

STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

PETITION OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE,)
INDIANA, FOR AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS,)
NOTES, OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS, FOR)
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES) CAUSE NO. 45262
AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE,)
AND FOR APPROVAL OF NEW SCHEDULES OF)
WATER RATES AND CHARGES.)

OUCC’S MOTION TO OPEN THE RECORD

Pursuant to 170 IAC 1-1.1-22 (a) and (b), the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) hereby petitions the commission to reopen the proceeding for the purpose of taking additional evidence.

In support of this petition, the OUCC notes that since the record closed in this case, the OUCC learned that Petitioner has been awarded \$700,000 for drinking water system improvements to its supply and treatment plant as well as to the distribution system. According to the information received by the OUCC, the supply and treatment plant improvements will consist of drilling three new wells, renovating the interior of the existing treatment facility building and constructing a new facility; and the distribution system improvements will consist of replacing approximately 11,200 linear feet of high priority water mains with approximately 80 isolation valves, 80 hydrants and replacing the Hacker Creek Booster Station with new electrical components.

The information the OUCC petitions to introduce into the record is the January 9, 2020 Press Release issued by Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs announced that 21 rural Hoosier communities will receive more than \$12.3 million in federal grant funding. The Press Release is attached hereto as Attachment A.

The information is material to the proceeding because the award is apparently to be expended in whole or in part on capital improvements for which Petitioner has requested, and the OUCC has agreed Petitioner should have, financing authority from the Commission.

The OUCC was unaware Petitioner was being considered for the grant of funds. Moreover, such award was not declared until after the close of evidence in this case.

As such, the information represents a material change of fact that occurred since the conclusion of the hearing that could not have reasonably been foreseen by the OUCC. The OUCC desires to offer the foregoing for the purpose of maintaining candor to the Commission of material facts.

WHEREFORE, the OUCC asks the Commission to open record to permit the introduction of Attachment A and such other proper relief.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing *Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor's Motion to Open the Record* has been served upon the following counsel of record in the captioned proceeding by electronic service on January 31, 2020.

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Subject: FW: Crouch announces 21 communities to receive more than \$12 million

FYI. Most of these are for water, wastewater, and stormwater projects, including Martinsville.

From: Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs <ocra@subscriptions.in.gov>
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Jan. 9, 2020

Crouch announces 21 communities to receive more than \$12 million

INDIANAPOLIS (Jan. 9, 2020) – Today, Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs announced that 21 rural Hoosier communities will receive more than \$12.3 million in federal grant funding.

“I’m thrilled to kick off the new year by awarding these 21 rural communities with over \$12 million in grant funding that will take them to even greater levels,” said Lt. Governor Crouch. “This funding will support projects that are crucial to their continued economic development efforts, and will ultimately improve the quality of life for residents throughout the community.”

The state of Indiana distributes Community Development Block Grant funds to rural communities to assist units of local government with various community projects such as: infrastructure improvement, downtown revitalization, public facilities and economic development.

“This was the first round to fully utilize the new [Indiana Electronic Grants Management System](#) as announced last year by Lt. Governor Crouch,” said Jodi Golden, Executive Director of OCRA. “This new system has streamlined the application and funds distribution process and we are excited for how it will continue to help us improve the quality of life for Hoosiers across the state.”

The first round of the 2020 CDBG program begins on February 24, 2020, with proposals due on April 3 at 4 p.m. ET and final applications due May 22 at 4 p.m. ET.

For more information, visit www.in.gov/ocra/cdbq.htm.

Main Street Revitalization Program

The Main Street Revitalization Program encourages communities with eligible populations to focus on long-term community development efforts. Eligible applicants have a designated active Indiana Main Street group in their community, and the project must be a part of the Main Street's overall strategy. Main Street Revitalization Program projects include streetscapes, facade renovations and downtown infrastructure rehabilitation.

The **City of Logansport** is awarded \$600,000 for a façade improvement project. This project will restore the façades of 8 buildings in the two designated historic districts within the city's Main Street district. The project will address blighted building conditions, restore original and historical façade features and create a more aesthetic appearance within the Main Street district to improve quality of place.

