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**KENTUCKIANA REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
(KIPDA)**

JULY BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

**MEETING CONDUCTED THROUGH ZOOM
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THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020 – 2:00 P.M.

The 548th meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency met at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2020 via Zoom video conference. Members in attendance were:

Honorable Byron Chapman, Chairman, Mayor of Middletown, Jefferson County, Kentucky

Honorable David Voegelé, Secretary/Treasurer, Oldham County Judge/Executive, Oldham County, Kentucky

Honorable Dan Ison, Shelby County Judge/Executive, Shelby County, Kentucky

Honorable Beverly Chester Burton, Mayor of Shively, Jefferson County, Kentucky

Honorable Rick Tonini, Mayor of St. Matthews, Jefferson County, Kentucky

Mr. Matt Meunier, representing Honorable Bill Dieruf, Mayor of Jeffersontown, Jefferson County, Kentucky

Mr. Jeff O'Brien, representing Honorable Greg Fischer, Mayor of Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky

Mr. Kevin Baity, representing Honorable Ryan Ramsey, Town Board President, Clark County, Indiana

Honorable David Eaton, Mayor of Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky

Honorable Shawn Carruthers, President, Floyd County Commissioners, Floyd County, Indiana

Honorable Jack Coffman, President, Clark County Commissioners, Clark County, Indiana

Mr. Andy Crouch, representing Honorable Mike Moore, Mayor of Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana

Honorable Jim Travis, District 3 Magistrate, Spencer County, Kentucky

Mr. Keith Griffée, Bullitt County Fiscal Court, Bullitt County, Kentucky

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Honorable Jerry Summers, Bullitt County Judge/Executive, Bullitt County, Kentucky

Honorable John Riley, Spencer County Judge/Executive, Spencer County, Kentucky

Honorable Todd Pollock, Trimble County Judge/Executive, Trimble County, Kentucky

Honorable Joe Robinson, Mayor of Bedford, Trimble County, Kentucky

Honorable John Black, Mayor of LaGrange, Oldham County, Kentucky

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

REPRESENTING

Mr. Jarrett Haley

KIPDA

Mr. Tom Pope

KIPDA

Ms. Rachael Miller

KIPDA

Ms. Kelly Tyra Cecil

KIPDA

Ms. Danielle Story

KIPDA

Mr. Justin Carter

KIPDA

Ms. Olivia Ranseen

KIPDA

Ms. Hayden Kandul

KIPDA

Ms. Amanda Spencer

KIPDA

Ms. Jessica Elkin

KIPDA

Ms. Lynne Evans

KIPDA

Ms. Jennifer Craig

KIPDA

Ms. Theresa Miller

KIPDA

Ms. Julie Cassin

KIPDA

Ms. Mitzi Wyrick

Wyatt, Tarrant, & Combs

Councilman Bernard Bowling

St. Matthews, Kentucky

Governor Andy Beshear

Commonwealth of Kentucky

ROLL CALL

Executive Director Haley called roll and stated a quorum was present.

WELCOME

Chairman Chapman welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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Judge Pollock moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting held June 25, 2020. Mayor Tonini seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

JUNE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Pope presented the June financial report. The majority of the known expenses for this fiscal year are in. A few more expenses may come in later and a few changes may occur, but none of the changes will be significant. As the first page shows, each activity within each division is within its budget.

There are some large budget balances on the report, but a lot of that money will be able to be carried forward for programs into next fiscal year. KIPDA will monitor those balances to make sure the agency makes the best use of them.

The agency-wide line item revenues and expenditures report shows that overall, the agency is in good shape. There has been some flexibility within the Social Services Division budget because of the COVID funding and CARES Act money that the agency received. The Board gave approval to allow some flexibility with that funding to allocate some of that money to providers that needed it to serve clients. There are some areas where it looks like there is overspending because of this, but there are plenty of funds for all the activities.

The last part of the report is the balance sheet which shows that the agency is in a sound financial position.

