

WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEETING

APRIL 11, 2017

7:00 P.M.

A special meeting of the White County Board begun and holden this 11th day of April, 2017 in the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi.

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

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

Mr. Trout led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Doshier asked the Board if they had received copies of the minutes of the previous meeting and were there any additions, changes or deletions. Mr. Trout 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 Usery. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Doshier asked for a motion to approve the current bills. Mr. Usery made a motion to approve the payment of all current bills. Motion seconded by McAnulty. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. David Bachman, Foreman of the White County Highway Department stated that the railroad crossing at Maunie would be closed for repairs from 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 12 until 8:00 a.m. Friday April 14, 2017. Everyone will need to use the back roads in and out of Maunie until Friday.

Mrs. Pam Armstrong, Treasurer, gave an overview of the new and improved Board report that her office had prepared for the month of March. She also had written a letter stating why some of the funds increased or decreased more than \$5,000.00. Mrs. Armstrong also stated that she had made a decision to outsource the printing and mailing of tax bills. She stated that she could have that done cheaper than her office staff could process the bills, because of additional payroll for part time employees. Mrs. Armstrong stated that she believes that it is important for her to begin collecting tax monies as quickly as possible because of the financial conditions of some of the School Districts and other taxing districts. Mrs. Armstrong stated that next year she would also look into e-mailing tax bills to individuals who are interested. She also reminded the Board her office has already implemented the payment of taxes by credit card.

Mr. Adam Allen, Director of the Ambulance Service, stated that he had a profit of \$47,925.70 for the month of March. He stated he would like to praise Teresa Brock an EMT and his billing clerk for hammering away at the bills and the deficit.

Mr. Puckett stated that the Sheriff was tied up on other business and was unable to attend but he would be submitting his report to the Board tomorrow.

Mr. Puckett stated that 9-1-1 held their meeting last month and everything is going smoothly.

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

Mr. Ray Diel and Mr. Kevin Kern gave the Board an invitation to a regional information seminar. Mr. Kern stated that it would be held on May 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Anthony's Wild West Saloon in Flora. The meeting will be for members of the Board to meet surrounding county board members and to review county insurance coverage, work comp and risk management programs and employee health care plans. Mr. Doshier stated that they all couldn't attend because of breaking the rules on open meetings. Mr. Doshier stated that Mr. McAnulty and Mr. Trout were on the Insurance Committee. Mr. Diel and Mr. Kern also invited other elected officials to attend. Mr. Kern said he would like to praise Paula Dozier and her office staff in getting information to them and helping them set up meetings with employees to get signed up with the new coverage.

Chairman Doshier stated that he had received a letter from Mike Knight the Community Service Coordinator in which Mr. Knight stated that he would be retiring on May 24, 2017. Mr. Doshier read Mr. Knight's letter to the Board. Mr. Doshier praised Mr. Knight for his continued efforts with the community service program, from cleaning up after festivals, painting curbs, and cleaning up fields after the tornado went through Crossville. Mr. Trout stated that most of the time Mike did as much work as his crew members. Mr. Doshier also explained that the Community Service position is not a position that the County Board could fill. Mr. Doshier explained to the Board that the community service position will be filled by the White County Court System and the Probation Office.

Mr. Adam Allen, Director of the Ambulance Service, stated he would like to show the Board the new advanced cots for ambulances. A representative from Stryker along with Chris James gave a demonstration and gave a breakdown of the cost. The cost for two of the electronic cots would be \$101,000.00 and they would give the county 0 percent financing charge for the next three years. Mr. Allen stated the Ambulance Service could go reduce to two man crews, saving \$163,000.00 a year in ambulance payroll. Mr. Allen also stated it would save the county monies in premiums for workmen's compensation, because most of the ambulance service injuries are from lifting. The discussion led to patients becoming heavier and heavier and some of the difficult situations EMT's find themselves in. They could also use a chair system with tracks that would take people down the stairs and then move them to the new electrical cots. Mr. Allen stated the workman's compensation carrier also provides a yearly grant of around \$7,000.00 that could be used to defray the cost of the cots. Mr. Allen did state that the grant monies are not guaranteed funds but the county has received them for the last several years. Mr. Doshier asked the Ambulance Committee to keep working with the Director and crunching numbers and maybe a decision could be made by summer.

Mr. Doshier stated he had made an error and that this item was supposed to be on the agenda prior to the cot demonstration. Mr. Doshier then stated the Board needs to approve a resolution for the sale of real estate to Mark Johnson through the County's Trustee program. The parcels being sold are 13-14-227-005 and 13-14-227-006. Mr. Trout made a motion to approve the resolutions of sale of real estate through the Trustee's program. Motion seconded by Usery. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Chris Marsh stated that an individual in a local nursing home had no family and no power of attorney or advance directive. He said the County Clerk's Office and he did some investigative work and by 4 o'clock last Friday we knew where the gentleman was born, lived and whom he was married to. He stated that now plans can be made concerning his burial. He thanked the Clerk's Office and stated that with cooperation between the offices many problems can be solved.

Mr. McAnulty stated he thought the power load cot was a great piece of equipment and the savings on payroll and work comp premiums should be taken into consideration. Mr. Marsh said he had witnessed the ambulance service in action on several scenes. Mr. Marsh then stated the power load cot would definitely be of benefit.

Chairman Doshier stated that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, May, 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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