

# COUNCIL MINUTES

November 15, 2021

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BE IT REMEMBERED that a meeting of the White County Council was held at the White County Building in Monticello at 9:00 A.M. on November 15, 2021 for the purpose of discussing any business that might come before the membership.

Council President Kramer called the Council meeting to order in joint session with the Commissioners. Attendance:

Absent: Arthur A Anderson

In Person: Dennis E Carter      Kevin L Crabb      Matthew A McKean  
James G Annis      Raymond L Kramer Jr      Janet Faker

Also, in attendance in person: Auditor Gayle Rogers, Tom Herman, Tom Fletcher, Candace Wells, Antoinette Valle, Austin Stroud, Jo Piatt, Emily Thacker, Don Osten, and Council Secretary Libby Billue

By electronic attendance: None

## CALL TO ORDER

Council President Kramer opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## MINUTES

Council minutes for the meeting held on 10/18/21 were presented for approval. Councilor Faker motioned to approve the minutes. Councilor Annis seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 6-0-1

**Aye:** Annis, Carter, Faker, Kramer, McKean, Crabb

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** Anderson

## VISITOR BUSINESS

None

## BOARD APPOINTEE REPORTS

Monon Town & Township Public Library: Austin Stroud, Director, provided an overview and long-term outlook for the Monon Town & Township Library. Several new services are available or are planned to begin soon, including expanded Wi-Fi and a “book bike”. The 2022-2024 Strategic Plan is also being finalized and includes several focus areas. Austin extended an open invitation to attend regular library board meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 4:30pm.

Valley Oaks: Board appointee, Antoinette Valle, introduced herself and spoke about the mission, activities, and scope of Valley Oaks as a provider of mental health and behavioral

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services in White County. For fiscal year 2021, Valley Oaks provided services to 875 White County residents. Of those, 657 adults and 218 youth were provided mental health services, and 159 adults and 2 youth were provided addiction services. Right now, there is a waiting list for services that is as much as 3-4 months. Antoinette intends to provide Valley Oaks' annual report to Council members in December.

Monticello Union Township Public Library: Candace Wells, Director, introduced herself and spoke in detail about the many services provided by the library. Study rooms, meeting rooms, access to various databases, and many other services are available to all ages. Several other board members, including Council appointee Tom Fletcher, were also present for the presentation and provided handouts to Council members.

Alcoholic Beverage Board: Council appointee, Brandi Page, was not present but provided a written report for Council. She will provide more information at a later time.

Brookston Prairie Township Public Library: Board President, Michelle Culver, was not present, but provided a written report for Council on behalf of Council appointee, Louis Capper.

### TRANSFERS

Auditor Rogers presented the following transfers for approval.

Prosecutor

<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>To</u>
1000-0009 Various Line Items	\$4,431.74	1000-10306-000-0009 Admin Asst.

to cover new employee wages after paying out vacation, etc. to terminating employee

Extension

<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>To</u>
1000-10309-000-0011 PR Secretary	\$919.93	1000-20101-000-0011 Ofc Supplies

Councilor Crabb motioned to approve the transfers as presented. Councilor Annis seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 6-0-1

**Aye:** Annis, Carter, Faker, Kramer, McKean, Crabb

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** Anderson

### 2022 COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Members held discussion of appointments and recommendations for appointment to various boards for 2022. It was agreed to contact current and/or potential seat holders and finalize appointments and recommendations at a later meeting.

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### **RESOLUTION 2021-11-15-01 – SOLAR FUND ESTABLISHMENT**

Resolution 2021-11-15-01, *A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SOLAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND*, was presented to Council for approval. Auditor Rogers noted that this resolution mirrors previously approved resolutions for establishment of similar economic development funds. Councilor Carter motioned to approve the resolution. Councilor Annis seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 6-0-1

**Aye:** Annis, Carter, Faker, Kramer, McKean, Crabb

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** Anderson

### **AUDITOR REQUEST FOR STAFF REPLACEMENT**

Auditor Gayle Rogers requested approval to replace a resigning auditor office staff member with a person from another department in a “lateral” pay move. The incoming staff member is experienced with the claims software, federal grants, and other relevant skills. Councilor Carter motioned to approve this request. Councilor Crabb seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 6-0-1

**Aye:** Annis, Carter, Faker, Kramer, McKean, Crabb

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** Anderson

### **BOARD REPORTS**

Council President Kramer provided general information from his most recent Council-Commissioner discussions.

Auditor Rogers suggested that Council consider adoption of an ordinance to clarify compensation to Election Board members. Following discussion, Gayle agreed to draw up an ordinance for Council to review at a later date.

Councilor Annis noted that he is continuing to assist Ivy Tech to find a location suitable for CDL training in White County.

Councilor Faker provided general information about plans being made by the Tourism Authority.

### **PAYROLL REQUESTS**

Auditor Rogers presented multiple payroll requests for the following departments: Highway Dept, Sheriff Dept, Recycle and Prosecutor. Highway, Recycle and Sheriff Department requests are routine hirings, but the Prosecutor request is for a new staff member to assist with scanning of documents for IV-D at \$18/hour and as an ACA Full Time Employee meaning health insurance will be offered, but the new employee will be eligible for no other full

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time employee benefits. Councilor Faker motioned to approve the payroll request. Councilor Crabb seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 6-0-1

**Aye:** Annis, Carter, Faker, Kramer, McKean, Crabb

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** Anderson

### ADJOURNMENT

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

The next meeting of the White County Council is Monday, December 20, 2021.

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MATTHEW A MCKEAN

KEVIN L CRABB

RAYMOND L KRAMER JR  
President

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JANET J FAKER

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
GAYLE E ROGERS, AUDITOR