

White County Board Meeting

February 13, 2018

7:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the White County Board begun and holden this 13th day of February, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom of 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 Usery, Puckett, Trout and Doshier all present, Mr. McAnulty left the meeting sick.

Clerk Dozier led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Doshier asked the Board if they had received the minutes of the previous meeting and were there any additions, changes or deletions. Mr. Trout made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as proposed in writing. Motion seconded by Usery. Motion passed 4-0-1 on roll call vote with McAnulty recorded as absent.

Chairman Doshier asked the Board to approve the payment of all current bills. Mr. Usery made a motion to pay all current bills, seconded by Puckett. Motion passed 4-0-1 on roll call vote with McAnulty recorded absent.

Mr. Denton Aud, State's Attorney, informed the Board that in January 2018 a bunch of new laws came into effect. Mr. Aud stated one of those was bail reform, which stemmed from problems in Cook County so now all the counties are having to do things differently. Also laws concerning non-violent crimes such as drug abuse. The sentencing on some of those types of cases have changed. Mr. Puckett stated that individuals are serving shorter terms in prison, because the prisons are full.

Mr. Adam Allen, Director of the White County Ambulance Service stated that he had a profit of \$19,877.50 for the month of January. Mr. Allen stated that with all of the accrued income he has a \$10,000.00 profit for the year of 2017. Mr. Allen stated when he began as the Ambulance Director the service was in the red over \$182,265.00 and he has worked to lower debt down to \$18,367.67. The Board thanked Mr. Allen, Mrs. Brock and the ambulance service for doing a great job for White County.

Ms. Pam Armstrong, White County Treasurer, stated that she had submitted her report to the Board.

Mr. Doug Maier, White County Sheriff, stated that he had just had a City/County Jail meeting and had submitted his report in writing.

Mr. Puckett stated that the 9-1-1 meeting for February may be called off but she was contacting each member to see if they would like to meet or postpone until the March meeting. Chairman Doshier

stated that the sign committee has been slowed down. Mr. Ray stated that he almost had the bid specifications ready and they should be able to be requested in the next month.

Mr. Chris Marsh, White County Coroner, submitted his report in writing.

Mr. Doshier stated that Mr. Totten informed him that there was a generator at the fairground being stored in building and it needs to be moved. Mr. Totten stated that Mayor Pollard would like to move the generator to the City Hall and have it wired in for use there. Sheriff Maier stated actually the generator belongs to the Federal government and was brought in to White County by Homeland Security and the Sheriff's Department is accountable for the equipment. He stated it was part of the equipment that was staged here for disaster relief. He said it would probably be alright for the City to use the generator, however in the event of a disaster, it may need to be put into use in the disaster location.

Chairman Doshier stated that the first item on the agenda was to approve a certification letter to ILLINOISouth recognizing them as the state certified tourism bureau. Mr. Usery made a motion to issue the letter, seconded by Trout. Motion passed 4-0-1 on roll call vote with McAnulty recorded as absent.

Chairman Doshier asked the Board to consider the appointment of Charles Land to the White County Housing Authority Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judy Daubs. Mr. Trout made the motion to appoint Charles Land to the White County Housing Authority to fill the vacancy of Mrs. Daubs. Motion seconded by Usery. Motion passed 4-0-1 on roll call vote with McAnulty recorded as absent.

Chairman Doshier stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider approval of the FOP contract. Chairman Doshier stated that it was a four year contract with a salary increase of 1, 1, 2.5 and 2.5 percent. He stated that a new hire would only be given 4 weeks of paid vacation instead of 5. He also stated that if the insurance premium increased the employee would share equally in the increase up to \$75.00 instead of \$50.00. Mr. Usery asked about the bottom of the salary schedules pages which states that the Sgts. would earn 7% over each step. Sheriff Maier explained that whatever the step that the individual would be on he would receive that step plus 7% more. Sheriff Maier stated that there is currently two Sgts. in dispatch and 2 in the sheriff's department. Mr. Puckett made a motion to approve the contract between White County and the Fraternal Order of Police. Motion seconded by Trout. Motion passed 4-0-1 on roll call vote with McAnulty recorded as absent.

Chairman Doshier asked the Board to consider contributions to the Senior Citizens. Mr. Usery made a motion to donate \$4,500.00 to Carmi/White County, \$900.00 to Norris City, Grayville, and Enfield. Motion seconded Puckett. Motion passed 4-0-1 on roll call vote with McAnulty recorded as absent.

Chairman Doshier introduced Mrs. Debra Weber a member of Pet's at Risk. Ms Weber presented a contribution of \$2,500.00 to the County to be used at the Dog Pound. Chairman Doshier stated that Mr. Usery gave the Board figures of the materials and labor to insulate the Animal Shelter, however it was not on the January agenda so the Board was unable to take action. Mr. Doshier asked the Board if they were interested in that insulation project, and asked if some of the funds from the contribution could be used to complete this job. Ms. Weber stated that Pet's at Risk were definitely interested in keeping the dogs warm and yes a portion of the contribution could be used for the

supplies, but not the labor. Chairman Doshier also stated that Mayor Pollard said that the City of Carmi employees could do that work. Mr. Usery made a motion to insulate the animal shelter, seconded by Puckett. Motion passed 4-0-1 on roll call vote with McAnulty recorded as absent. Chairman Doshier thanked Mrs. Weber and Pets at Risk for the generous contribution.

