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| Present: | **Voting Board Members:** [x] Craig Volwiler- Finance Sector, Chair[x] Mike Rizzitiello, City of College Place, Chair☐Jay Potts, City of Prescott[ ] Byron Olson, City of Walla Walla [x] Randy Hinchliffe, City of Waitsburg[ ] Jim Johnson, BOCC[x] Juli Reinholz[ ] Kathy Covey |  [ ] VETERANS VACANT-Dawn Avery[x] Renee Rooker, WWHA[x] Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer, Transportation[ ] Norrie Gregoire, Corrections/Safety[x] Tyler Graber, Legal[x] Anne-Marie Zell-Schwerin, DV shelter[x] Tim Meliah, Youth Services[ ] HOSPITAL VACANT-Meghan to inquire with Susan Blackburn from Providence |
| **Non-Voting Participants:** Rachel Elfenbein, Catherine Veninga, David Lopez, Becky Betts, Tim SullivanDCH Staff: Nikki Sharp, Sam Jackle |

**Quorum Present – Yes**

**Welcome:** Mike called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 AM. We went around the Zoom room and did introductions.

**Approval of April 9, 2020 Minutes:** Review of notes by board, Tyler Graber motioned to approve minutes, Anne-Marie Zell-Schwerin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Welcome to Tim Sullivan:** Craig Volwiler introduced Tim Sullivan as the new Executive Director at the Sleep Center. Shared info about his educational background and the experience and fresh perspective he brings to the community.

**Approval of Council Bylaws**: Renee Rooker motioned to approve the revised bylaws. Craig Volwiler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**COH Covid-19 Rental Assistance Workgroup:** Trying to ensure that a program is in place and ready to direct funds for rental assistance. BMAC working with the City of Walla Walla, Walla Walla County, and the Walla Walla Housing Authority to remain aware and strategize on rental assistance dollars. No questions or thoughts from the group.

**COH Covid-19 CDBG Microenterprise Assistance Update:** Walla Walla Valley Small Business Relief Fund consists of micro-grants (MercyCorps) and micro-loans (Craft3). Collaborative group of graders/reviewers to review initial allocations. Businesses throughout the county received help. Working through administrative processes of getting money out of the door. Will likely be another round of support for those that have applied. State of Washington Working Washington small business grant 18 businesses benefited. College Place and City of Walla Walla have received contracts for emergency CARES money and are looking at putting some of those funds to small business relief fund (pre-existing program). Micro-grants clearly a greater need than the loan program. No questions or thoughts from the group.

**Home Security Funds Account Dollars:** Has to be consistent with our housing plan and data. Mentions staffing/case management/social workers/etc. as an opportunity. COH will move forward with a small workgroup to discuss any comments/feedback for Commerce. Group is interested in the opportunity. Sam will send Doodle poll to convene the workgroup.

**Other Business:**

* State level budget cuts will likely be abrupt. Interest in a workgroup expressed, but minimal to no bandwidth from COH member due to added strain/pressures associated with the Covid-19 response.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 PM