerkin must come in and redo, we are trying to give the best product to you when we are finished. Presiding Commissioner Nelson asked; are you the contractor? No. Fritz said he is the contractor Justin is the consultant, and Gerkin is the sub-contractor. Those guidelines are set out before we get started. Emergency Management Director Bill Brinton joined via conference call at 10:50 am. Justin stated he would never consider fogging as a remediation activity to remediate mold. Purchasing Agent Kim Hartman asked if he tested in the basement or 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Justin, answered, no he did not do first floor or the basement. Justin was here just for representation for Fritz to do air sampling along Pure Air and Pure air decided to do dust sampling, so Justin did air on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors where Fritz had been working. Discussion amongst all on having Justin come to test the basement and 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Fritz stated, if you did air on 1<sup>st</sup> and basement you can have someone here Monday and the results by Friday. Tim asked Justin how soon he can come back and retest courtroom and offices. Gerkin will finish today or tomorrow on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Justin can do PRV on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floor Monday, and test basement and 1<sup>st</sup> while he is here on Monday. Commissioner Hook stated we want to make sure the whole building is treated. Justin stated, if a business came to fog, it's more optics than anything. The more it dwells the more it kills, it smells good. Fritz said to Justin, when you come on Monday to do PRV and additional testing and do inspection of whole area we can come up with a plan on how to get rid of the mold. The question was asked if air comes back below PRV level and he doesn't see anything, his recommendation is we are fine. Presiding Commissioner Nelson said we would like you to come in and do a test. Presiding Commissioner Nelson asked is there a benefit if we put air scrubbers put them in subject areas or hallways and let them run, will it mask the testing or affect it? Justin said it can filter anything out that is being put out in the environment, it will affect the inspection, he prefers to wait until after the inspection.

Fritz asked Dean to remove the carpet in the law library and Cindy office, new carpeting going in. Jury and courtroom will have to be hepa vacuum cleaned. Discussion on carpet in jury and courtroom. Justin will get report to Fritz by close of business today. Phones disconnected at 11:04 am. Discussion on running scrubbers. Roger Murphy suggested getting industrial sized scrubbers to run all the time, we will have to do something long term to help with humidity in this building. Auditor Horn said about the report we have from Pure Air telling us that we shouldn't be in the building. Now we need the exact same testing done. It doesn't matter if someone does a different test saying it's ok. You do need a permanent solution and you need to get reports and compare apples to apples. Is this as bad as it seems. We all know this building takes on water, so you have 20 people doing different things. Can you get another person in here to do the same testing that Pure Air did. Fritz, said Justin is an environmental scientist, the test he was doing to see if it's here. Auditor Horn stated as Commissioners you have to do something to fix this negative report. That mold has probably been here forever. You need to know what you're dealing with and fix it and get and fix this report. Is the mold dead or alive then come up with a plan. You have to be able to explain that report to your employees, people have been complaining about being sick for a long time. Supervisor Maintenance Roger Murphy said the spots on the ceiling, it was direct condensation, it shows mold. Fritz said we will make sure when we meet with Justin, we will get a clear plan. Presiding Commissioner Nelson said to Commissioner Burnham like email you got, as far as due diligence we are looking for 2 out of 3 reports. The 3 of us will have to look at a camera and talk to the media and say this is what we have this is what we are doing. Commissioner Burnham asked if we've heard anything from insurance people. Purchasing Agent Kim Hartman said no not yet. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am