

Committee Chairman Pat Sherman called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Paul Reed, Pat Sherman, Dr. Eric Kapke,
Forrest Chambers, Don Handlin,
David Payne, Dale Tumey

The Minutes from the meeting held at the White River Township Trustees Office on January 26, 2009 were reviewed by the Members, with Mr. Sherman advising that, in the future, the person making a motion, along with the person seconding the motion should identify themselves for the record. Mr. Paul Reed made a motion to approve the Minutes from the January 26, 2009 Meeting, and Mr. Forrest Chambers seconded it. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Sherman referred to the Mission Statement that had been previously prepared by the Committee. Mr. Paul Reed read the Mission Statement into the record:

“To develop, in a fair and equal manner, a plan of reorganization for the communities of White River and Greenwood that will create an efficient, effective, accountable and representative government.”

Mr. Forrest Chambers made a motion to approve the Mission Statement as presented. Dr. Eric Kapke seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Sherman advised that the Committee had received 52 resumes from citizens interested in serving as sub-committee members. He stated that, of those received; some individuals were not assigned to sub-committees, as they would be more beneficial to the Committee as “Shared Volunteer Resources”. These individuals include Mr. Andrew Klinger, General Counsel of the Indiana Lottery; Mr. John Eckart, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Revenue; and Mr. David Vornehm, a partner of Drewry, Simmons and Vornehm. Mr. Sherman feels that their legal and professional input will be invaluable to the Committee. White River Fire Department Chief Jeremy Pell, and MaryAnn Powell, Trustee of Pleasant Township, have also volunteered their expertise in governance services. To assist with program management, Mr. John Griffin, retired from Delco Electronics with a MS in Electrical Engineering, and Mr. Forrest Mellott, retired from Lilly & Co., with a MBA in Operations Research have offered to advise.

Concerning the Sub-committee member assignments, Mr. Sherman distributed a listing reflecting the names of the members of each Sub-committee. He stressed that he tried to place the people where he thought they could best assist the Committee. He added that, although there are 6 Sub-committees, they are very inter-dependent. The information accumulated in all of the Sub-committees will be brought to the Reorganization Committee for final determination of action to be recommended.

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Starting with the Parks and Recreation Sub-committee, Mr. Sherman advised that the 5 sub-committee members were: Don Cummins and Laura Hilden, both residing in

Greenwood; Dennis Sherfy, Thomas Traut and Brad Valentine, all residing in White River Township. As alternates, Jack Cruse, Norman Gunn, Mark Hershman, and Erin Smith were selected.

The Finance Sub-committee includes: Jeff Dempewolf, John Hamilton, and Andrew Wiesman, all residing in White River Township; Tom Latondress and Leland Miller, residing in Greenwood.

The Health and Safety Sub-committee includes: Janis Arnold, Stephen Burkhardt, Ann Harrier, and John Maudlin, all residing in White River Township; Gail Richards, residing in Greenwood.

The Infrastructure Sub-committee includes: Neal Burnett, Thomas Parten, and Mark Tate, all residing in White River Township; Christopher Gale, and Mark Richards, residing in Greenwood.

The Planning and Land Use Sub-committee includes: Paul Mauer, Robert Overton, and Rowana Umbarger, all residing in White River Township; John Shell, and William Walker, who reside in Greenwood.

The Governance Sub-committee includes: Jeff Brantley, Stephen Powell, and John Prey, all residing in White River Township; Michael Campbell, and Woody Robinson, residing in Greenwood.