The **Town of Remington** is awarded \$600,000 for a streetscape project. This project replaces sidewalks and curbs along North and South Railroad Street with decorative crosswalks and sidewalks which connect parking areas to local businesses. Both North and South Railroad Street will be repaved, and additional seating areas will be added around the Remington Depot, as well as street trees and improved pedestrian crossings.

Public Facilities Program

The goals of the Public Facilities Program is to improve quality of place, generate jobs and spur economic revitalization through improving community facilities or historic preservation projects. Eligible community facilities include fire stations, community centers, daycares, libraries, museums, senior centers and performance spaces.

The **Town of Birdseye** is awarded \$500,000 to build a new fire station. The new 5,150 square foot station will provide an increase of 1,691 square feet and will include HVAC, plumbing and electrical systems as well as a large concrete pad on the east side of the building to pull the vehicles out of the building.

The **Town of Kentland** is awarded \$500,000 to construct a new 6,673 square foot fire station to serve Jefferson Township and the Town of Kentland. This station will have five double drive-through bays, another bay for the department's equipment and will feature office space, training and meeting rooms, shower facilities and a mezzanine level for storage and exercise equipment.

The **Town of Mecca** is awarded \$500,000 to rehabilitate the town's fire station. The project will repurpose the current 3,450 square foot truck bay space into a multi-functional space for training, running reports and a community gathering place. Also, additions to the building will include locker room space and two drive through truck bays with two back-in truck bays totaling 3,262 square feet.

Randolph County is awarded \$500,000 to renovate the Jay-Randolph Developmental Services building. This facility, which provides residential, community and center-based services for people with disabilities, will build an addition to include an ADA accessible kitchenette with sinks, stoves and client cabinets. Some exterior renovations, such as adding a handicap ramp and canopy for entry and exit along with some site demolition, will also be completed. Finally, facility restrooms will be relocated and improved to better accommodate clients and allow space for staff members to assist as needed.

Wabash County is awarded \$500,000 to renovate the former Wabash Plain Dealer Newspaper building to serve as a community thrift store and house the following non-profit organizations: Wabash Lighthouse Missions, Advantage Housing of Wabash County, 85 Hope and FISH of Wabash. This multi-use facility will feature medical examinations rooms, a locked pharmacy storage room, counseling suites, ADA restrooms, dressing rooms and a covered donation area.

Stormwater Improvement Program

The Stormwater Improvement Program strives to reduce flooding, to cut stormwater treatment and energy costs, to protect rivers, lakes and vital landscape and generate jobs to spur economic revitalization. Types of activities that are eligible for this grant funding include stormwater improvements, as well as demolition and/or clearance.

The **Town of Chandler** is awarded \$600,000 for drainage improvements. This project will install two stormwater detention facilities to offset the burden on the existing stormwater infrastructure. The proposed work for both facilities will include approximately 3.9 acres of clearance, 3,550 cubic yards of stripping, 9,350 cubic yards of excavation and two new outlet structures along with erosion control and seeding.

The **City of Ligonier** is awarded \$450,000 for drainage improvements. This project will replace existing deteriorated storm drainage lines and inlets in order to eliminate the ponding of surface water and sanitary sewer back-up issues currently being faced by residents. Approximately 2,173 lineal feet of new storm drainage lines will be added along with 16 new inlets and standard manhole castings.

The **City of Union City** is awarded \$600,000 for drainage improvements. This project will remove and replace 23 catch basins and remove and replace approximately 775 lineal feet of storm sewers along Clifford Street. Along Columbia Street, an eight inch PVC or polyethylene liner will be installed in an existing eight-inch storm sewer line. Finally, the project will include the addition of six concrete storm manholes along with eight-catch basins.

Wastewater Drinking Water Program

The goals of the Wastewater Drinking Water Program are to protect the health and environment, reduce utility rates for low-to-moderate income communities and improve rural infrastructure to enable long-term economic growth. Eligible Wastewater Drinking Water Program projects include many aspects of wastewater improvements and drinking water system improvements.

The **Town of Advance** is awarded \$700,000 for wastewater system improvements. The project will install various improvements to the Town's municipal wastewater utility, including treatment plant upgrades and replacements. In addition, both of the lift stations will be upgraded and 6,600 lineal feet of sewer lateral segments will also be replaced.

