

## White County Board Meeting

November 10, 2015

A special meeting of the White County Board begun and holden this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2015 in the Courtroom of the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi.

Chairman Trout called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk Dozier called the roll with Doshier, Ray, Usery, Puckett and Trout all present.

Chairman Trout asked the Board if they received the minutes of the previous meeting and were there any additions, changes or deletions. Mr. Usery made a motion that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be waived and that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as proposed in writing. Motion seconded by Puckett. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Trout asked the Board to approve the payment of all current bills. Mr. Usery asked if the County was caring vehicle insurance why was there checks being written to pay for repair of the vehicles. Clerk Dozier explained that the insurance company was making the checks payable to the County and those checks were being deposited into the Miscellaneous Fund and then when the vehicle was repaired the expenses were paid from that fund. Mr. Usery made a motion to approve payment of all current bills, seconded by Ray. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Brian Ray, County Engineer, is still waiting on Motor Fuel Funds to be released.

Mr. Terry McCormick, Director of the White County Ambulance Service, stated that he had no report.

Mr. Puckett stated that the City/County Jail report had been submitted in writing and there were 56 prisoners with 22 of them Feds. The City/County Jail income was \$71,000.00

The next 9-1-1 meeting will be held on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Courtroom. Mrs. Julie Irwin, 9-1-1- Coordinator, stated that she is tracking a House Bill which was presented today to release funds such as Motor Fuel, 9-1-1, Lottery monies etc.

Mr. Chris Marsh, White County Coroner, stated that he had submitted his report in writing.

Chairman Trout asked the Board to consider the adoption of the 2016 Fiscal Year budget for White County. Mr. Ray made a motion to adopt the 2016 Fiscal Year budget, seconded by Usery. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Trout asked for a motion to approve the tax levy for White County, Extension Council Service, Coleman Rehabilitation and Egyptian Health Department. Mr. Doshier made a motion to adopt the tax levies, seconded by Ray. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Trout stated that the County had received the renewal for the Workman's Compensation policy for the Illinois Public Risk Fund in the amount of \$172,112.00 beginning January 1, 2016. The policy decreased by \$43,586.00. Mr. Ray made a motion to renew with Illinois Public Risk Fund, seconded by Puckett. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Trout asked the Board to approve the appointment of Mike Knight, Alderman from Ward 2, to the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Usery made a motion to appoint Mike Knight to the Planning Commission, seconded by Puckett. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Trout stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider the recommendations of Spyglass. Ms. Pam Armstrong, White County Treasurer, said that she was contacted by Spyglass to review the County's telephone, cell and internet charges. Ms. Armstrong stated that a meeting was held with Jason Saliba, Wes Trout, Paula Dozier and herself. Mr. Trout was asked to sign an agreement between White County and Spyglass. In this agreement White County can make no changes using Spyglass recommendations for one year if the County does not take advantage of their recommendations. Ms. Armstrong stated that there are about 4 telephone lines that need to be disconnected because they are not being answered. She stated that the long distance rates are not under contract and they are being billed at a very high rate. She said the potential savings for the County could be around \$12,000.00. She explained that the initial savings would go to Spyglass and then the recommendations would be implemented and the County would reap the savings after the first of the year. Mr. Doshier made a motion that this be tabled until the December meeting so he could digest it and try and make a decision. Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Trout asked the Board to consider the appointment of Katherine Sands to the Illinois South Tourism Board. Chairman Trout thanked Mr. Ray for contacting Ms. Sands to see if she would be interested in this position. Mr. Usery made the motion to table the appointment, seconded by Ray. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Trout asked the Board to consider the appointment of an Animal Control Officer. Mr. Doshier asked if this was a county employee or a contractual position. Clerk Dozier stated contract. Mr. Doshier asked if a contract had been drafted and the reply was no because we did not know who the individual would be signing the contract. Mr. Doshier asked if there was a job description or a set of rules or guide lines that this officer was supposed to follow. He asked if the Animal Control Officer ever gave a report to the County Board. Mr. Trout stated that he was going to appoint Puckett and Doshier to a committee to help the State's Attorney to draft a contract. Chairman Trout stated that he was going to ask the Board to hire one of the 4 individuals that has submitted an application. Mr. Usery made a motion to hire Ronnie Wilson as the Animal Control Officer. Motion seconded by Puckett. Motion carried 4-0-1 on roll call vote with Mr. Ray abstaining. (Mr. Ray said it was very difficult for him to make a choice because he did not know any of the four individuals.)

Chairman Trout stated the next item on the agenda was to consider the appointment of Donald R. Duvall as Commissioner of the Hawthorne Drainage District #2 for a term that will expire on the First Tuesday of September, 2018. Mr. Puckett made a motion to appoint Mr. Donald R. Duvall as Commissioner, seconded by Usery. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Trout asked the Board to consider the appointment of Walter Ray Harris as Commissioner to the Granny Tweedle Levee District. Mr. Ray made a motion to appoint Walter Ray Harris as Commissioner to the Granny Tweedle Levee District for a term that will expire on the First Tuesday of September 2018. Motion seconded by Doshier. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Trout asked the Board to consider the appointment of Donald Glover as Commissioner of the Mill Shoals Drainage District #3. Mr. Puckett made a motion to appoint Donald

Glover to the Mill Shoals Drainage District #3 for a term that will expire on the First Tuesday of September 2018. Motion seconded by Doshier. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Trout asked the Board to consider the appointment of Morris Ray Jones as Commissioner of the Randolph Drainage District #1. Mr. Doshier made a motion to appoint Morris Ray Jones as Commissioner to the Randolph Drainage District #1 for a term that will expire on the First Tuesday of September 2018. Motion seconded by Usery. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Trout stated the next item on the agenda was to consider the appointment of Stan Armstrong as Commissioner to the Half Moon Drainage District. Mr. Trout made a motion to appoint Stan Armstrong to the Half Moon Drainage District for a term that will expire on the First Tuesday of September 2018. Motion seconded by Ray. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Trout stated that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015.

Mr. Puckett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Usery. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.