

The Mercer County Board of Developmental Disabilities held its regular meeting on 10-28-19 at the Administration Building Board Room at 7:30 pm with **President Phil Fullenkamp presiding.**

The meeting was called to order and a roll call revealed that a quorum was present.

Members Present: Mona Berning  
Phil Fullenkamp  
Beth Guggenbiller  
Deb Hecht  
Jim Maurer

Others Present: Tonya Clark  
Kathy Coon  
Samantha Fledderjohann  
Beth Gehret  
Claire Loughrige  
Joan Steinbrunner  
Shawn Thieman

**Board Member Absent:** Teri Spoltman and Mike Linton

**CONSENT AGENDA (ATTACHMENT):**

The Consent Agenda was accepted by a **motion from Jim Maurer and a second by Beth Guggenbiller. Motion was carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**VEHICLE PURCHASE** – Shawn reported that at the last meeting the Board approved the purchase of a company car at an amount of \$15,000 - \$20,000. Shawn reports that a 4-wheel drive vehicle for the EI Department has been purchased for less than \$20,000. It is a 2018 Jeep Cherokee with 40,000 miles. We will be looking for a 14 passenger transit van that is handicap accessible early next year.

**SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION** – Phil Fullenkamp reported that he has received a number of the evaluations from the DD Board members. Members need to compile and send back. Should have ready for the Budget/Finance meeting.

**BUDGET / FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Shawn reports that there will be a Budget/Finance Committee meeting on November 4, 2019 at 4:30pm in the Board room. Business Manager has preliminary budget work done for 2020.

**BOARD MEMBER VACANCY** – Deb Hecht will be retiring at the end of the year. We will reach out to the Rockford community and also talk to staff that are from Rockford (Parkway School District) about this. Shawn mentioned that he will talk to the commissioner office as they may have someone in mind.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**PEER SUPPORT UPDATE** – Shawn reported to the Board that Samantha Fledderjohann has been a wonderful addition to our staff. Sam was present and reported that the November calendar is out. She is getting RSVP's back and classes are filling up. She recently completed an 8-week Book Club held at the Chickasaw Library. She also reported on the Cookie Decorating activity that just happened, and the Cheer Clinic. The Celina cheer coach will be coaching the Special Olympics team who will compete in Bowling Green. She reports that the weightlifting program is going really well. Regional weightlifting competition is going to be held at Findlay. She began yoga (chair & Floor) for small groups, therapeutic painting class in November and will have sensory sensitive Santa in December for all age groups. Pictures will also be taken with Santa. There is a good response for this program.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS** – The building renovation project was put on hold, and now that we have hired Jay Schwieterman we are bringing it back to life. The Board agreed to go with Fanning & Howey to do some concept drawings. This contract is only for preliminary work with other contracts to follow. This agreement is for \$100 - \$130 per hour for a total cost of \$5,200.00. This new contract is to ratify acceptance of a design study with Fanning & Howey was approved by **Beth Guggenbiller** and seconded by **Mona Berning**. **Motion was carried.**

**WEBSITE REDESIGN / LOGO** – Shawn reports that Jonathan Silfies thru Westcon will be helping out to redesign our Logo. We need help putting out a more consistent message. He will also help with recruiting for providers. He will make our website more user friendly and trendy. He will help with the change in our DD Logo. Feel this is a good time when everything is changing. He will be coming back in on October 31, 2019 to start laying things out. Will bring the Board ideas one he has some of them ready. We will try to have him come to a Board meeting in the future.

## **SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION –**

**DRO lawsuit.** This was in regards to individuals in ICF's, and in Developmental Centers. We have one ICF in Mercer County and the State wants to be sure that individuals are not unnecessarily institutionalized. The State has fought this lawsuit for two years. Feel that this was settled because of all new leadership.

**School Building.** The southwest corner of the school building is showing moisture spots and paint flaking off. Will be having Fanning & Howey look at more than just the school building entrance. Building is to nice and want to be proactive when seeing issues. Shawn reports that some money was added in to the budget for the front entrance to the school building and we may need to add even more funds. We are also getting requests from staff and the ESC to update the gym. It is dated and the space could be better utilized. Would like to have use of gym for Samantha's activities and sporting events.

**Motion was made to adjourn by Mona Berning and a second by Jim Maurer. Motion was carried. Meeting adjourned.**

The next meeting will be held in the Board Room in the Administration Building at **7:30pm** on **November 25, 2019.**