The **City of Alexandria** is awarded \$700,000 for wastewater system improvements. The project includes building a new 1,200 square foot climate-controlled building to protect the chemical feed system and bulk storage tank. The new building will have a spill containment curb inside, HVAC equipment, two overhead doors, a manual security entry door, electrical and instrumental controls and fixtures. Additional improvements include replacing the clarifier drive assembly, replacing the center torque tube and scraper arms, installing two weir panels and clarifier trough replacements along with a sandblast and paint bridge.

The **Town of Brookville** is awarded \$600,000 for sewer line system improvements. The project will cover the relocation of the gravity sewer on Progress Street and the rehabilitation of the wastewater treatment plant's west clarifier. The work on Progress Street involves demolishing the existing sanitary sewer and installing new PVC lines west of the current line, excavating existing fill soils until native soils are encountered and replacement with soils similar to the native soils to provide stability. The rehabilitation of the west clarifier will involve replacement of the weirs, weir troughs, support brackets and scaffolding rehabilitation.

The **Town of Carlisle** is awarded \$600,000 for drinking water system improvements. The project will upgrade the town's water treatment facility, to include replacing the existing gallon per minute package treatment units along with structural improvements to the building's HVAC system, electrical wiring system, need another word here and emergency backup generator system. Also, new high service pump motors and variable frequency drives will be installed, as well as new pressure and flow instrumentation devices.

The **Town of Eaton** is awarded \$600,000 for drinking water system improvements. The project will be inserting 37 valves on the asbestos pipe on both sides of the intersection and installing a new C900 main water line between the valves. Specifically, 690 linear feet of granular back fill will be added along with 665 linear feet of water main. Five cross fittings will also be installed as well as nine clamps and sleeves, 15 tap and corporation stops and an additional 600 linear feet of water service line.

The **Town of Glenwood** is awarded \$250,663 for wastewater system improvements. The project will install a premanufactured building at the entrance of the wastewater lagoon. Once built, the building will house two new chemical feed pumps to supply chemicals to the wastewater prior to reaching the lagoons. A new panel board for general equipment operational purposes will be installed along with 400 feet of wastewater service line and 433 feet of chemical feed piping to reach the lagoons.

The **City of Martinsville** is awarded \$700,000 for drinking water system improvements to the supply and treatment plant as well as to the distribution system. The supply and treatment plant improvements will consist of drilling three new wells, renovating the interior of the existing treatment facility building and constructing a new facility. The distribution system improvements will consist of replacing approximately 11,200 linear feet of high priority water mains with approximately 80 isolation valves, 80 hydrants and replacing the Hacker Creek Booster Station with new electrical components.

The **Town of Milltown** is awarded \$700,000 for wastewater system improvements. The project will improve the wastewater treatment plant by installing a new AeroMod type package plant, which contains most of the treatment operations into one tank. The existing digestors, headworks, clarifiers and oxidation ditch will be demolished.

The **Town of Newport** is awarded \$700,000 for drinking water system improvements. The project will renovate the deteriorating infrastructure with the purpose of preventing a complete system failure. Renovations include: upgrading all the well disinfection facilities, back-up power and control; building a new well building, installing SCADA equipment, replacing the existing water treatment plant, along with replacing the booster station and existing ground storage tank.

The **Town of Spencer** is awarded \$700,000 for sewer system improvements. The project will focus on the rehabilitation of the existing sewer mains and manholes with cured-in-place pipe lining and internal manhole coatings. Specifically, the cleaning, video measuring and removal of protruding laterals will be conducted and installation of approximately 8,400 linear feet of sewer mains as cured-in-place pipe will be performed. An internal manhole coating system will be added to rehabilitate the existing manholes and inflow dishes under manhole castings located in low lying and flood prone areas will be installed.

The **City of Washington** is awarded \$700,000 for wastewater system improvements. The project will replace the wastewater treatment plant maintenance building. It will house the newly required chemical feed system along with new chemical storage and pumps.

Funding for OCRA's CDBG programs originates from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant program and is administered for the State of Indiana by OCRA.

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Under the leadership of [Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch](#), who also serves as the Secretary of Rural Development, the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs' (OCRA) mission is to work with local, state and national partners to provide resources and technical assistance to assist communities in shaping and achieving their vision for community and economic development. For more information, visit ocra.in.gov.

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