Judge Voegele moved to approve the report. Judge Riley seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

REPORT FROM THE GOVERNOR

Governor Beshear thanked each Board member for their leadership and efforts throughout the pandemic situation. No one could know what they would have to face during this period of time. It is not just an international pandemic that has turned every part of our lives upside-down. It is a challenge for which there is no real playbook. COVID-19 is a virus that was brand new to us, and we are still learning about it as we move forward. Through the work done in the KIPDA region and the

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work of so many across this Commonwealth, where we are today, even with the recent escalations we are seeing, is so much better than anyone could have anticipated.

The very first set of modeling that I received as a new governor showed that we would lose 80,000 Kentucky lives from COVID-19. I had a difficult time talking to anyone for about three days after receiving that news. I was trying to absorb that information and look at the different ways that we could react. Thankfully, that was not what happened in Kentucky, but something close to it or more tragic than we have experienced would have happened; it was on pace to happen as the infection rate was doubling pretty similar to cities like New York and others. However, thanks to the work of the leaders here and so many others, the people of Kentucky came together and at a very dangerous time stopped a virus in a very significant way.

Of course, we are not fully through it yet, and what we are seeing right now are some very dangerous escalations in our southern states of the United States. My extended family has been in the funeral home business for generations, and it broke my heart when I found out that there is a Southern Indiana casket maker that cannot make caskets fast enough to keep up with demand. The caskets are going out on 18-wheelers to states in the south of the country. While we are still in a dangerous time, I am hopeful. I am hopeful because we have shown the leadership before. I am hopeful because we see people coming around to do what it takes. I am hopeful because the people of Kentucky are strong, and I see us on track to start blunting this new curve of infections.

Our partnerships with our area development districts have always been impactful. What they have done might change, but they have always provided help and always been important. In light of COVID-19 we find out just how important the actions of area development districts are. Regional planning to continue planning for the future is very important, and everything being done to get through what is happening right now has been truly remarkable. How much KIPDA cares about the people it serves has never been on display more than it is right now.

Regional planning continues everywhere, including the \$90 million rehabilitation and painting of the Sherman Minton bridge that connects Jefferson County, Kentucky with Floyd County, Indiana. You are the first to know about the Kentucky Department for Community Based Services launching a new program in 25 counties, including Jefferson, Bullitt, and Oldham, that will help young people in foster care transition into adulthood. I hope that this is one area where focus can continue from a prior governor administration through and beyond a current

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administration. There is already a similar program making good progress in Southern Indiana called the Intercept Program.

COVID-19 has significantly impacted our state budget and is hitting local budgets as well. The state was fortunate to receive news yesterday that as we close our books on fiscal year 2020 the state budget will be in the black. The state is going to add about \$50 million to our rainy-day fund, and that was due to better-than-expected revenue coming in. The state also cut a fair amount of expenses in the executive branch. This will give Kentucky a solid footing to start this fiscal year, but it will be devastating on the state and local budgets if they do not receive more federal aid. Right now, we are forecasting about a \$1.1 billion state budget shortfall, and that would require the single largest budget cuts in our history to try and manage it. There is another round of CARES Act funds that is being debated right now in Washington, and it needs to include both state and local assistance. For example, the amount of help that was provided just to the state during the Great Recession would be enough to significantly close that budget gap.

I hope Congress will be willing to do something similar or at least give the state additional flexibility on the earlier CARES Act money, \$300 million of which has already been made available to local governments. The difficulty in using the money is the strings that are currently attached to its use and not currently allowing it to be used for direct revenue loss. It is possible that a new round of CARES Act funding will be sent directly to state and local governments, or additional flexibility is allowed for how to use the first round of funding. Assistance from the federal government has provided temporary access to health insurance, access to food, and many other needed goods and services.

