

The meeting was held virtually on Zoom due to the Covid 19 virus.

1. The meeting was called to order by Jim Frazier, Superintendent of the Brown County ESC.

2. Minutes:

Motion made to approve: by Barry Woodruff 2nd by Jon Linkous Motion carried

3. 2020 Census-update by Sam Knight on the National and Ohio trend for the Census s- Ohio is up to 64.8% - Brown as of May 17th is at 61.9% (we are ranked 56th) He explained how to find the Ohio Specific Information. He shared information on materials available from the Census Bureau. 740.649.8678

4. Impact of COVID Pandemic-Individuals shared the impact of the virus and how it has impacted various segments. for needy families., faculty used Google Classroom and Zoom meeting to reach students. If in this situation in the fall students will be learning new materials. The State Budget cut will directly impact the Ripley District. This District is looking at the possibility of a at least a 7% cut.

Fayetteville -Tim Carlier Fayetteville - their districts have also delivered meals and working hard to meet the Content Standards through a wide range of efforts on line -paper work and helping parents with tools they need. Grades 6-12 have laptops. Alternative Graduation plans in place. Fayetteville is working with the Health Department and their local law enforcement .

Jen Patrick saluted the Districts for their efforts in providing the meals for students and families. Western Brown Graduation June 13th at 10 a.m.

Lisa Tussey also thanked the bus drivers, custodians and cafeteria workers who assisted with all the efforts.

Jon Linkous- Georgetown held a parade in town to salute the Seniors which will well received by the students and the community came out in full force.

All of the county schools created alternative activities for graduations.

B. Brown County Commissioners-Barry Woodruff Brown County Commissioner -Commissioners know there will be a cut could be 10% but up to 20%. The elected officials have been called together to evaluate their office budgets for the new year. Barry also thanked the Board of Health for all of their efforts during the Covid pandemic.

James Morris- The OSU Extension Levy passed will run from 2021-2025. OSU Extension has been doing virtual workshops, videos and have created a Southern Ohio Agricultural seminar on line. Some of the local livestock and food producers have seen an increase in demand for their products. A TV show has

been started in Brown-Clermont and Highland County. Aired in Adams-Brown-Clermont and Highland Counties. He thanked those who assisted with the levy campaign.

Kyle Arn, Health Dept. Commissioner reported on the efforts that were implemented at the Health Dept. More testing is becoming available.

C. Business/Banks Sharing- Jon Linkous-reported on efforts within the bank to keep staff and employees safe as they also went under a federal audit. The bank will be looking at how they will utilize their loan loss reserve.

5. Other Business-Lynn Harden reported that the Chamber's Board has met using media. June will be a virtual meeting for the entire membership. Provided virtual services. The office will be open on Monday on Thursdays by appointment. The chamber is providing their members with information resources relative to the CARES ACT. The chamber is poised to assist businesses in the new year.

The Brown County Library System is making plans for the summer. The summer reading program will be virtual. Will be using YouTube, Facebook Live. videos, kits for youth.

Jon Linkous thanked Jim Frazier for all of his efforts with the BAC, but also his efforts over his career with the school system!!

Bill Garrett will begin as the ESC Superintendent effective June 1, 2020. Eastern Brown also did an alternative graduation ceremony.

6. Adjournment

Future Meeting

August 18, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. November 17 at 4:00 p.m.

Joe Phelps, Environmental Educator , from Greenacres Foundation sent information regarding the new facility in Lewis Township. They hope to host school field trips at their site (the former JC Jennings farm) during the summer and school year. The educational experiences will be free!!! The Nippert Foundation has purchased the land and will offer similar activities in the future similar to their present location in Cincinnati. He can be reached at 513.898.3173. They are currently planning on building more facilities at the site and welcome anyone who wishes to take a tour. **www.green-acres.org**

Attendance: Becky Cropper, Jim Frazier, Jim Holden, Jon Linkous, Lynn Harden, Tim Carlier, Melissa Jimison, Sam Knight, Barry Woodruff, Evelyn Yockey, Lisa Tussey, Jen Patrick, James Morris, Bill Garrett, Kyle Arn, James Wilkins