

White County Board Meeting

July 21, 2016

6:30 p.m.

A special meeting of the White County Board was reconvened at 6:30 on July 21, 2016 in the Courtroom of the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi.

Clerk Dozier called the roll with Doshier, Usery, Puckett and Trout present and Mr. Ray was not informed that the Tuesday meeting had been recessed so he will be running a little behind.

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

Mr. Mark Kelly, our agent of record, explained that he had brought a representative from Key Benefit Administrators, Mr. David Smith to present their self-funded plan. Mr. Smith presented each board member with a pamphlet which explains step by step their insurance plan. He explained that it isn't only a self-funded insurance plan but a wellness plan. The company he is with tracks 27 different illnesses and tries to manage those individuals healthcare. In some instances the individuals are given their medication or supplies free to help manage cost and hospital stays. Mr. Smith stated that the county would have to transfer what they are currently paying to Blue Cross/Blue Shield per month to Key Benefit Administrators. Mr. Trout asked if the County would have to hire and find someone to administer their program and Mr. Smith replied no. He stated that Key Benefit would take care of the administration of all claims and payments. Clerk Dozier asked if people would be taken out of the self-funded plan and put in the market place or on Medicaid. They replied that anyone on the self-funded would remain on the plan and not be farmed out.

Mr. Ray is present for most of the explanation of the self-funded plan.

Clerk Dozier stated that she had some reservations about self-funded because the County was involved in a plan in the 90's and it ended badly. The County was half million dollars in debt before they could move back with a major carrier. She stated that before the ink was dry on the paperwork that the County had 3 individuals with cancer and with each year the carve-out for those individuals increased. Mr. Ray stated that he was on the Egyptian Health Department board and they went with a self-funded plan for two years it was fine but the third year the carve out on an individual had increased and that was the first time he had heard the terminology carve out.

Clerk Dozier and the Board are also concerned about the Presidential Election and what the landscape will look like as far as the Affordable Care Act. Mr. Kelly and Mr. Smith explained that with Clinton the act with some tweaking would be in place, with Trump it could be tweaked but it would take at least a whole term to dismantle it.

The Board stated that they need time to digest all the information. They said they had currently renewed with Blue Cross/Blue Shield with an August 1, 2016 start date. They stated that if they decided to go into the self-funded plan they would be in touch.

Mr. Doshier made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Usery. Motion carried 4-0-1 on roll call vote. Mr. Ray had to leave the meeting early.