

# COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

**JANUARY 20, 2020**

**PRESENT: ALL**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that the White County Commissioners held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2020, in the White County Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> -floor Commissioners' Conference Room, beginning at 8:15 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 Commissioners' Secretary Donya Tirpak.

Commissioner Heimlich called the meeting to order.

## MINUTES

- Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on January 6, 2020, and the minutes for a Special meeting held on December 27, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Diener. **Vote: Unanimous**

## PAYROLL

- Commissioner Diener made a motion to approve payroll for January 13, 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**

## APPOINTMENTS – COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

The Community Corrections Advisory Board submitted a letter requesting the following appointments to the board for a four-year term expiring December 31, 2023:

Public Defender:	Ben Church
Crime Victim:	David Jordan
Probation Officer	Melinda Provo
Juvenile Probation Officer:	Leah Campbell
Education Administrator:	Donna McIlrath
Mental Health Administrator:	Debbie Vessels
Lay Person:	Karen Ward
Lay Person:	Lynn Saylor
Lay Person/Minority Rep.:	Brenda Angeles

- Commissioner Diener made a motion to accept the appointments to the Community Corrections Advisory Board for a four-year term, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

## SPEED LIMIT & SIGNAGE

Director Joe Rogers submitted a letter stating concerns to the speed limit of Quarry Road and CR 1100 W. He requested the Commissioners to lower the speed limit from 55 mph to 40 mph at the Intersection of Quarry Road and Monon Road to Hwy 24 and CR 1100, from the railroad tracks to Hwy 421. He also requested additional signage about truck traffic. This will accommodate safer roads for traffic heading to Sweetener Supply and CIMC.

Commissioner Heimlich said that they would address this in the future.

## AREA PLAN

Director Joe Rogers presented the following rezone requests:

### Rezoning Petition 1122

Rhone and Mary James are requesting to rezone property located at 415 E. Washington Street, Monticello, from an R-2 (Single & Two – Family Residential) to a B-2 (General Business).

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The Area Plan Commission held a public hearing on January 13, 2020, for this rezoning request. At that time, the APC voted to recommend this petition to the Commissioners by a vote of 11 yes and 0 no. The building is currently used as a comic store and this will bring the zoning use into compliance.

Commissioner Heimlich asked if anyone wished to speak about this request. No response.

- Commissioner Diener made a motion to approve rezoning petition 1122, rezoning 415 E. Washington Street to a B-2, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

### Rezoning Petition 1123

Terry Yoder, Sr., is requesting to rezone 5,390 sq. Ft. of property located at 5258 S. Gingrich Ct., Monticello, from an R-2 (Single & Two Family Residential) to L-1 (Lake).

The Area Plan Commission held a public hearing on January 13, 2020, on this rezoning request. At that time, the APC voted to recommend this petition to the Commissioners by a vote of 11 yes and 0 no, with a condition attached.

*Within 60 days from the date of Ordinance approval by the legislative body, the applicant must execute a proper subdivide and tract transfer of the approximate 5,390 sq. Ft. of land identified in the rezone request.*

Commissioner Heimlich asked if anyone wished to speak about this request. No response.

- Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve rezoning petition 1123, rezoning 5,390 sq. Ft. located at 5258 S. Gingrich Ct., to an L-1, seconded by Commissioner Diener. **Vote: Unanimous**

### AMENDMENT 61 – ACCESSORY STRUCTURES

Director Rogers presented an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance on accessory structures. The amendment prevents undesirable types of structures from being utilized as accessory structures in residential and commercial districts. The amendment does not affect agricultural, industrial, or AED districts.

The Area Plan Commission held a public hearing on January 13, 2020, for this amendment. At that time, the APC voted to recommend this amendment to the Commissioners by a vote of 11 yes and 0 no.

Commissioner Heimlich asked if anyone wished to speak about this request. No response.