Mr. Jade Money, Sales Representative from Clear Wave discussed a proposal that he had submitted for the City/County Jail and the Sheriff's Department for fiber optic internet and telephone system which should save the County around \$2,000.00 annually. Mr. Money stated that he would also like the opportunity to resubmit a quote for the rest of the Courthouse. Mr. Trout asked what had precipitated this proposal and Mr. Money stated that he had submitted a quote to the Sheriff's Department and the Courthouse about a year ago and the County had just hired a firm to do an analysis on the phone systems and the current cost. That particular company had negotiated prices for those services and the County was locked into a contract. Mr. Money stated that the contract has now expired and he wanted to take this opportunity to resubmit his quote. Chairman Doshier stated that since we received a new quote and Mr. McAnulty is absent from the meeting he would like this matter tabled until March. Mr. Usery made a motion to table the telephone and internet quote until the March meeting. Motion seconded by Trout. Motion passed 4-0-1 on roll call vote with McAnulty recorded as absent.

Zoning for solar energy tabled until April.

Mr. Brian Ray, presented the fuel bids for the County Highway, Sheriff, Ambulance and Animal Control. Mr. Ray stated that he only received one bid and that was from Wabash Valley Service. The bids are as follows:

	Open Price	Firm Price
Gasoline	1.92	2.078
On Road Diesel	2.237	2.27
Off Road Diesel	2.026	2.057

Mr. Trout made a motion to accept the firm bid for fuel for the Highway Department, Ambulance Service, Sheriff's Department, and Animal Control. Motion seconded by Usery. Motion passed 4-0-1 on roll call vote. (The Highway Department will use unleaded gas, on and off road diesel. The Sheriff's Department and Animal Control will only use unleaded gas and the Ambulance will use on road diesel.)

Chairman Doshier stated that the next item on the agenda was to transfer a \$100,000.00 from replacement tax to County Motor Fuel Unobligated for rock on the county roadways. Mr. Ray thanked the Board. He stated that the Motor Fuel has been declining over the last several years and this will

help some of the roadways tremendously. He said he had several roadways that were falling apart because of the freezing and thawing. Chairman Doshier stated that they had met with a liaison to the Governor's office and have not heard back from him. Chairman Doshier suggested that maybe Valinda Rowe should be contacted to see if she can make some headway with the Governor's office.

Chairman Doshier stated that the next item on the agenda was a Local Public Agency Formal Contract on Section 12-08144-00-BR a township bridge located on 300N Northwest of Norris City. Mr. Ray stated that the contract was awarded to Dees Inc. in the amount of \$138,265.00 (80% funded by the State and 20% funded by Township funds). Mr. Puckett made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Trout. Motion carried 4-0-1 on roll call vote with McAnulty recorded as absent.

Chairman Doshier stated that the next item on the agenda was a Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation Section 09-08141-00-BR a township bridge Southeast of Norris City. Mr. Puckett made a motion to approve the Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation. Motion seconded by Usery. Motion passed 4-0-1 on roll call vote with McAnulty recorded as absent.

Chairman Doshier stated that the next item on the agenda was a Preliminary Construction Engineering agreement known as Section 18-00128-00-GR. Mr. Ray stated that this is for guardrails on the Centerville Bridge. The total project is \$540,000.00 and will require a 10% match by the County. Mr. Usery made a motion to approve the Preliminary Construction Engineering Agreement. Seconded by Trout. Motion passed 4-0-1 on roll call vote with McAnulty recorded as absent.

Chairman Doshier stated that the City of Carmi does an electronic recycling once a quarter the cost to the City is usually around \$3,000.00 and if divided equally the county's share per quarter would be \$1,500.00. Mr. Doshier stated that the City employees never ask for ID and he is sure that individuals outside the City limits are using the recycling. Chairman Doshier stated that this will hopefully keep individuals from dumping things along side of the roadways. Mr. Trout made a motion to join the City of Carmi in the electronic recycling program, seconded by Puckett. Motion passed 4-0-1 on roll call vote with McAnulty recorded as absent.

Chairman Doshier stated that at the January meeting the White County Board voted down the management proposal submitted to the Board from Deaconess Illinois for management of the Ambulance Service. A committee has since met with Deaconess Illinois addressing their proposal for acquisition of the Ambulance Service. Mr. Trout made a motion to decline the acquisition proposal of the White County Ambulance Service proposed by Deaconess Illinois. Motion seconded by Usery. Motion passed 4-0-1 on roll call vote with McAnulty recorded as absent..

Chairman Doshier asked the committee of Trout, Aud, Allen and McAnulty to put together a counter proposal that the County could offer Deaconess. Also Chairman Doshier stated that he has requested an estimate from the Illinois Department of Revenue for sales tax that could be generated from a public safety referendum of ½ percent and then a second estimate for 1 percent. Chairman Doshier stated that they could look at those estimates and then make a decision on whether they would like to proceed to add that referendum to the ballot. The resolution must be voted on by late summer to be placed on the November 6th General Election ballot. Chairman Doshier stated if the referendum would pass it would have to be certified no later than the beginning of March to the Department of Revenue and the County would not receive any of the monies until July 2019.

Chairman Doshier asked if there was any other business other than the next meeting would be held on March 13, 2018. Sheriff Maier stated that he had the firearm simulator set up at the training facility in the Cherry Street building and would like to set up a time and date that the Board could come and view that facility.

Mr. Puckett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trout. Motion passed 4-0-1 on roll call vote with McAnulty recorded as absent.