

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

NOVEMBER 16, 2020

PRESENT: ALL

BE IT REMEMBERED that the White County Commissioners held a regular meeting on November 16, 2020, in the White County Building, 2nd -floor Commissioners' Conference Room beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioners present were: President John C. Heimlich, Commissioner Steve Burton, and Commissioner David Diener. Also present was White County Auditor Gayle Rogers, White County Attorney George Loy, and the Commissioners' Assistant Donya Tirpak attended virtually.

Commissioner Heimlich called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

- Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on November 2, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Diener. **Vote: Unanimous**

PAYROLL

- Commissioner Diener made a motion to approve payroll for November 16, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

CLAIMS

- Commissioner Diener made a motion to approve and pay the claims as presented, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

ASSESSOR – PICTOMETRY CONTRACT

Commissioner Heimlich said that Assessor Downey presented the contract for Pictometry International at the last meeting. At that time, County Attorney Loy wanted to review the contract. The agreement states that Pictometry will provide aerial photography of White County in 2021, 2023, and 2025 for \$602,442.00.

County Attorney Loy said that he reviewed the contract and has no issues.

- Commissioner Diener made a motion to accept the contract with Pictometry International Corp. for \$602,442.00, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

SUBMISSION OF PETITION TO VACATE ALLEY BY THE IDAVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

County Attorney George Loy, on behalf of the Idaville Volunteer Fire Department (IVFD), submitted a petition to vacate an unused portion of a particular alley in the Town of Idaville. The IVFD is building a new fire department, and this area is needed to move forward with the project.

Mr. Saltwell, Secretary for Idaville Volunteer Fire Dept., said that the alley is unimproved and is currently all grass. Some utilities run through the alley, but it has never been used as a road.

Attorney Loy said that whatever utilities are there, they already have an easement.

The petition to Vacate an unused portion of a platted public alley in the Town of Idaville is described as:

A tract of land located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 28, Township 27 North, Range 2 West, Lincoln Township, White County, Indiana; Original Plat of Hanna, now known as Idaville, IN, being part of the land described in Book 11, Page 581, White County Recorder's Office, more fully described by:

Basis of Bearing: State Plane Coordinate System West Zone.

Commencing at a railroad spike located at the Northwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 28, Township 27 North, Range 2 West, Lincoln Township, White County, Indiana, thence South 00 degrees 13 minutes 51 seconds West 12.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 35 seconds East 31.38 feet to the Point of Beginning (Northwest Corner Lot 7 in the Original Plat of Hanna, now Idaville); thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 35 seconds East 99.60 feet; thence North 00 degrees 07 minutes 39 seconds East 12.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 35

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seconds West 99.60 feet; thence South 00 degrees 13 minutes 51 seconds West 12.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.027 Acres

Commissioner Heimlich said that a public hearing on this request would be on December 7 at 8:30 a.m.

- Commissioner Diener motioned to accept the petition request to vacate an unused portion of a public alley in Idaville and schedule a public hearing on December 7, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

At this time, Council President Butch Kramer called the Council members to order in joint session with the Commissioners. Council members present:

President Butch Kramer
Jim Davis

Vice President Denny Carter
Art Anderson

Jim Annis
Janet Faker (attended virtually)

Councilman Casey Crabb was absent.

REPORTS PRESENTED AND ON FILE

Economic Development
Area Plan
Environmental Officer
Highway Dept.
Tourism Development

EMA

EMA Director Chris Springer presented quotes to purchase a new pick-up truck. The cost of the truck is not appropriated in the EMA budget, but Auditor Rogers said that Council has approved the expenditure out of an appropriated miscellaneous line item in the general fund.

Director Springer said that he would give his truck, which has 49,000 miles, to the Environmental Officer, and the Environmental Officer will give his vehicle, which has 119,000 miles, to the IT Department. The IT Department needs a truck now because of all the locations that they are maintaining with equipment.

Three quotes were presented:

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| 1. Twin Lakes CDJR, Monticello | 2021 2500 Tradesman Crew Cab 4x4 | \$29,023.00 |
| 2. Mann Chevrolet, Delphi | 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 4WD Crew Cab | \$35,094.60 |
| 3. Emerson-Sondgerath, Kentland | 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 4WD Crew Cab | \$35,070.00 |

Commissioner Burton said that they would take the quotes under advisement and discuss them again at the next meeting.

