Minutes: Mental Health & Recovery

Board of Portage County 155 E. Main St., Kent

Members Present: Albert Barber, Denise DePerro, Audrey Kessler, Jeff Langstaff, Iris Meltzer, Roy Mosley, William Nome, Valerie Root, Emily Schmidlin

Members Not Present for Board Meeting: LaTesha Dukes, Jennifer Schumm

Board Staff Present: John Garrity, Karyn Kravetz, George DeBord, Terra Howell-Muth, Gina Greenhalgh, Linda Hankins, Joshua Collins, Laura Dotts

Guests: None

Valerie Root was sworn in by William Nome.

The Quorum was met with 9 members present.

William Nome called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

MOTION I

Audrey Kessler moved to approve spending up to \$7,500,000.00 to build a new Portage County Crisis Center utilizing up to \$2,000,000 of board levy dollars combined with another \$5,500,000 of other funding. This \$7,500,000 could be paid to various vendors. Iris Meltzer seconded. Discussion: John Garrity outlined the open bid process used for selecting the construction company. Al Barber asked why these motions needed to be approved and will there need to be additional motions for this construction project. John explained that the State required these specific motions to release ARPA funds, and that motion 2 will mitigate the need for the board to pass motions for every decision related to the construction project. The Board will receive regular updates on the project. Motion carried. Jeff Langstaff abstained. (Aye: 8 Nay: 0 Abstain: 1)

MOTION II

Audrey Kessler moved to approve the Executive Director, Dr. John Garrity, and Board Chair, William Nome, Esq., signing authority on all matters relating to the Portage County Crisis Building Project It is Project # APR-0003A and the project address is 3922 Lovers Lane, Ravenna, Ohio 44266. Albert Barber seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. William Nome abstained. (Aye: 8 Nay: 0 Abstain: 1)

MOTION III

Audrey Kessler moved to allow the Executive Director to contract with Turner Construction Company to provide pre-construction planning for up to \$100,000.00:

Provider/Vendor	Contract	Proposed Not to Exceed Amount	Grant Period
Turner Construction Company 1422 Euclid Avenue, Suite 200 Cleveland, Ohio 44115 (216) 522-1180	To provide pre-construction project work on the Portage County Crisis Center	\$100,000	7/1/24- 12/31/24

Denise DePerro seconded. Discussion: The "pre-construction" wording of this motion is required by the State. The actual amount for the pre-construction work is expected to be less than \$100,000. This amount includes a buffer in the event of unforeseen costs. The \$100,000 is included in the \$7,500,000 approved in Motion 1. Motion carried. (Aye: 9 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0)

MOTION VII

Jeff Langstaff moved to adjourn. Albert Barber seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. (Aye: 9 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Dotts