

# COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

AUGUST 2, 2021

PRESENT: ALL

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the White County Commissioners held a regular meeting on August 2, 2021, in the White County Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Davis made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on July 19, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

## PAYROLL

- Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve payroll, 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**

## IVY TECH LEASE AGREEMENT

Krysten Hinkle, Monticello Site Manager, appeared to present an amendment to the Ivy Tech lease agreement. Currently, the agreement covers payment for-credit course offerings. Ivy Tech proposes paying \$30.00 a day for non-credit classes conducted at the Monticello Ivy Tech Campus. If five courses were delivered in one day, a \$150 payment would be made. They will still be paying for credit courses based on the current agreement. The amendment covers the period August 1, 2021, through July 31, 2022.

- Commissioner Davis motioned to accept the amendment for the non-credit classes at the Monticello Ivy Tech Campus, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

## COURTHOUSE STORMWATER MODIFICATIONS – AMERESCO CONTRACT

Commissioner Diener said that the flooding issues that we've had in the Courthouse basement are due to the two pumps located in a pit in the cul-de-sac. The pumps continue to have maintenance problems, and when they fail to operate, the stormwater from the surrounding sidewalks and the roof of the building all flow back into the basement. To resolve this problem, Ameresco will upgrade and modify the existing stormwater around the Courthouse and in the cul-de-sac for \$373,878.00.

Commissioner Diener said that if it rains and the pumps continue to fail, the Courthouse basement will be flooded until this problem is fixed. This project is also the first phase of extending Constitution Plaza, including a new ADA parking area and additional parking for officials. He asked if there were any questions regarding the proposal.

Attorney George Loy said that he would like to review the contract.

- Commissioner Davis motioned to approve the contract with Ameresco for \$373,878.00 contingent on the County Attorney's contract approval, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

## NEW CORONER'S DEPARTMENT – DESIGN PROPOSAL

Commissioner Diener presented a proposal from Delv Design Studio for \$61,800 to move forward with the new Coroner's Department. The proposal continues assembling design, engineering, and construction documents that would facilitate permitting and bidding.

Commissioner Davis said that he's satisfied with the proposal. Being on the County Council for the past eight years, the coroner has expressed the need for this facility numerous times.

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- Commissioner Diener motion to accept the proposal from Delv Design Studio for \$61,800 for the new Coroner’s Department contingent on the County Attorney’s approval, seconded by Commissioner Davis.  
**Vote: Unanimous**

**PUBLIC NOTICES IN NEWSPAPERS**

Commissioner Diener said that the Indiana Supreme Court is considering a rule change that will effectively curtail the publication of public notices in newspapers. The proposed change to Trial Rule 4.13 would allow an attorney to place such a notice on a website controlled by the Supreme Court rather than publish the notice in the local newspaper.

Michael Johnson, Regional Editor for the Herald-Journal, asked us to adopt a resolution, as LaPorte County Commissioner has, urging the Indiana Supreme Court to retain local newspapers for public notices.

The Commissioners decided to take this under advisement and discuss it at the next meeting.

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

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David Diener, President

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Steve Burton, Vice President

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James B. Davis, Member

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