

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

JUNE 21, 2021

PRESENT: ALL

BE IT REMEMBERED that the White County Commissioners held a regular meeting on June 21, 2021, in the White County Building, 2nd floor John C. Heimlich Conference Room, beginning at 8:15 a.m.

Commissioners present were: President David Diener, Commissioner Steve Burton, and Commissioner James B. Davis. Also present were White County Auditor Gayle Rogers, White County Attorney George Loy, and Commissioners' Assistant Donya Tirpak.

Commissioner Diener called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

- Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 7, 2021, regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Diener. **Vote: Unanimous**

PAYROLL

- Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve payroll for June 7, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Davis. **Vote: Unanimous**

CLAIMS

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

CYBERSECURITY

Cybersecurity Director Eric Storm requested permission to enter into an agreement with Darktrace for their Enterprise Immune System. As cyber-attacks continue to grow, Director Storm recommends another cyber-security system be put in place to protect our digital assets. The system will learn our standard "patterns of life" to discover cyber threats. He has sampled the software, and he is delighted with the system.

The contract price is \$25,000 annually for four years if signed by June 25, 2021. After June 25, the price is \$31,250/annually.

- Commissioner Burton motioned to enter into an agreement with Darktrace for a 4 -year term subject to the County Attorney approving the contract, seconded by Commissioner Diener. **Vote: Unanimous**

AREA PLAN

Director Joe Rogers appeared to discuss the amendments to the proposed wind and solar regulations at the last meeting.

- Commissioner Davis motioned for Director Rogers to present the wind and solar regulations amendments to the Area Plan Commission, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

Highway Superintendent Mike Kyburz presented a proposal from Allied Ott Petroleum to remove the underground storage tanks at the old Highway Department. The total estimate for the project is \$29,000.

- Commissioner Burton motioned to approve the proposal from Allied Ott Petroleum for \$29,000, seconded by Commissioner Davis. **Vote: Unanimous**

HIGHWAY DEPT. - 2021 COMMUNITY CROSSING BIDS

Highway Superintendent Kyburz said that all of the bids submitted for the 2021 Community Crossing Paving program were all in order. He made the recommendation to go with the lowest alternate bid.

- Commissioner Burton motioned to accept the lowest alternate bid from Central Paving for \$1,245,682.05, seconded by Commissioner Davis. **Vote: Unanimous**

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LIGHTSTREAM – ROAD USE AGREEMENT

County Attorney Loy said that Pulaski-White Rural Telephone, aka Lightstream, will be boring in 66 miles of fiber internet cable adjacent to county right-of-way's and under county roads. He presented a Road Use Agreement to compensate the County for any damage to our streets, ditches and drains.

- Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the Road Use Agreement for Lightstream, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

TAX SALE

Auditor Rogers said that the next Tax Sale is September 2, 2021. She asked the Commissioners if they would like to do it live or online. When it's held live, we only have local bidders, and when it's done online, we get local and others. She recommends making the Tax Sale available online. **PERMISSION GRANTED**

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Auditor Rogers asked permission to cancel a bank account that the Community Corrections department had with First Merchants Bank. There is no paperwork approving this account, and the Judges, Community Corrections employees, and DOC recommend closing the account. The department will make a daily deposit with the Treasurer's Department.

- Commissioner Diener made a motion to have the Community Corrections bank account with First Merchants Bank canceled and the funds transferred to the County's bank account, seconded by Commissioner Davis. **Vote: Unanimous**

PART-TIME BUILDING INSPECTOR

Area Plan Director Joe Rogers asked permission to hire a part-time Building Inspector because there is no backup if something should happen to our full-time Building Inspector. He wants the employee to be paid at a part-time rate but offers him health insurance benefits. The part-time person will average 30 hours a week to be offered health insurance only, no other benefits. If approved, he will go before the Council requesting funding.

- Commissioner Burton made a motion to allow Director Joe Rogers to hire a part-time Building Inspector, seconded by Commissioner Davis. **Vote: Unanimous**

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

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| Butch Kramer | Denny Carter | Jim Annis | Janet Faker | Art Anderson |
| Matt McKean | Casey Crabb | | | |

REPORTS PRESENTED AND ON FILE

E-911
Area Plan
Emergency Management
Environmental Officer
Highway Department
HR Department

AIRPORT

Board member Maury Waymouth reported that the board did accept a bid for \$1.3 million from HIS Construction from Indianapolis for the new CR225 S, aka old Luse Road. The specifications call for an 8" water main tile, and Project Engineer Jason Miller, Randall Miller & Associate, recommends installing a 12" water main tile. The extra cost would be \$51,086.

Commissioner Diener pointed out that a solar farm will be in that area for the next thirty years, so the City will not be growing in that direction.

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Commissioner Burton said that it would help the Fire Department out with the Industrial Park and the Airport.

Monticello Mayor Cathy Gross said that the City might have some funds to help with the cost.

Councilman Anderson said that we need to keep the project moving, and expanding the water main is not worth waiting for.

Auditor Rogers said that the water line within the City of Monticello's TIF District must be paid with TIF funds.

Commissioner Diener said that if the County shares the cost with the City of Monticello, \$25,000 is much less than the \$51,086. He said to get the 12" water main tile, and everyone will be happy. The Council agreed.

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

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

David Diener, President

Steve Burton, Vice President

James B. Davis, Member

ATTEST: _____
Gayle Rogers, Auditor