- Commissioner Burton made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 20-01-21-01, Amendment 61, for accessory structures in the Zoning Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Diener. **Vote: Unanimous**

### **AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF WHITE COUNTY, STATE OF INDIANA**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 20-01-21-01**

WHEREAS, the White County Area Plan Commission has initiated and prepared this ordinance to amend the White County Zoning Ordinance pursuant to IC 36-7-4-602(c) and IC 36-7-4-607;

WHEREAS, the White County Area Plan Commission has reported that it held a public hearing concerning this ordinance on January 13, 2020, after timely notification of the hearing was given by two White County publications at least 10 days prior to the hearing as required by IC 36-7-4-604;

WHEREAS, the White County Area Plan Commission has reported that it paid reasonable regard to the factors enumerated in IC 36-7-4-603 in consideration of the ordinance and determination or recommendation to be made to the legislative body of White County;

WHEREAS, the White County Area Plan Commission has certified this ordinance to the legislative body with a recommendation by a majority vote in favor of adoption pursuant to IC 36-7-4-603 before acting on this ordinance amendment;

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WHEREAS, the legislative body recognizes that the ordinance is required for the purposes summarized below;

WHEREAS, the legislative body has determined that this ordinance should be adopted without amendment as certified by the White County Area Plan Commission pursuant to IC 36-7-4-607; therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, WHITE COUNTY, INDIANA:

THIS AMENDMENT, IDENTIFIED AS AMENDMENT #A61, INCLUDES AMENDING:

CHAPTER 4 Use Classifications and Provisions – 4.2.4 Accessory Uses & Structures and 4.3 Accessory Use Provisions; CHAPTER 14 Definitions; Appendix B-Bulk Use Standards.

The purpose of this amendment is to refine the definition for accessory structures and to begin the process of segregating accessory use regulations from accessory structure standards.

**VOTING**

Bob Callahan, Election Board President, appeared to express the board’s concern that they are running out of room in the basement of the Courthouse to hold the elections. He said early voting has to take place in the Courthouse, or close to the office of the Clerk. If the Annex Building is ADA compliant, they could move the absentee voting over there. He asked the Commissioners to consider offering ideas to their situation.

Commissioner Heimlich said that he doesn’t foresee a problem in the future holding early voting in the Courthouse, but agrees that the primary/general elections should be moved.

Mr. Callahan said that they received approval to hold elections at the Presbyterian Church in Monticello. It’s ADA compliant, and they have plenty of parking.

Commissioner Diener said that they do need to find a better system because it’s not fair to ask the public to go through security, take the stairs, and deal with parking when they come to vote. The Courthouse is not a practical location to hold elections. He wasn’t aware that the early voting had to be nearby, and government-owned, to have a satellite site.

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	Art Anderson	Jim Annis	Denny Carter
Casey Crabb	Janet Faker	Jim Davis	

**REPORTS PRESENTED AND ON FILE**

- Highway Department
- Economic Development
- Area Plan
- Airport
- Recycle
- Council on Aging
- E911
- Sheriff

**EMA**

Director Chris Springer requested permission to renew a 3-year contract with Everbridge for the mass notification system. The cost has increased from \$7,500 to \$7,875 annually, and he does have the money in his budget.

- Commissioner Burton made a motion to renew a 3-year contract with Everbridge, seconded by Commissioner Diener. **Vote: Unanimous**

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**PURCHASE PROPERTY IN MONTICELLO**

Commissioner Diener said that the County has an opportunity to purchase property located at 116 W. Marion Street, Monticello, which abuts the old jail property for \$900.00. Purchasing the dilapidated building will increase the value to the county's property and also help the City of Monticello. Eventually, the old jail and this property will be demolished, cleaned-up, and sold.

- Commissioner Diener made a motion that the County purchase property at 116 W. Marion Street, Monticello, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

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

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

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John C. Heimlich, President

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Steve Burton, Vice President

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David Diener, Member

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gayle Rogers, Auditor