As of Tuesday, over one and a half million Kentuckians had or were enrolled in Medicaid and K-CHIP, which is about one in three Kentuckians. When we look at where we are in helping people during this crisis, we try to be honest. I wish our unemployment situation was going better in how it is processed, but the state is significantly making up some ground in that area. The way in which Medicaid has provided health insurance coverage to those who have lost it has been stellar. It has been on the complete opposite end of the spectrum now with just a one-page form for people to fill out. Many people have also been signed up and are receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits (SNAP) as well.

There have been increases in Medicaid enrollment in many counties in the KIPDA region. Kids in all counties who are eligible for free and reduced-price lunches at schools have been able to receive those benefits, and all of our local

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communities have done a remarkable job in this situation. There have been so many different organizations in the communities step up and help provide food to those in need. This help includes senior citizens as well. I believe when we are out of this pandemic situation it is going to be one of the most amazing stories of compassion and local governments and organizations truly filling needs seamlessly.

Long-term care facilities house those who are some of the most at-risk for COVID-19. The numbers in Kentucky have not been great. We are doing better than many other places in the rest of the country, but that is not how we judge this. We judge it based on how well we are preventing people from losing their lives. We have seen at least one positive case in two facilities in Bullitt County, two in Oldham, and 58 in Jefferson County. We are taking actions that are the standard, including testing all individuals at these facilities, including the staff. What we have learned is that COVID-19 is mainly getting into facilities through the staff, so we will transition from overall testing to a surveillance method of testing of staff members. That means that staff members that work in these facilities need to get tested regularly, so we can determine when someone is positive for COVID-19.

Earlier this month the one millionth meal was delivered to a senior citizen during the pandemic. These senior citizens are some of the most vulnerable to the virus and some of the most isolated during this pandemic. It was a special moment when that meal was delivered for so many different reasons. KIPDA has saved lives through all the things that they do. Making the right decisions and doing the right things results in saving the lives and health of individuals. There are some challenges moving forward because the virus is also having an impact on the state's economy. The health of the economy is directly tied to how the state deals with the virus. Public health and the economy are entirely and directly connected. Economists are advising that having at least a 90% participation rate of individuals wearing a facial covering will save over \$10 million in economic activity here in Kentucky.

Our challenge right now is that cases of infection are increasing. People throughout the state were doing really well up until May, and then as things began opening back up in early June, people may have let their guard down. Now, the state is seeing an escalation in COVID cases. The recent steps that we have taken were taken both for public health and to protect the state's economy. The state looked at changes that could be made that would not impact an individual's job that had been re-opened but could help cut down on more infections. The facial coverings, social gatherings of no more than ten, and the travel advisory were all put into place to protect individuals and have been recommended by the White House. We hope to see an impact within the next five days with the facial coverings and an impact within the

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next six or seven days with limited social gatherings and the travel advisory. Because of the incubation period of the virus, there is a delay of about two weeks when the reports of new cases come in. I hope that we can continue to safe and smart to keep people safe.

I have been a big supporter of KIPDA's programs since before I became governor, and I am very grateful for the amazing work that KIPDA has done in the midst of this virus.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. Spencer stated that the Transportation Policy Committee met on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom video conference. The committee approved Amendment 1 to the Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) long- and short-range plan documents. That amendment included eight new or revised projects. The committee also approved over \$25 million in project awards with Kentucky dedicated MPO funds (STBG and TA). The committee also awarded \$189,000.00 in Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds for a cost increase on an existing project. An increase of the cost threshold for safety projects in the MPO's group project policy was also approved by the committee, from \$1 million to \$2 million.

Mayor Tonini moved to approve the report. Judge Pollock seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION FY 2021 CONTRACTS

Ms. Spencer requested approval for KIPDA to provide up to \$43,125.00 in Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) funding to TARC for annual planning/data collection services. TARC will use these funds to monitor transit routes and provide KIPDA with transit ridership data which is critical to MPO planning activities.

Judge Pollock moved to approve the contract. Mayor Tonini seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Ms. Spencer requested approval for KIPDA to provide up to \$130,000.00 in MPO funding to Louisville Metro for planning/data collection services. Louisville

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Metro will conduct traffic counts and provide KIPDA with traffic information which is critical to MPO Planning activities, including travel demand modeling.