HR – AMEND PUBLIC HEALTH LEAVE POLICY

HR Director Leah Hull presented an amendment to the Public Health Leave Policy, which was put into effect in March due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. The amendment is similar to what is already in place, with some added benefits and clarification of what has been set by precedent. The policy's significant change is to the exceptions that would qualify someone for a Public Health Leave. She changed what we had to correspond with the federal regulations.

Director Hull stressed to the Commissioners that they don't want employees to come to work if they are sick. If the County doesn't provide any payment for the employee, they will come to work because they can't afford to stay home. When they do not comply with the policy, then we have a widespread of the Covid-19 outbreak.

Director Hull asked if the Commissioners want to leave the Public Health Leave Policy's expiration date to expire December 31, 2020.

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Commissioner Heimlich said that they would update the policy after January 1.

- Commissioner Diener motioned to accept the amendment to the Public Health Policy presented by HR Director Hull, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

EMPLOYEES INSURANCE RENEWAL FOR 2021

Amy Carpenter, the Benefits Adviser from Huntington Insurance, reported that our insurance renewal from Anthem has increased. She made the recommendation to switch from Anthem to Sun Life for our stop loss carrier with a \$100,000 specific amount, decrease the Health Reimbursement Account to \$1,500/Individual and \$3,000/Family, remove the Preventive Rx program and increase the employee and county contributions.

Life, Dental, Vision, and Voluntary Life Insurance rates all remain the same with no changes.

Commissioner Heimlich asked if there were any further questions about the recommendations from Amy Carpenter.

- Commissioner Diener made a motion to switch from Anthem to Sun Life for our stop loss carrier with a \$100,000 specific amount, decrease the Health Reimbursement Account to \$1,500/Individual and \$3,000/Family, remove the Preventive Rx program and increase the employee and county contributions, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

White County Insurance Rates 2021

Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield

High Deductible Medical Plan

Without wellness

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>County Portion</u>	<u>Employee Portion/mo.</u>	<u>Employer Portion PP</u>	<u>Employee Portion PP</u>
Single	771.28	694.15	77.13	320.38	35.60
Family	2043.88	1635.10	408.78	754.66	188.67

With wellness

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>County Portion</u>	<u>Employee Portion/mo.</u>	<u>Employer Portion PP</u>	<u>Employee Portion PP</u>
Single	771.28	717.20	53.99	331.06	24.92
Family	2043.88	1696.42	347.46	782.96	160.37

<i>EYEMED Vision</i>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Per Pay</u>
Single	7.17	3.31
Employee & Spouse	13.63	6.29
Employee & child(ren)	14.35	6.62
Family	21.09	9.73

<i>Delta Dental</i>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Per Pay</u>
Single	23.59	10.89
Employee & spouse	48.42	22.35
Employee & child(ren)	69.56	32.10
Family	105.38	48.64

RENAMING NORWAY BRIDGE FOR DONALD W. WARD

Commissioner Heimlich asked County Attorney Loy what steps needed to be taken to dedicate and rename Norway Bridge for Donald "Don" Ward, the County's long-time county engineer.

County Attorney Loy said that he would write up a resolution for the next meeting.

Commissioner Diener said that this request came from Don Ward's niece, Melanie Schlegelmilch:

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Dear Sirs:

I respectfully request that you consider naming Norway Bridge after my uncle, Donald W. Ward. Uncle Don has designed dozens of bridges in White and surrounding counties, but he considers Norway Bridge his biggest achievement.

He was 35 years old when work began on the bridge in 1970, and this was the first major bridge project he designed on his own. Previously, he worked for my father, Dwight Schlegelmilch. Norway Bridge was part of a federal bond issue and very complicated because the dam does not sit square on the river. When the flow is high coming thru the dam, it hits the bank and changes the projection of the water, which required the design to have two piers rather than three. Another challenge was that 25 feet below the water is solid rock, so setting the piers was very difficult. A testament to his design is the bridge has held firm during extensive flooding.

