

COUNCIL MINUTES

June 15, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED that a meeting of the White County Council was held at the White County Building in Monticello at 9:00 A.M. on June 15, 2020 for the purpose of discussing the additional appropriations and other business that might come before the membership. This meeting was held in the Commissioner's Room in order to allow for public access via Webex.

Council President Kramer called the Council meeting to order in joint session with the Commissioners. The following members were present:

James B Davis	Dennis E Carter	Arthur A Anderson
Janet J Faker	James G Annis	Raymond L Kramer Jr
Kevin L Crabb		

Also, in attendance: Auditor Gayle Rogers, HR Director Leah Hull, EMA Director Chris Springer, Coroner Tony Diebel, Council Secretary Libby Billue

For contents of joint session, see Commissioners' minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Kramer opened the Council meeting with the Council reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Council minutes for the regular meeting on 5/18/20 were presented for approval. Councilor Faker advised that the minutes should reflect that the change in Election Worker pay is only for the 2020 Primary. Councilor Crabb motioned to approve the minutes with the noted correction. Councilor Annis seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous

WHITE CO EMA DIRECTOR CHRIS SPRINGER/CORONER TONY DIEBEL

EMA Director Chris Springer updated the Council with quotes for improvements and repairs to the old jail that would allow continued use of the building as EMA Headquarters. Scheurich's can replace the meter and add a pressure tank for \$3,900. This change could result in water bill savings of as much as \$200 per month. Scheurich's is also willing to look at the HVAC system if needed. Fred Pearson can replace all windows for \$13,750. Additionally, construction of a pitched roof could cost from \$70,000-\$100,000.

Chris and Tony discussed with Council members the advantages of using this location, the former jail in Monticello, for the EMA headquarters as well as the Coroner's office and morgue. The building has adequate size and design that is conducive to the operations of both offices and is in a desirable location. Tony and Chris will provide further information for a committee meeting scheduled on 6/22/20.

Chris advised the Council that their salary grant may be reduced in future years. The current grant supplies 50% of all salary costs, but will be limited to a total of \$18,000 going forward with the possibility of it being eliminated.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT RESTRUCTURING

A written request from Health Officer Dr. Tribbett and the Board of Health ask to move recently hired Clerical Health Nurse Brandi Auskalnis into the newly vacated Public Health

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Nurse position along with a salary increase. He explains that nurses, Marsha Oilar, Public Health Nurse and Linda Pagels part time Office Assistant, have both retired leaving Brandi as the only health nurse. Due to Brandi’s greatly increased workload due to COVID-19 and her willingness and effectiveness in handling her new position through this crisis, Dr. Tribbett requests that the salary for Brandi be increased to \$50,000 and that a 2nd health nurse be hired at a rate of \$47,476. Also, a new full-time clerical position/receptionist is requested in order to assist with the increased work load. This position would begin at the bottom of level 3 (per salary matrix) at \$30,243. Councilor Davis motioned to approve the salary increase for Brandi and addition of a second health nurse and clerical position at the amounts noted above. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous

ABATEMENT REVIEW OF CF-1 MEADOW LAKE WIND FARM

Councilor Kramer provided an overview of submitted CF-1 forms for Phases 1-5 for Meadow Lake Wind Farm. Councilor Annis motioned to approve the continuance of scheduled abatements for Meadow Lake Wind Farm phases 1-5. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous

TRANSFERS

No transfers.

BOARD MEETING REPORTS

Auditor Rogers reminded Council members that budget meetings will begin 7/27/20.

Councilor Faker noted that EMA Ops Briefing COVID-19 webinar updates are now weekly, rather than daily.

Councilor Kramer noted that the Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District has approved their 2021 budget.

Councilor Carter expressed concern about the future of the lake dredging project due to the financial impact of COVID-19, but he had no updates since the Innkeepers Board has not met recently.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the Council, Council President Kramer adjourned.


DENNIS E CARTER

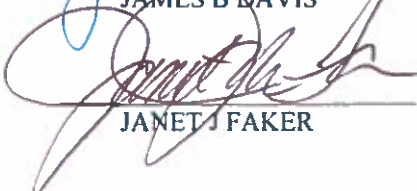

JAMES G ANNIS


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JANET J FAKER

Attest: 
GAYLE E ROGERS, AUDITOR