Judge Voegele moved to approve the contract. Mayor Chester Burton seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Ms. Spencer requested approval for KIPDA to provide up to \$200,000.00 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds awarded to Louisville Metro Government for the Air Pollution Control District (APCD) by the MPO. APCD will use these funds for its community outreach and education program, Kentuckiana Air Education (KAIRE). KAIRE's primary goal is to increase public awareness of the impacts individual choices can have on local air quality.

Mr. Baity moved to approve the contract. Mayor Chester Burton seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Ms. Spencer requested approval for KIPDA to use MPO funds to continue the Transportation Division's contract with ESRI for use of ArcGIS. The cost for this service from August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021 is \$17,750.00 and covers 16 licenses, several other tools, good support, and allows the division to share data with the public via interactive mapping.

Mr. Meunier moved to approve the contract. Mayor Tonini seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Ms. Story reported that the Regional Water Management Council met on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom video conference. Jennifer Taimi with the Kentucky Division of Water Municipal Planning Section gave a presentation on sanitary surveys, asset management inventory, and how a lack of adequate capacity can disqualify a system from receiving state revolving loan funds. Hilda Legg with Rural Development provided the council with a program overview and information on available loans and grants. Edith Halbleib, Director of the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, led a discussion on how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected water and wastewater operations in the region, and how system directors and state agencies can effectively work together to address problems and concerns moving forward.

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The council approved three new projects. North Shelby Water Company and U.S. 60 Water District both has projects approved, and Shelbyville Municipal Water and Sewer Water Commission had their new Shelbyville wastewater treatment plant project approved as well.

The next Regional Water Management Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom video conference. The fiscal year 2021 county and regional water and sewer rankings will be approved at that meeting. Any projects seeking state or revolving loan funding for the upcoming cycle must be submitted to Mr. Justin Carter, the Regional Water Management Coordinator, before that meeting.

Mayor Eaton moved to approve the report. Judge Ison seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

CED DIVISION ACTIVITIES

Ms. Story stated that there have been many activities and ongoing work in the Community and Economic Development Division here at KIPDA.

Grants that have been submitted:

- Homeland Security Grant
 - Trimble County Fiscal Court to replace outdated hazmat suits for the hazmat team for a total cost of \$12,116.56
- Land & Water Conservation Fund
 - Shelby County- to upgrade Mose Dale Park in the Martinsville neighborhood in Shelbyville - \$50,000
 - Spencer County- for installation of lights on a second field at Ray Jewell Ball Park - \$99,000

State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) Update:

- Bedford was awarded a \$909,500 loan from KIA from the FY20 loan invitation for the Wastewater System Improvements project - \$1,819,000 total project cost
- MSD received a loan invitation from KIA for \$8,270,000 for the Rosa Terrace, Sanders, Wathen, and Sonne Pump Station Project

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In progress:

- Bedford- CDBG - \$909,500
- Hardy Creek Water Extension - Self Help CDBG- \$33,062
- Roe Hill Rd Area Water Main Extension & Pump Station Project
 - Bullitt County/Louisville Water - \$999,200
- SRF Administration for MSD.
 - MSD Hite Creek Water Quality Treatment Center Expansion- Davis-Bacon and American Iron & Steel Portion - \$27,829,000.
 - MSD Nightingale I & I Elimination Project - \$4,445,000.
- SRF Administration for Lagrange Sewer Interceptor Expansion project.
\$3,121,200
- CDBG Administration for Lebanon Junction Preston Highway Water System Improvements
- GPS Stormwater Infrastructure Project for Shepherdsville
 - \$235,000 - should be complete by the end of the fiscal year
- Comp plan update for Henry County
 - Currently underway
- Spencer County Solid Waste Plan update

Upcoming:

