

# COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

JUNE 7, 2021

PRESENT: ALL

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the White County Commissioners held a regular meeting on June 7, 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 May 17, 2021, and the special meeting held on May 21, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

## PAYROLL

- Commissioner Diener made a motion to approve payroll for May 31, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Davis. **Vote: Unanimous**

## CLAIMS

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

## KNOWBE4 SOFTWARE

Cyber Security Director Eric Storm requested permission to enter into an agreement with KnowBe4 for security awareness training and a PhishER subscription. KnowBe4 is the world's largest integrated platform for security awareness training combined with simulated phishing attacks. Basic training modules will provide employees with an understanding of the mechanisms of spam, phishing, spear-phishing, and malware. The cost of the contract is \$12,392.50.

- Commissioner Davis made a motion to accept the contract with KnowBe4, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

## HIGHWAY BIDS – 2021 COMMUNITY CROSSING

County Attorney George Loy announced that the Highway Department advertised the request for proposals for the 2021-1 Community Crossings Paving Program. The time has expired for bids to be submitted. Submissions were from the following:

	<u>BASE BID</u>	<u>ALTERNATE BID</u>
1. Central Paving, Logansport	\$1,259,510.70	\$1,245,682.05
2. Rieth-Riley Construction, Lafayette	\$1,376,757.15	\$1,341,116.65
3. Midwest Paving, Noblesville	\$1,621,726.00	\$1,564,373.40
4. Milestone Contractors, Lafayette	\$1,437,725.00	\$1,423,638.60

Commissioner Diener said that the bids are available for review, and they will be taken under advisement and awarded at the next meeting.

## UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

Highway Superintendent Mike Kyburz recommended that the Commissioners remove the underground storage tanks at the old Highway Department. At one time, there was a small leak in the pump, and IDEM required the groundwater be tested. There are monitoring wells all over the property, and Sysco Environmental did the environmental testing.

Attorney George Loy said that three bids would need to be collected.

The Commissioners will take this information under advisement and discuss it at the next meeting.

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### AREA PLAN

Director Joe Rogers presented draft amendments that the Commissioners have addressed with him on the Renewable Energy (Wind and Solar) Systems in the Zoning Ordinance.

Questions Director Rogers discussed with the Commissioners concerning Wind regulations:

1. The State default setback standard went to three times the total tower height (ground to blade tip) versus two times in an early draft. Our ordinance called out 1,000 feet.
2. Director Rogers included in the setback table the setback standard to a platted or zoned residential use lot.
3. Do the Commissioners want to stay with the 1,500-foot setback to a municipality line, or do you want to increase the standard to 1 mile and then allow the municipality to waiver the setback if they desired to do so?
4. The Commissioners have discussed adding a ½ mile municipality buffer requirement and modify the vegetation cover requirement.

Commissioner Davis would like to see the setback to a municipality line to 1,000 and then allow the municipality to waiver the setback if they desired to do so.

Commissioner Burton would like to see the setback standards to two times the total tower height, not three.

Questions Director Rogers discussed with the Commissioners concerning Solar regulations:

1. Do the Commissioners want to drop the screening requirements? Director Rogers recommended that they didn't.
2. A ½ mile municipality buffer requirement was added. Do you want this changed?
3. Do you want to add cable burying requirements?
4. Do you want to add a vegetation plan?
5. Definition of an "outer edge"?

After a short discussion, Commissioner Diener asked Director Rogers to revise the amendments and bring them to the next Commissioners' meeting. He also instructed Director Rogers to add the amendments to the agenda for the next APC meeting.

### HEALTH DEPT – GRANT

Office Manager Mary Grace Winkle requested permission to allow the Health Department to apply for a grant (Contract #054052) to reimburse the County for Covid-19 vaccines.

- Commissioner Davis motioned to allow the Health Department to apply for a grant to reimburse the County for Covid-19 vaccines, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

### DLZ ENGINEERING

Jodi Coblenz appeared to introduce herself and explain the architectural and engineering services that DLZ provides.

### SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

Auditor Rogers reported that White County was awarded \$250,000 from The Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). The grant money will be awarded to small businesses in White County through an application process. Applications are available at the White County Economic Development office.

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**DRUG SCREENING FEES**

Melinda Provo, Probation Director, said that for the past 10+ years, the Probation Department had not collected fees for drug testing. At one time, the department did, but Judge Mrzlack did away with the fees. Judge Woolley would like to start charging anyone that is court-ordered a portion of the drug screen.

If someone is employed and refuses to pay the fee, they will appear in court, and a violation of their probation will be filed. She asked permission to collect \$18 per drug screen for anyone that is court-ordered.

- Commissioner Burton made a motion to establish a fee structure for court-ordered drug screens, seconded by Commissioner Diener. **Vote: Unanimous**

**SHERIFF'S DEPT. – EDGE CONTRACT**

- Commissioner Burton motioned to approve the contract from Edge Information Technologies for \$4,000 as presented for the Sheriff's Dept., seconded by Commissioner Davis. **Vote: Unanimous**

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