

WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 13, 2018

7:00 P.M.

Chairman Doshier reconvened the September 11th Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Chairman Doshier asked for a moment of silence for all the fire victims, our Veterans all the individuals involved in the mass shootings.

Chairman Doshier asked for discussion and a motion to approve the budget. The audience was filled with county employees who were voicing their concern over the current budget about to be adopted and the layoffs that would ensue. At times the conversations were heated. Mrs. Kari Starks, Sheila Headlee, Byrd Huber, Craig Poole, Mike Thomas, Valarie Berekashvili, and Candace Masterson spoke on behalf of no layoffs and that they would be considering filing grievances. They questioned the Board for making expenditures on the rock, parking lot etc. Several audience members took Mr. Usery to task over a publication he made prior to Election Day. They accused him of playing favoritism in trying to get his friend Jonathan Williams elected over Doug Maier. Clerk Dozier tried to explain in vain that the budget is the least of the County's problems. There is no money, the County general fund is in the red over \$1,025,000.00 at the end of October. Chairman Doshier tried to explain several times that when the money runs out there the bills will be going unpaid and the payroll will end. Mr. McAnulty made a motion to table the adoption of the budget and tax levy. The motion was seconded by Puckett. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. McAnulty made a motion to recess this meeting until November 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.

November 13, 2018

Chairman Doshier called the November 13, 2018 meeting to order.

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

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

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

None of the County officers had a report. The City/County Jail report and Corner's report were submitted in writing.

Chairman Doshier stated that he had received notification of the Illinois Commerce Commission that the enterprise zone has been approved for White and Edwards County.

Chairman Doshier stated that the Illinois Association of County Boards has notified him that they will be refunding \$300.00 dues that the County Board has paid.

Chairman Doshier stated that the first item on the agenda was to consider the adding of air conditioner to the Dog Pound. Chairman Doshier stated that howling for help has agreed to buy an air conditioner and pay 3 summer months of utility bills. Mr. Trout made a motion not to air condition the dog pound, seconded by Puckett. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Doshier asked the county to approve participation in the Illinois State Board of Elections Cyber Navigator Program. Clerk Dozier explained that this approval is required before the County is eligible for a \$12,000.00 grant. Mr. McAnulty made a motion to participate in the Elections Cyber Navigator Program, seconded by Uesery. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Doshier asked the Board to consider the following resolution for participation in the State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor Service, and make the appropriation for the expenditure. The resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor was created to provide services to State's Attorneys in Counties containing less than 3,000,000 inhabitants; and,

WHEREAS, the powers and duties of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor are defined and enumerated in the "State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's Act", 725 ILCS 210/1 et. seq., as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly appropriates monies for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, one-third from the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's County Fund and two-thirds from the General Revenue Fund, provided that such funding receives approval and support from the respective Counties eligible to apply; and,

WHEREAS, the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor shall administer the operation of the appellate offices so as to insure that all participating State's Attorneys continue to have final authority in preparation, filing, and arguing of all appellate briefs and any trial assistance; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the White County Board, in regular session, this 13th day of November 2018 does hereby support the continued operation of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, and designates the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor

as its Agent to administer the operation of the appellate offices and process said appellate court cases for this County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the attorneys employed by the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor are hereby authorized to act as Assistant State's Attorneys on behalf of the State's Attorneys of this County in the appeal of all cases, when requested to do so by the State's Attorney, and with the advice and consent of the State's Attorney prepare, file, and argue appellate briefs for those cases; and also, as may be requested by the State's Attorney, to assist in the prosecution of cases under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act and the Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Act. Such attorneys are further authorized to assist the State's Attorney in the State's Attorney's duties under the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act, including negotiations thereunder, as well as in the trial and appeal of tax objections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of the State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor will offer continuing legal education training programs to the State's Attorneys and Assistant State's Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the attorneys employed by the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor may also assist the State's Attorney of this County in the discharge of the State's Attorneys duties in the prosecution and trial of other cases, and may act as Special Prosecutor if duly appointed to do so by a court having jurisdiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor is duly appointed to act as Special Prosecutor in this County by a Court having jurisdiction, this County provide reasonable and necessary clerical and administrative support on an as needed basis

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the White County Board agrees to participate in the service program of the Office of State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor for Fiscal Year 2019, commencing December 1, 2018 and ending November 30, 2019, by hereby appropriating the sum of \$7,000.00 as consideration for the express purpose of providing a portion of the funds required for financing the operation of the Office of State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, and agrees to deliver the same to the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor on request during the Fiscal Year 2019.

Passed and adopted by the County Board of White County, Illinois, this 13th^h day of November 2018.

David Doshier, Chairman

Attest:

Paula Dozier, White County Clerk

Mr. Usery made a motion to approve the participation in the State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor Service and to appropriate \$7,000.00 for that participation. Motion seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Doshier stated that the next item on the agenda was a resolution to appropriate funds for the payment of the county Engineer's Salary

Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Payment
Of the County Engineer's Salary
Section No. 19-CS193-00-AC

WHEREAS, the County board of White County has adopted a resolution establishing the salary of the County Engineer to be (95%) percent of the recommended salary for the County Engineer as determined annually by the Illinois Department of Transportation, and

WHEREAS, the County Board of White County has entered into an agreement from 01/01/19 to 12/31/19 with the Illinois Department of Transportation for transfer of Federal Surface Transportation fund to pay one-half of the salary paid to the County Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the White County Board that there is hereby appropriated, the sum of Ninety-four thousand two hundred twenty-nine and 55/100 Dollars (94,229.55) from the County's Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of paying the County Engineer's salary from 01/01/19 to 12/31/19 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the White County Board hereby authorizes the Department of Transportation, State of Illinois, to transfer forty-seven thousand two hundred fourteen and 77/100 dollars (\$47,114.77 of Federal Surface Transportation Program Funds allocated to White County to the Department of Transportation in return for an equal amount of State funds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the White County Board that there is hereby appropriated the sum of Forty-seven thousand one hundred fourteen and 78/100 Dollars (\$47,114.78) from the County's Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of paying the County Engineer's expense from 01/01/19 to 12/31/19.