- HMP
 - Applied for the FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to assist the update to KIPDA's Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan to keep our region in compliance in order to receive assistance from FEMA in the amount of \$188,892.
 - In the winter of 2020, KIPDA CED was selected to be a partner of the Indiana Sustainability Development Program (ISDP) through Indiana University-Bloomington. As a partner, KIPDA was paired with IU Bloomington student, Charlotte McFerran. Charlotte is an undergraduate at IU and is from New Albany, IN. ISDP provided Charlotte with a stipend for her internship with us this summer. By the end of the summer, Charlotte will have put in over 400 hours of work for KIPDA. She spent most of her summer digging into climate research and created a report that evaluates how climate change will

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impact the intensity of natural hazards like floods, drought, etc. in the KIPDA region. This report will be included in the 2021 KIPDA Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. She will also present the report to River Hills Economic Development District, who oversees the hazard mitigation plans for Clark and Floyd County in Indiana. This is the first time KIPDA has developed a climate change report for the region.

- CEDS update
 - CEDS plan is federally required by the EDA to keep our region in compliance for funding. A yearly update to economic and demographic data is required.
- Resiliency Plan/Disaster Coordinator will be hired as part of the funding through the EDA
 - EDA Funding through the CARES Act for COVID-19 response
 - 1) The development of an economic recovery and resilience plan, tied to the ADD's approved Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), to address the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic,
 - 2) The deployment of disaster recovery coordinators to orchestrate the region's response to the pandemic,
 - 3) The provision of technical assistance, as necessary, to local governments, business, and other stakeholder organizations, and
 - 4) The funding of appropriate technology and staff support for these pandemic-response activities.

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DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING DISPERSMENT

The Division of Social Services is requesting approval by the Board to authorize the following requests.

Business Action for Consideration	Reason for Action	Action Requested by the Board
FY 20 Homecare Funds Distribution to Pennyriple ADD, Gateway ADD, and Kentucky River ADD	The Department of Aging and Independent Living requested KIPDA consider allocating unused KIPDA Homecare funds to support three other ADDS. Pennyriple ADD (\$16,130), Gateway ADD (\$47,500), and Kentucky River ADD (\$50,000) exceeded their state allocations due to COVID meal requests. The total of their requests to be transferred is \$113,630. This available balance was due in part to Homecare clients requesting services be on hold during the height of COVID-19 cases and due to inability to perform in-person assessments. With these transfers, KIPDA's unspent Homecare balance is under \$65,000 which is less than 2% of the FY 20 budget.	Authorize KIPDA to distribute Homecare Funds to Gateway ADD, Kentucky River ADD, and Pennyriple ADD.

Judge Pollock moved to approve the request. Mayor Chester Burton seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES FY 2021 BUSINESS

The Division of Social Services is requesting approval by the Board to authorize the following contracts.

Contract Numbers	Contractor Name	Service Description	KIPDA Funding	Match	Total Project
<p>KIPDA is awaiting its final allocation of Federal and State funds from the Department for Aging and Independent Living. All recommendations for awards are contingent upon receipt of final allocations and availability of funds. KIPDA is requesting award of contracts to the following entities to the following entities to carry out services on behalf of KIPDA July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.</p>					
FY2021-1002 (CATH)	Catholic Charities	Title III-B Ombudsman Services	38,873	6,860	45,733
		Title VII Elderabuse Prevention Services	11,762	2,076	13,838.00
		Title VII Ombudsman Services	22,615	3,991	26,606.00
		Title VII Ombudsman CARES Act Services (no match required) (FY 20 balance)	32,404	-	32,404.00
		Long-Term Care Ombudsman and Ombudsmanager Software (FY21 = \$2,649)	163,673		163,673.00
FY2021-1003 (CVA)	Commonwealth-Visiting Angels	Homecare Homemaker Services	12.80	1.42	14.22
		Homecare Escort - Assisted Transportation	12.80	1.42	14.22
		Homecare Personal Care Services	12.80	1.42	14.22
		Homecare Respite Services	12.80	1.42	14.22
		III-B In-Home Emergency Services (Personal Care,	25.60	4.52	30.12