

**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2021**

PRESENT: ALL

BE IT REMEMBERED that the White County Commissioners held a regular meeting on August 16, 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 Davis motioned to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on August 2, 2021, and the special meeting held on August 9, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

PAYROLL

- Commissioner Burton motioned to approve payroll for July 9, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Davis. **Vote: Unanimous**

CLAIMS

- Commissioner Davis motioned to approve and pay claims as presented with no exceptions, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

PERSONNEL POLICIES HANDBOOK AMENDMENT – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

HR Director Leah Hull presented Amendment 01-21 to the White County Personnel Policies Handbook. The amendment changes the hours for a regular workday at the Highway Department to the following:

Original

Highway Department: A regular workday begins at 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. A typical week's work will consist of eight (8) hours per day and forty (40) hours per week. Employees shall have one (1) thirty (30) minute unpaid meal period each workday.

Amendment:

Highway Department: A regular workday begins at 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. A typical week's work will consist of eight (8) hours per day and forty (40) hours per week. Employees shall have one (1) thirty (30) minute paid meal period each workday.

This will eliminate the need to have to clock in/clock out on the new time-keeping software.

- Commissioner Davis motioned to approve Amendment 01-21 to the White County Personnel Policies Handbook for the Highway Department, seconded by Commissioner Burton. **Vote: Unanimous**

Director Hull said that she is meeting with Department Heads every Wednesday to discuss the needs of their employees and the new time-keeping software.

MEADOW LAKE SOLAR FARM – ROAD USE AGREEMENT

White County Attorney George Loy presented a Road Use Agreement for the Meadow Lake Solar Farm. This agreement is very similar to the Road Use Agreements that were used for the wind farm projects. In the agreement, Meadow Lake Solar will pay the Highway Department to improve the drains, roads, and corner markers used during the project.

Douglass McGill, Reynolds, asked if the gravel part of Smithson Road will be paved after the project is completed and who will maintain the roads during the project.

Highway Superintendent Mike Kyburz said that the gravel section of Smithson Road would be chip-and-sealed, and the construction company is currently maintaining the roads.

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- Commissioner Burton motioned to accept the Meadow Lake Solar Park Agreement for Use, Repair, and Improvement of Roads and Repair of Drainage Facilities, seconded by Commissioner Davis. **Vote:**
Unanimous

WOLCOTT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

County Attorney George Loy presented a Covenant of Purpose, Use and Ownership Agreement from the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA), requiring the Commissioners' approval.

The agreement states that White County and the Town of Wolcott received a grant of \$4.5 million to construct a new wastewater treatment plant to serve the Mid-America Commerce Park and other property that includes 80 acres owned by White County. White County and the Town of Wolcott must agree not to sell, lease, transfer, convey, encumber, mortgage, or otherwise alienate any right to or interest in the Wolcott Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Commissioner Diener asked if there were any questions regarding the agreement. No response.

- Commissioner Diener motioned to approve the Covenant of Purpose, Use, and Ownership agreement from the EDA for the Wolcott Wastewater Treatment Plan, seconded by Commissioner Davis. **Vote:**
Unanimous

SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

Auditor Gayle Rogers said that she received the \$250,000 from OCRA for the small-business assistance program. Checks were mailed out to 37 of the 39 businesses that applied.

REPORTS PRESENTED AND ON FILE

Area Plan/Building Dept.

EMA

Economic Dev.

Environmental

Highway Dept.

AIRPORT

The construction of CR 225 S. aka Luse Road will be delayed 4 – 6 months because a box culvert is on backorder. Construction will not start until Spring 2022. Construction will not begin until all the material is on site.

BRIDGE 95, CR 300 E, SOUTH OF MONON ROAD

Highway Superintendent Kyburz reported that INDOT approved the reconstruction of Bridge 95 for 80/20 funding. Milestone Contractors was awarded the job, and construction will start in September 2021, and the road will be closed until May 2022.

HR

HR Director Leah Hull reported that the County's annualized turnover rate for July was 14.1%. She recommended that the County develop some incentive to retain the good employees that we have. Right now, department heads are struggling to get positions filled.

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