

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

MAY 3, 2021

PRESENT: ALL

BE IT REMEMBERED that the White County Commissioners held a regular meeting on May 3, 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 was White County Auditor Gayle Rogers and White County Attorney George Loy.

FACEMASKS MANDATE

HR Director Leah Hull appeared to report that she met with Emergency Management Director Chris Springer and Health Officer Dr. Tribbett last week to discuss removing the masks mandate. At this time, she made the recommendation to remove the mask mandate altogether and to leave the County Slow Opening Phase to Phase 4. The CDC does not require people with Covid-19 symptoms to isolate themselves anymore.

- Commissioner Davis motioned to remove the masks mandate for all White County Buildings as recommended, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

MINUTES

- Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on April 19, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Davis. **Vote: Unanimous**

PAYROLL

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

CLAIMS

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

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ORDINANCE

Auditor Rogers submitted an ordinance creating a new fund for the receipt of funding from the American Rescue Plan as adopted by Congress in 2021.

- Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-05-03-01, creating a new fund for the receipt of funding from the American Rescue Plan, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-05-03-01 CREATING A NEW FUND FOR THE RECEIPT OF FUNDING FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN AS ADOPTED BY CONGRESS IN 2021

WHEREAS, the federal government has adopted the American Rescue Plan (ARP) which has been signed into law by the President; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish a new fund in the Auditor's Office into which the proceeds of the ARP are to be deposited;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WHITE COUNTY, INDIANA THAT:

1. There is created a new fund with the Auditor's Office that shall be entitled "ARP Grant Fund", and the Auditor has issued a fund number of 8950 with respect to these funds and such funds shall be non-reverting.
2. The purpose of the funds is to be used for only the following reasons as set forth in §603(C) of the ARP in accordance with the US Treasury Guidance:
 - A. To respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to

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- households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or to aid the impacted industries such as tourism, travel and hospitality;
- B. For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of White County due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the County prior to the emergency; or
- C. To make necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure as approved by the US Treasury.
3. The funds shall be appropriated by the County Council only prior to use.
 4. All expenditure of funds shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners with an and all claims to be paid from the County's ARP fund.
 - A. The Board of Commissioners will establish the plan, conditions and rules upon which the funds are to be requested and used.
 5. Any unused funds shall be paid back to the United States Treasury when required.
 - A. The County Auditor shall keep accurate and complete financial records of the receipt and expenditure of an and all funds deposited and paid from this new Fund 8950.
 - B. No money received in the ARP fund shall be used for any type of deposit into any pension fund.

NEW RECYCLING CENTER

Commissioner Diener said that the County would like to move the Recycling Department from the current rental property located at 484 E. US Hwy 24 to the old Highway Garage in Reynolds. A proposal from DELV Design Studio was presented to evaluate the current Recycling Center to understand the necessary material flow, equipment needs, facility resources, and circulation on the site. This information will determine if they can relocate to the existing White County Highway Garage. DELV will provide planning and architectural design services for the project. The cost of the proposal is \$6,500.

- Commissioner Davis made a motion to enter into an agreement with DELV Design Studio as presented, seconded by Commissioner Diener. **Vote: Unanimous**

BEAM LONGEST & NEFF

Dan Watson, Project Manager, appeared to introduce himself and the company. They will be submitting a proposal on some of our bridge projects.

COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT

Highway Superintendent Mike Kyburz announced that White County was awarded \$1 million from the Community Crossing Grant.

The money will be used to resurface S. 300 E. from US 24 to Monon Road and E. 375 N. from S. 300 E. to NW Shafer Drive.

MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

EMA Director Chris Spring said that FEMA requires them to conduct a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan every five years. EMA received a \$19,000 grant with a \$6,000 match requirement to execute the plan with an agency.

SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT

Auditor Rogers said that she requested RFP's to administer the Small Business Assistance Grant that the County will be offering. The only proposal received was from K-IRPC for \$6,250. She asked for permission to accept their proposal.

- Commissioner Davis motioned to accept the proposal from K-IRPC to administer the Small Business Assistance Grant for \$6,250, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

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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