IC 12-20-5
Chapter 5. Powers and Duties of Township Trustee in Administering Township Assistance

IC 12-20-5-1
Powers and duties
Sec. 1. (a) The township trustee of each township is ex officio the administrator of township assistance within the township.
(b) The township trustee shall perform all duties with reference to the poor of the township as prescribed by law.
(c) A township trustee, in discharging the duties prescribed by this article, is designated as the administrator of township assistance.

IC 12-20-5-2
Oversight and care
Sec. 2. The township trustee, as administrator of township assistance, in each township is responsible for the oversight and care of all poor individuals in the township as long as the individuals remain in the trustee's charge. The township trustee shall see that the individuals are properly taken care of in the manner required by law.

IC 12-20-5-3
Temporary relief
Sec. 3. The township trustee, as administrator of township assistance, shall investigate and grant temporary relief as provided in IC 12-20-17-3.