

WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 9, 2018

7:00 P.M.

A special meeting of the White County Board begun and holden this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 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.

Mr. Ron McAnulty 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. McAnulty made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as proposed in writing. Motion seconded by Usery. Motion carried 4-0-1 on roll call vote with Trout abstaining because he was absent from last meeting.

Chairman Doshier asked the Board to pay all current bills. Mr. McAnulty made a motion to pay all bills, seconded by Usery. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Brian Ray, County Engineer, informed the Board that the oil and chipping was complete. He stated that 200 intersections have new rural reference signs.

Mr. Chris James, Assistant Director, stated that the Ambulance Service has a net profit of \$8,727.82 net profit for this month.

Mrs. Pam Armstrong, Treasurer, stated that the Office has collected over \$10 million dollars of real estate taxes and her office was currently working on the second disbursement.

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

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

Ms. Sydney Bingman, Miss White County Fair Queen, introduced herself to the Board and gave a presentation on domestic violence. She herself was a victim of domestic violence. She stated that she would like to thank Denton Aud and Candace Masterson for helping her work through this chapter in her life.

Chairman Doshier stated he has just handed out a pamphlet about animal welfare. He also stated that the repaving of the parking lot in front of the annex will be started on the Monday after Corn Day.

Chairman Doshier stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider air conditioning for the dog pound. He stated that the lady that had promised to buy the air conditioner and pay the utility bills during the summer months has not returned his call. Mr. Wayne Spicer handed

the Board a letter from the lady. Chairman Doshier asked the Board to table this until next month to give them time to read and digest the letter. Mr. McAnulty made a motion to table consideration of air conditioning until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Puckett. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Clerk Dozier explained that the state had changed the statutes as to the cost of rental housing support that she has to collect and send to the State to \$9.00 instead of \$10.00, therefore the ordinance that the Board adopted to set the clerk's fee has to be modified to correct that amount to reflect \$9.00. Mr. Usery made a motion to adopt the amended Clerk's Fees, seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Clerk Dozier explained that the State's Attorney received a 2.2% cost a living increase and the County has a joint resolution signed with Edwards County that agrees that any time the State's Attorney receives a cost of living raise so will the public defender. The board must adopt the increase and set the public defender's salary. Once the salary is set a new PTAX 451 must be filled out to notify the State of the new salary. The State of Illinois reimburses the Public Defender position by 66 2/3% so that a portion of that raise will be picked up by the State, a portion by Edwards County and a portion by White County. Mr. Usery made a motion to set the public defenders salary at \$99,931.81 which will reflect the 2.2% increase. Motion seconded by Puckett. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Doshier asked the Board to consider the appointment of Walter Ray Harris as Commissioner of the Granny Tweedle Levee District for a term that will expire on the first Tuesday of September 2021. Mr. Trout made a motion to appoint Walter Ray Harris to the Granny Tweedle Levee District, seconded by Usery. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Doshier stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider the appointment of Morris Ray Jones as Commissioner of the Randolph Drainage District for a term that will end on the first Tuesday of September 2021. Mr. Usery made a motion to appoint Morris Ray Jones to the Randolph Drainage District, seconded by McAnulty. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Doshier asked the Board to consider the appointment of Donald Glover as Commissioner of the Mill Shoals Drainage District #3 for a term that will expire on the first Tuesday of September 2021. Mr. Usery made a motion to appoint Donald Glover to Mill Shoals Drainage District #3, seconded by Puckett. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Doshier asked the Board to consider the appointment of Tim Smith as Commissioner of the Mud Creek Drainage District #1 for a term that will expire on the first Tuesday of September 2021. Mr. Trout made a motion to appoint Tim Smith to the Mud Creek Drainage District, seconded by Usery. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. McAnulty and Mr. Doshier stated that the next item on the agenda was to discuss the 2019 budget. They asked the audience if they had any other questions in addition to questions at the budget hearing. There were no other questions.

Chairman Doshier stated that the next item on the agenda was Hope Trust insurance renewal. Mr. McAnulty explained that the current insurance is the Hope 2500 which the premium will increase to \$791.00 per employee per month. The Hope Trust has another product, Hope 4500 which would pose an additional risk for the County by increasing the deductible from \$2500.00 to \$4500.00. However, the employee's deductible would remain at \$1,000.00. The cost per month per employee for the Hope

4500 would be \$760.00 per employee per month. Mr. McNulty stated that he had attended the Hope Trust annual members meeting a couple of weeks ago. He stated the biggest discussion was in and out of network coverage. Hope Trust stated within a couple of years the in and out of network will no longer be an issue. That all individuals will be able to choose their providers without any ramifications. Mr. McNulty stated that he was recommending that the County change their policy from the 2500 to the 4500. Mr. Trout made a motion to move the coverage from Hope 2500 to Hope 4,500.00. Motion seconded by Usery. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. David Doshier stated that he attended a Solar Energy Symposium in Peoria a week ago. He stated that he learned that there will be a lottery for the solar sites in Illinois. Illinois is only going to allow 75 sites. Hopefully, White County will be one of those locations. He said he also learned that after those 75 have been established the State may allow additional solar projects in brown sites. Brown sites are those locations that have been used as some type of landfill. So it is possible that White County could possibly have to solar farms. He stated that the State has sent out a letter on how these structures will be assessed. He stated that the farmland the solar farm will be built on will be changed from a farm code to a commercial code. He also stated that a Road Use Agreement has been developed and will become a part of the permitting process in White County. Chairman Doshier stated that he would like to thank Denton and Brian Ray for helping with this agreement.

Chairman Doshier stated that he had made a trip to Washington D.C., September 11, 2018 and the trip was paid for by the Illinois Association of County Board Members. There were several surrounding County Board Chairman that made the trip.

The next County Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

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

## White County Budget Hearing

October 9, 2018

6:45 p.m.

Chairman Doshier called the budget hearing to order at 6:45 p.m. in the Courtroom of the White County Courthouse.

Present for the meeting were McAnulty, Usery, Puckett and Doshier. All of the elected officials were present and several employees from the County. Mrs. Sheila Headlee asked the Board why they were repaving the parking lot in front of the annex and spending \$26,000.00 when that was one employee's salary. Chairman Doshier stated that maintenance on the County Buildings and Property would have to continue. He stated that plans were also in the works to address the sink hole and the parking lot at the State's Attorney's Office. She then asked why \$100,000.00 of replacement money was transferred to the Highway Department for rock and would that be repaid. Chairman Doshier replied that once again maintenance must be done and no monies would be paid back. Mr. Brian Ray, County Engineer, stated that he has been hearing that officials have been meeting over the budget, he said I was never invited to address this issue in that meeting. Mr. Brian Ray stated that the State Motor Fuel Funds are at the same rate as they were in 1972 and after this winter the roads were in terrible shape. Chairman Doshier stated that unfortunately the budget was not balanced. Doshier stated that all he knew to do was to meet with the elected officials to bring the budget in line. The elected officials stated that they would like to meet together and would come up with a date after the meeting. The Board stated that they would consider that. Doshier stated that he could not meet on October 17, 18, 19<sup>th</sup> or the 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. McAnulty stated that beside the unbalanced budget the General Fund had already out spent revenues by \$455,000.00.

Chairman Doshier asked if there were any additional questions.

Chairman Doshier stated that it was 7 o'clock and time to convene the county board meeting.