My uncle has been a dedicated member of the Monticello community, raising his family there and serving on the Area Plan Commission for several years. His sons and I would appreciate your thoughtful consideration as a way to honor his lifetime of work.

Commissioner Heimlich said that it is very fitting to rename Norway Bridge after Don Ward because he had his hands-on building or rebuilding over half of White County bridges. He also mentioned that Don Ward was a graduate of Reynolds High School and Purdue University.

Melanie Schlegelmilch attended the meeting virtually and thanked the Commissioners for their efforts. Don was not aware that this was happening, and they will share the great news with him over Thanksgiving.

Christine Schlegelmilch, Niece of Don Ward, attended the meeting virtually and thanked the Commissioners. She said that she was thrilled and excited and that this will mean a lot to her Uncle Don.

Denny Carter, County Councilman, said that when his father, Tom Carter, was a Commissioner, he remembers his dad bragging about Don Ward as White County's Engineer. He appreciated having him for White County.

Mike Kyburz, Highway Superintendent, attended the meeting virtually and said that he had worked with Don on many projects. He appreciated how he would stop in the office two or three times a week to discuss roads, drainage, and bridge projects. Mike said, "he was one hell of a good guy."

Commissioner Heimlich said that the resolution would be on the agenda on Monday, November 23, during a special meeting that the Commissioners are holding.

AMERESCO ANNUAL CONTRACT

Commissioner Diener said that since we received incentives from the State for installing the energy savings equipment, reports have to be submitted for the next ten years. Ameresco provided an agreement stating that they will provide the State with all the annual reports for the first project (Courthouse/new Annex) for a yearly cost of \$3,750.

CARES ACT FUND

Auditor Rogers presented a joint resolution that allows the County to take the CARES Act funds and transfer them to the general fund to disburse into the designated projects. On October 23, we are no longer allowed to spend out of the CARES Act fund.

- Commissioner Diener made a motion to approve Resolution No. 20-11-16-01, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**
- Councilman Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-11-16-01, seconded by Councilman Annis. **Vote: Unanimous**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 20-11-16-01
RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY
PAYROLL COSTS WITH CARES ACT FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Board/Council/Governing Body of White County is seeking reimbursement of public health and public safety payroll costs as allowed through federal CARES Act funding, which has been received by White County from the Indiana Finance Authority; and

WHEREAS, there has been designated by White County a CARES Act grant fund through which such reimbursements are received; and

WHEREAS, the payroll expenditure activity for public health and public safety payroll costs shall be captured in the CARES Act grant fund by transferring the expenditures from the fund from which the expenditures were originally made; and

WHEREAS in light of the Governor's public health emergency, an alternative process is being implemented to transfer all or a portion, as determined appropriate by the governing body of White County, of the reimbursed federal CARES Act monies that are specific to public health and/or public safety payroll costs into the general fund; and

WHEREAS, the process contemplated herein is intended to allow for maximum usage of these funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board/Council/Governing Body of White County hereby establishes the following process in order to utilize CARES Act funding to properly pay public health and public safety payroll costs:

The CARES Act reimbursement for public health and public safety payroll shall be receipted into White County CARES Act fund #8901; and

Thereafter, instead of moving expenditures from the originating fund to the CARES fund, a claim shall be created against the CARES Act fund for the amount, up to the payroll reimbursement amount, that White County determines shall be receipted into the general fund. This claim must be supported by the public health and/or public safety payroll costs that have been expensed from the general fund or other appropriate funds and clearly documented in the records of White County; and

The money claimed shall be receipted into the general fund.

After the payroll reimbursement amount has been receipted into the general fund, the normal appropriation procedures shall apply to the expenditure of the reimbursement amount.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that White County will pursue the use of these funds for previously approved expenditures as recommended by the CARES Act Committee.

DULY ADOPTED by the Board/Council/Governing Body of White County at its regular meeting held on November 16, 2020, at which meeting a quorum was present.

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There being no further business to come before the board, their meeting adjourned.

John C. Heimlich, President

Steve Burton, Vice President

David Diener, Member

ATTEST: _____
Gayle Rogers, Auditor