

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MARCH 2, 2020

PRESENT: ALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the White County Commissioners held a regular meeting on Monday, March 2, 2020, in the White County Building, 2nd -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 Assistant Donya Tirpak.

Commissioner Heimlich called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

- Commissioner Diener made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on February 18, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

PAYROLL

- Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve payroll for February 24, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Diener. **Vote: Unanimous**

CLAIMS

- Commissioner Diener made a motion to approve and pay the claims as presented except for the claims for Gator Guard for \$48,496 and Hubbard GM Center for \$13,995, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

AREA PLAN

Director Joe Rogers asked if the Commissioners were okay with extending the zoning preferences beyond the corporate limits on the town maps that they will have in the Comprehensive Plan. **PERMISSION GRANTED**

AREA PLAN – SIGN REQUEST

Director Joe Rogers said that Mr. Darin Griesey came into the office asking if he could put up six signs for his historical farm along the corridor of West Shafer Drive. After seeing that the signs say, "No Parking Historic Griesey Farm Wetland Preserve No Parking," he realized that they don't fall under the Historic Sign section in the ordinance. He suggested that Mr. Griesey bring his request before the Commissioners.

Attorney George Loy said that this request was presented to the Commissioners in 2015, 2016, and 2018. There is property that is owned by the Shafer-Freeman Lakes Environmental Conservation Corporation (SFLECC) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to the north that's involved.

Darin Griesey presented petitions that explain the issues that he and other homeowners are having on West Shafer Drive. He said that it'd been an ongoing issue that the abandoned roads were never torn out, so now people use the area as a gathering place. He is open to discussing how they can clear up the issue.

Commissioner Heimlich said that the last two times that Mr. Griesey appeared to them in regards to the abandoned roads, they determined and explained that some of the ground doesn't belong to him; it belongs to SFLECC and DNR.

Mr. Griesey rehashed that the roads should not be there. He said that he gave a copy of the original plans that were presented at a previous hearing, and the plans do not show the roads still being there. For whatever reason, the roads were left there. He said that the abandoned roads have turned into a nightmare. It's affecting him and his neighbor's property values. He's willing to move this discussion to another day since it wasn't on the agenda to work the issues out.

Commissioner Heimlich asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak concerning the signs. No response.

Commissioner Diener said that signs in the right-a-ways create hazards to drivers. If they approve this request, then they will have everyone asking for signs.

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Mr. Griesey said that there were existing "No Parking" signs in the area before the new bridge was put in.

Commissioner Diener said that the existing right-of-way changed with the new bridge. He doesn't know why the signs were removed but said that when they are placed in the right-of-way, they are a hazard to drivers.

Mr. Griesey said that he's just trying to stop all incidents of trespassing.

Highway Superintendent Mike Kyburz said that the county owns 100,000 signs, and it's challenging to keep up on them. He hasn't seen the plan on where Mr. Griesey would like to put them.

Attorney George Loy reminded Mr. Griesey that the Commissioners installed a guard rail when he first appeared with the complaint. Soon after, the DNR came to the Commissioners requesting that the guard rail be removed because the ramp was essential to them to launch their boats.

Commissioner Heimlich said that if there were an issue with parking right in front of Mr. Griesey's house, they would understand the need for a no parking sign. If they allow six signs to be put up, they would be setting a precedence that could get out of hand for the Highway Dept.

- Commissioner Diener made a motion to deny the sign request, as presented by Mr. Griesey, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

AREA PLAN – ROAD NAME

Area Plan Director Joe Rogers requested permission to name the road replacing Luse Road, 225 South. He said that White County uses a street numbering system or street coordinate system for road naming and addressing. According to the system, 225 South is the most accurate designation.

Director Rogers said that he notified the Airport Board's engineer, CHA, the post office, E911 Department, and the Monticello Fire Department. They preferred that it be renamed with a name, but Director Rogers said that that would be contrary to the ordinance. It's a county road, so it should be a numbered road.

Mayor Cathy Gross said that the Monticello Fire Department preferred a road name because they felt that it would coincide with the other CR 225 with the new firemen.

- Commissioner Diener made a motion to accept the recommendation of CR 225 South as the road name replacing Luse Road, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

County Attorney George Loy announced that the time has expired to submit a bid for the 2020 - 2021 County Highway Supplies. Bids were sent from the following:

ITEM 1: UNLEADED GASOLINE

1. Co-Alliance, Avon, IN

ITEM 2: DIESEL FUEL #1, #2, & PREMIUM

1. Co-Alliance, Avon, IN

ITEM 3: TIRES & TUBES

1. Wonderland Tire, Rensselaer, IN

ITEM 4: CRUSHED LIMESTONE, ROAD GRAVEL, CEMENT GRAVEL, & ICE SAND

1. Hanson Material Service, Monon, IN
2. U.S. Aggregates, Indianapolis, IN
3. Engineering Aggregates Corp, Logansport, IN

ITEM 5. A.E. GRADES IF BITUMINOUS MATERIALS

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- 1. Asphalt Materials, Inc., Indianapolis, IN
- 2. Bit-Mat Products of Indiana, Inc., Ashley, IN

ITEM 6. COLD MIX PATCHING MATERIAL

- 1. Central Paving, Inc., Logansport, IN
- 2. Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc., Lafayette, IN
- 3. Milestone Contractors, Lafayette, IN

ITEM 7. BITUMINOUS COATED PAVING MATERIAL

- 1. Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc., Lafayette, IN
- 2. Central Paving, Inc., Logansport, IN
- 3. Milestone Contractors, Lafayette, IN

ITEM 8. RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT

- 1. Milestone Contractors, Lafayette, IN
- 2. Central Paving, Inc., Logansport, IN

Commissioner Heimlich said that the bids would be taken under advisement and awarded at the next meeting.

INDIANA BEACH AMUSEMENT PARK

Kathleen K. Gross appeared to address issues with Indiana Beach recently closing.

White County Attorney George Loy explained that the Commissioners and the City representatives are under a confidential contractual agreement.

Commissioner Heimlich said that there are interested parties in purchasing the amusement park. Those activities are going on, but the Commissioners can't comment on them. They hope that they find a solution to this issue very soon.

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