I, Paula Dozier, COUNTY CLERK in and for said County of White in the State of Illinois, and a keeper of the records and files thereof, as provided by statute, do hereby certify the forgoing to be a true, perfect and complete original of a resolution adopted by the County Board of White at a meeting held on 11/13/18.

I certify that the correct TIN/FEIN number for White County is 37-6002339
Legal Status: Governmental

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County at my office in Carmi, in said County, this 13th day of November 2018.

Paula Dozier
County Clerk

Mr. Trout made a motion to approve the resolution for appropriating funds to pay the County Engineer's salary. Motion seconded by Puckett. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Doshier said that the next item on the agenda was to consider the approval of the first solar application and begin the process of issuing the permit. Chairman Doshier introduced the attorney for Ranger Power/Big River. He gave a brief overview of the project that would be located in White County. Mr. Usery made a motion to approve the application of Ranger Power and issue the permit for their solar project. Motion seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Doshier stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider the appointment of Donald Duvall as Commissioner to the Hawthorne Drainage District #2 for a term that will end on the first Tuesday of September 2021. Mr. Trout made a motion to appoint Donald Duvall as Commissioner of the Hawthorne Drainage District, seconded by Puckett. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Doshier stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider the renewal of the Worker's Compensation policy through the Illinois Public Risk Fund in the amount of \$124,139.00 for policy year January 1, 2019 thru December 31, 2019. The new premium represents a \$7,153.00 decrease from the 2018 policy. Also the Illinois Public Risk Fund will be offering a grant for equipment and safety supplies in the amount of \$16,935.00. Mr. Puckett made a motion to renew the County's Worker's Compensation policy with the Illinois Public Risk fund in the amount of \$124,139.00. Motion seconded by Usery. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Doshier stated that the next item on the agenda was to discuss the ambulance service. He stated that the results of last Tuesdays' election were not what the ambulance service nor the County Board had hoped for. Mr. Adam Allen, Director of the Ambulance Service stated that he was sorry that the referendum for funding of the ambulance service through sales tax had failed. He stated that the service would try to keep running as a volunteer for as long as possible. He stated that he may look at increasing the standby rate from \$3.00 an hour to \$5.00 in hopes of drawing in some EMT's and Paramedics. He stated that medical control had not approved bringing back the service as an ALS unit so they would continue to run the basic service. Chris James a Paramedic was very unhappy that the tax did not pass. He stated it was very frustrating that an individual. Chairman Doshier stated that we also must discuss the loan at First National Bank of \$150,000.00. Mr. Allen stated that as much as he would like to move forward and use the loan for payroll and new ambulances, he is unable to do that since the referendum was defeated. Chairman Doshier stated that his feelings are the same but he doesn't know how in the world the payments could be made to pay off the loan. Mr. McAnulty made a motion that the Board decline the loan of \$150,000.00 from First Bank. Motion seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote. (Mr Doshier stated that the Bank would accept a copy of the minutes and the County should only be out the \$300.00 fee to generate the loan and hopefully the \$50.00 in interest would be waived.)

Chairman Doshier asked that the discussion of the landfill be tabled until the Executive Session under litigation. Mr. Usery made a motion to table discussion of the landfill, seconded by Puckett. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Doshier asked the Board to approve a resolution of surrender on Parcel # 08-23-278-002. Chairman Doshier stated that this is a routine resolution through the Trustees Program. Mr. Trout made a motion to approve the resolution of surrender, seconded by Usery. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Doshier stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider limiting Court Security. Chairman Doshier stated that Judge Webb was in the Courtroom and would he like to address the Board about Security. Chairman Doshier stated that he would like the Board to limit it to 2 individuals. One upstairs and one downstairs. Judge Webb stated that back a couple of years ago the Court Security was in arrears by around \$30,000.00 and his County Judicial fund paid down that debt by around \$20,000.00. The Board informed him it is still in the red by over \$8,000.00. Judge Webb stated that he didn't have a clue this was on the agenda this evening until someone called him. He stated that he would like to be informed since Court Security affects him the most. Mr. Doshier stated that he owed him an apology, because he was supposed to contact him and it slipped his mind. Chairman Doshier stated that the Board would like to limit the officers to two. He stated one upstairs and one downstairs. Judge Webb stated that they currently only have two with a part time on Mondays and Fridays. Chairman Doshier stated that Bellweather, a company that helps set county fees, had sent White County a report stating that in July of 2019 legislation had been passed that would allow a person who was using a court appointed attorney would be exempt from some forms of fines and fees and the two fees they named was Court Security and Arrestee's medical. Judge Webb stated that is correct and that would also add for difficulties to balancing the budget. Chairman Doshier stated that since the Judge would only be using two Court Security Officers he would like the Board to table this matter indefinitely. Mr. Usery made a motion to table the limitation of the number of Court Security Officers, seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Doshier asked for a brief executive session for discussion of pending litigation and personnel. Mr. Puckett made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by McAnulty. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

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

Chairman Doshier stated that the next meeting would be December 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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