Attendees: Jesse Bolinger, Amanda McVann, Daniel Ray Christensen (Decatur), Dennis Brown (Union), Dean Robbins (Clarke), Jerry Walker (Adair), Ron Fitzgerald (Talyor)

Agenda:

* Minutes of December 1, 2022
  + SO MOVED (Dennis; Ron)
* Agenda Approval
  + SO MOVED (Jerry; Dean)
* Old Business:
  + Realignment Discussion
    - Jesse: we should realign
    - Daniel: What's the process of 501c3?
      * Jesse: it’s a simple process and I’ve created many
    - Jesse: to run the money, they’re forming as a non-profit versus realigning due to being bigger areas
      * Daniel: don’t we have guidelines that we need to have a fiscal agent?
      * Jesse: doesn’t appear to be so - you can run it through your own, but I can get clarification
    - Jesse: our Board has more money than initially thought - we have Ticket to Work funds that we can be using for some our challenges
      * We can use it in a lot of ways to make our Board stronger, even as we move towards realignment
    - Jesse: Out of the options that have been presented, what is the best way for you to make these decisions? We need 100% total agreement
      * Daniel: they’re vote for whatever way we need to go (Decatur County) because the other supervisors vote my way
        + All others: same ways
        + So we have 5 out of 8 counties, but then they’d have to agree about where we go with realigning
      * Jesse: Do you have a preference in which direction we would go?
    - Jesse: as a state agent, it’s hard to meet on Zoom and in-person
    - Guide book:
      * Daniel: (page 9) we need to have a different way to hand monies and distribute monies throughout the region
        + Jesse: our finance committee pays bills, but will be learning more about how MATURA handles based on issues there
        + Daniel: so monies goes from state to supervisor right to fiscal agent/auditor
    - Three options from guidebook:
      * Daniel: (page 8) so no auditor doesn't want to do that
      * Daniel: (page 9) we come up with a master agreement with entity
        + Jesse: that’s what they’re doing by designating themselves as a 501c3
      * Daniel: (page 10) CLEO holds contact with our fiscal agent
    - Daniel: So do we have the monies to make this kind of a change? Erica is paid $9,000/year
      * Jesse: Erica has been great to work with; but it comes around to setting up a 501c3 because they need to have
    - Daniel: we don’t want it come back to just one county, so let’s go ahead with chart 2 on page 9 and find an alternative entity (i.e. RCND) with Erica who will pass out the monies
      * Are we in agreement that we can direct Jesse to communicate with RCND and if they would be the alternative entity that we could send our monies through, and still work with Erica to distribute it out for us?
      * Jerry: how does realignment affect this?
        + Jesse: I need to have a conversation with Erica
        + Daniel: you need to talk with Rob first
      * Jerry: three districts all use the same fiscal agent (Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, and Cedar Falls), and you can’t use the same one across multiple Boards
    - Daniel: Do we want to go forward with realignment or stay within ourselves?
      * Jesse: the state can force a realignment
        + Daniel: If they did that, would it push our timeline back?

Jesse: no, it would make our timeline worse

Jerry: it wouldn’t give us a choice; we’d go wherever they want us to go

Jesse: we should go with Eric and continue the conversation to learn more

* + - * Jerry: we’re going to have to because of the amount of money we spent; they want a $900/person and we have around $7000/person that we help in the county
      * Dennis: Do we need another meeting with the CEOs?
        + Daniel: we would have to meet after Jesse comes back from meeting with Eric
        + Jesse: what will take a long time is whatever he has to do on his end
        + Daniel: if we go north and they vote “no” and want to go a different direction, then we’d no be complaint
      * Daniel: we’d have to vote “yes” to realign and then they’d do in whatever direction they’d need to go
* Establish next meeting
  + In person meeting on **Wednesday, December 21 @ 6:30 PM at Roundhouse**
* Adjourn
  + SO MOVED (Ron, Dennis)

Action Items:

* [jesseo@bolinger.org](mailto:jesseo@bolinger.org)/Jesse will meet with Erica & Rob (Executive Director) of RCND
* [jesseo@bolinger.org](mailto:jesseo@bolinger.org)/Jesse will reserve a room for next week’s meeting at the Roundhouse
  + Upcoming meeting: **Wednesday, December 21st @ 6:30 PM at Roundhouse**