

COUNCIL MINUTES

June 17, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED that a special meeting of the White County Council was held at the White County Building in Monticello at 8:15 A.M. on June 17, 2020 for the purpose of discussing the Election Board request to pay IT personnel for the 2020 Primary Election. This meeting was held in the Commissioner's Room in order to allow for public access via Webex.

Council President Kramer called the Council meeting to order in joint session with the Commissioners. The following members were present:

James B Davis	Dennis E Carter	Arthur A Anderson
Janet J Faker	James G Annis	Raymond L Kramer Jr
Kevin L Crabb		

Also, in attendance: Auditor Gayle Rogers, White County Clerk Laura Cosgray, Election Board President Bob Callahan, Council Secretary Libby Billue

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Kramer called the meeting to order.

ELECTION BOARD REQUEST

Election Board President Bob Callahan requests that Council approve payment of \$18.00 per hour to Dustin Rickey for IT services he provided at the request of the Election Board for the 2020 Primary Election due to COVID-19. According to Mr. Callahan, a decision needed to be made so he chose to hire Dustin Rickey at \$18.00/hr. because he did not have time to go through the proper channels. The previously agreed upon rate for poll workers was \$15.00/hr. Bob stated that Dustin did not work as a poll worker, but was extremely valuable during the Primary Election where he assisted with voting equipment. Bob also requests that Council approves payment for IT services from Dustin for future elections.

Auditor Rogers noted that adequate funds are available in the Education and Training line item of the Election budget if Council approves the payment for the Primary Election costs. Council President Kramer requested input from Council members. Councilor Anderson, Councilor Annis, and Councilor Davis agree that this expense is reasonable. Councilor Carter and Councilor Faker both expressed security concerns, but Clerk Cosgray assured the Council members that Dustin was not allowed access to any county servers or other sensitive data. Councilor Crabb noted that the issue of hiring additional help during future elections should be added to the agenda for the July Council meeting.

Clerk Cosgray acknowledged that there were many hurdles to overcome in regards to the 2020 Primary Election due to COVID-19 issues that impacted the White County Government building and staff, and there was little time for the Election Board to react.

Councilor Faker motioned to approve \$18.00 per hour payment to Dustin Rickey for IT support services he provided to the Election Board during the 2020 Primary Election. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the Council, Council President Kramer adjourned.


DENNIS E CARTER

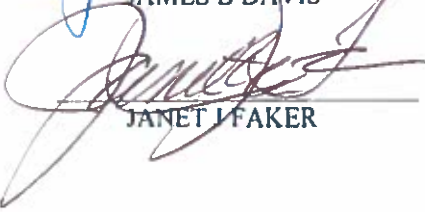

JAMES G ANNIS


ARTHUR A ANDERSON


JAMES B DAVIS


KEVIN L CRABB


RAYMOND L KRAMER JR
President


JANET I FAKER

Attest: 
GAYLE E ROGERS, AUDITOR