

WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 14, 2018

7:00 P.M.

A special meeting of the White County Board begun and holden this 14th day of August, 2018 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 McAnulty, Usery, Puckett, Trout and Doshier all present.

Chairman Doshier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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 McAnulty. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Brian Ray, County Engineer, stated that the rural reference signs have arrived, but the brackets and post are not here. Chairman Doshier stated that once everything has been shipped the committee will get together and decide how to get them all put together and where they should begin putting the new signs up.

Mr. Adam Allen, Ambulance Director, stated that the service had another month in the black, and the profit was only \$109.67. Mr. Allen stated that part of the problem was a delay in Medicare payments because they have revamped their billing requirements and it requires jumping a lot of hoops trying to get in compliance.

Mr. Doug Maier, White County Sheriff, was unable to attend the meeting but submitted his report in writing. Mr. Puckett stated that the jail currently has 58 prisoners, but it has been cleared to house Federal prisoners again.

Mrs. Pam Armstrong, County Treasurer, stated that the tax bills were mailed and she would be sending the first disbursement at the beginning of September. She also stated that her office would be implementing going paperless for those taxpayers who wish to do that and she would also implement next year accepting partial payments after the close of this tax year.

Mr. Puckett stated that the next 9-1-1 meeting would be held Monday, August 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.

Mr. Chris Marsh, Coroner, submitted his report to the Board in writing.

Chairman Doshier asked Mr. Marsh if Mr. Totten could start moving his file cabinets and equipment into the space available inside the Coroner's Office. Mr. Marsh said he was welcome to start that move and he also had a small room available for an office. Chairman Doshier thanked Mr. Marsh.

Chairman Doshier stated that he had received a letter from the Illinois State Labor Relations Board requesting information on negotiation between White County and the Laborer's 1197.

Chairman Doshier stated that David Schmett had written a letter thanking the White County Ambulance Service.

Chairman Doshier stated that he had registered for a solar seminar in East Peoria on September 28th and if any member remaining on the Board would like to go the reservation has been made. However, he would attend if no one else would.

Mr. J. J. Wittenborn came before the Board to request the Board to adopt a resolution to place an advisory question on the November ballot to prevent the Illinois General Assembly from introducing unconstitutional legislation pertaining to gun control. The resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION TO PRESENT AN ADVISORY PUBLIC QUESTION VIA A COUNTYWIDE REFERENDUM IN THE
MATTER OF SUPPORTING THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF FIREARM OWNERS

WHEREAS, THE White county board opposes the passage of any bill where the Illinois General Assembly desires to restrict the individual rights of U.S. Citizens as protected in the United States Constitution,

WHEREAS, the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms is guaranteed as an individual right under the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and under the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and;

WHEREAS, the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms for defense of Life, Liberty, and Property is regarded as an Inalienable Right by the People of White County, Illinois, and as stated in the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution "...being necessary to the security of a Free State."

WHEREAS, the Rights enumerated under the Fourth, Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, as well as numerous Sections enumerated in Article I of the Illinois Constitution have been threatened, and:

WHEREAS, the People of White county, Illinois drive economic benefit from all safe forms of firearms recreation, hunting, and shooting conducted within the county using all types of arms allowable under the United States constitution, and;

WHEREAS, THE White county Board, being elected to represent the People of the County and being duly sworn by the Oath of Office to uphold the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Illinois, and;

WHEREAS, the Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois Senate, being elected by the People of the State of Illinois and being duly sworn by the Oath of Office to uphold the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Illinois, and;

WHEREAS, the Governor of Illinois, being elected to represent the People of the State of Illinois, and being duly sworn by the Oath of Office to uphold the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Illinois, and;

WHEREAS, any bills under consideration by the Illinois legislature which would infringe on the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, and would ban the possession and use of firearms, magazines, body armor, and related items by peaceable citizens of White County, Illinois for defense of Life, Liberty and Property and would ban the possession and use of arms now employed for safe forms of recreation, hunting, and shooting conducted within White County, Illinois;

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the Voices of the People of White County, Illinois are heard in Springfield, and throughout the State and Nation, the White County Board seeks to place an advisory public question before the electorate via a REFERENDUM on the November 6, 2018 ballot seeking to inform the Illinois General Assembly that the People of White County, Illinois OPPOSE any and all legislation which would infringe upon the Constitutional Rights of the People of White County Illinois to Keep and Bear Arms.

“The People of White County, Illinois are OPPOSED to all attempts by the Illinois General Assembly, in violation of their Oath of Office, to infringe upon the Constitutional Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms.”

Yes

No

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the White County, Illinois Board that the aforementioned advisory question be presented to the electorate via a county wide referendum on the November 6, 2018 ballot; and approved by vote, the results forwarded by the Clerk of White County to the Illinois House of Representatives, Illinois Senate, and Office of the Governor.

ADOPTED this 14th day of August, 2018.

David D. Doshier
Chairman, White County Board

ATTEST:

Paula Dozier
White County Clerk

Mr. Wittneborn reiterated that this was simply on non-binding public question or an advisory question. Mr. Darrell Ridenour and a retired teacher spoke on behalf of the resolution. Mr. Usery made a motion to adopt that resolution, seconded by McAnulty. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mrs. Joanie Oliver asked the Board to continue the contract renewal with Taylor Eye Care. Mrs. Oliver stated that the contract would provide a 20% discount for all county employees on certain items such as eye exam, frames and lenses. Mr. Trout made a motion to extend the contract with Dr. Taylor. Motion seconded by Usery. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Doshier asked the Board for a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of pending litigation. Mr. Puckett made the motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of pending litigation, seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Usery made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Puckett. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Doshier stated that the next item on the agenda was to discuss the Southern Illinois Drug Task Force Agent. Chairman Doshier stated that there is only a balance of \$25,000.00 dollars in the bank account. He stated that this account also funds the WE CARE PROGRAM and also some drug free activities in the community. Mr. Denton Aud, State's Attorney stated that this Anti-Crime Fund was a Special Revenue Fund controlled by the Sheriff. He stated that he didn't know if the Board had any authority over it. Mr. Wes Trout stated the County Board years ago voted to get out of the drug task force. Chairman Doshier asked Mr. Aud and Mrs. Fulkerson how the program was funded. Mr. Aud stated that fees were collected through the Circuit Clerk's Office and also the City of Carmi pays \$2,000.00 a month. Chairman Doshier said in February the City of Carmi made a contribution of \$16,000.00 was that playing catch up or did they just put in additional funds. No one could answer that question. State's Attorney Aud said that the task force was a valuable tool in drug enforcement and he would hate to lose the program. Chairman Doshier stated that he just wanted to make everyone aware that those funds were also dwindling and he didn't want the officer caught off guard when there were no funds available.

Chairman Doshier reminded the Board that the next meeting would be a day meeting on September 11, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

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