

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

PRESENT: ALL

BE IT REMEMBERED that the White County Commissioners held a regular meeting on September 8, 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 the Commissioners' Assistant Donya Tirpak.

MINUTES

- Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on August 17, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Diener. **Vote: Unanimous**

PAYROLL

- Commissioner Diener made a motion to approve payroll for August 24 and September 7, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

CLAIMS

- Commissioner Diener made a motion to approve the claims as presented except for check number 001392 for \$2,135 for legal services, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

Commissioner Diener said that the claim is denied because the Clerk does not have the authority to retain legal or other professional services at County expense, without the prior express approval of the Commissioners.

GIS CONTRACT

Commissioner Heimlich said that we have a contract with 39 Degrees North to maintain our GIS, and Schneider Geospatial has purchased them.

Commissioner Diener said that the contract presented today with Schneider is the same contract as 39 Degrees North with the same rates. If we extend the contract for five years, there will be no rate increase.

- Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the contract with Schneider Geospatial contingent on County Attorney Loy's approval, seconded by Commissioner Diener. **Vote: Unanimous**

COVID-19 – TAX DEFERRAL ORDER

Leah Hull, HR Director, said that U.S. President Donald Trump signed an order on August 8, 2020, to allow employers to defer the withholding, deposit, and payment of certain payroll tax obligations on employees through the end of December 2020. This order is due to the coronavirus (Covid-19) that has caused unexpected disruptions to the American economy. She asked the Commissioners if they wanted to participate in this or not. If they decide to participate, this will add hours of extra administrative duties to their workload and a financial burden to employees. After the first of the year, the employees will have to repay that tax. Another option would be that the County pays the taxes for the employees in 2021.

There is no penalty if employers do not participate

- Commissioner Diener made a motion to not participate in the payroll deferral program, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

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BICYCLE ROUTE 37

County Attorney Loy presented a resolution that designates a portion of Bicycle Route 37 through White County. This project is part of a national effort (through AASHTO) to build a U.S. Bicycle Route System and is led by INDOT, Bicycle Indiana, and the Adventure Cycling Association. The general route for USBR 37 in Indiana is from USBR 36 on the Erie Lackawanna Rail Trail in Griffith, IN, to Indianapolis.

The proposed route in White County turns off IN-16 onto N 300 E then E Monon Rd., N 300 E. E 1300 S and onto Tyler Rd. in Tippecanoe County.

Highway Superintendent Kyburz said that most of this route had been repaved in the past 4-5 years due to Community Crossings.

- Commissioner Diener made a motion to approve Resolution No. 20-09-08-01, supporting the development of United States Bicycle Route 37, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

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