Mr. Sherman asked for any discussion regarding these assignments. Mr. Tom Latondress was present (assigned to the Finance Sub-committee), and advised that he preferred to work in an area relating to public safety, as he has much experience in that field. Mr. Sherman advised that one of the reasons he was placed in the Finance Sub-committee was that it was very important to have a good mix of Greenwood and White River Township citizens in the Finance Sub-committee, and his resume reflected good experience in Finance. Mr. Latondress advised that he understood. Mr. Sherman added that several of the volunteers were not placed in the areas they originally requested, as it was so important that all the citizens feel there is fair representation of both communities in the areas studied. Mr. Sherman also stressed that there is no work addressed by the Reorganization Committee that has any connection with the school districts, noting that the new community will include 3 great school systems, however it is not to become an issue with this committee. He added that he felt the committee was truly blessed with the quality of the people desiring to serve their community.

Mr. Sherman advised that the alternates in the Finance Sub-committee were: Audrey Blacketer, Steve Williams, and Lou Zickler; in the Health and Safety Sub-committee:

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Richard Johnson, Jack Russell, Paul Sanders, and Edward Woods; in the Infrastructure Sub-committee: Herschel Atkinson, Ronald Cram, and Jorg Stachel; in the Planning and Lane Use Sub-committee: Richard Barton, Nancy Dunn, and Rebecca Kaylor; and in the Governance Sub-committee: Wendy McClellen, Ryan Rhoten, and Jody Veldkamp.

Mr. Chambers noted that there were more people serving on the Sub-committees residing in White River Township, as there were more resumes received from these residents.

A possible conflict of interest was suggested concerning one individual, and Mr. Sherman advised that he did not feel this would be an issue, as many of the citizens were involved with either the Township or City of Greenwood.

Concerning the alternates, Mr. Sherman advised that the Chair of the Sub-committee would make the decision as to when the alternates are used.

Mr. David Payne made a motion to accept the Sub-committees as presented. Mr. Forrest Chambers seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Sherman advised that the official date for presenting this issue as a public question has been under consideration, which involves the Reorganization Plan to be presented to the White River Township Board, and the Greenwood Common Council, with their timeline requirements in mind. Mr. Sherman suggested that this date of public question be set for the Primary Election of May 4, 2010. If successful, the Plan could then state how the transition can be made.

Dr. Eric Kapke made a motion to adopt the date of May 4, 2010, as the date for this Reorganization Plan to be presented on the ballot for the 2010 Election. Mr. Paul Reed seconded the motion.

In answer to a question, Mr. Sherman advised that the Committee's work and recommendations should be presented to the White River Township Board, and the Greenwood Common Council, by December of 2009. Mr. Payne advised that December 1, 2009 would be a date for a first reading of the Council and the White River Township Board. It was asked if the timeline allowed for amendments to the Plan to be made by the Council and/or the White River Township Board, and still be in a position to offer it as a public question in the 2010 Primary. Mr. Sherman advised that the timeline tried to take that into consideration, with both government entities to be appraised of activity/updates often. Mr. Sherman added that this timeline schedule will also be reviewed by the City's Legal Department. In answer to a question presented regarding discussions heard elsewhere concerning the inclusion of Bargersville, Mr. Sherman advised that the charge to the Reorganization Committee was to study only a plan that applies to two political sub-divisions, that being White River Township and the City of Greenwood. Bringing in any other sub-divisions, Mr. Sherman explained, would be outside the scope of the request. In answer to a question regarding Primary vs. General

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Election participation in a public question, Mr. Sherman advised that the past voting records reflected that there had been as much as, or more participation in a Primary, unless the General Election involved the Presidency.

Mr. Sherman advised that the only person that should talk to any media should be the Chair of that Sub-committee, not the Members, and asked that that instruction be communicated to the members of the Sub-committees. He added that he will respond to media questions at the Committee level. This is to avoid any misunderstandings, or misinformation. Mr. Sherman also advised that Clerk-Treasurer Jeannine Myers will be in possession of all of the citizen resumes that were received by the Committee, along with other paperwork and items.

It was noted that, after the presentation of the final plan to the government entities, they have up to a year to make a decision on it, based on statute. Mr. Sherman agreed, and advised the Committee would try to get all the information to those entities so that it could be available to be placed on the ballot by that time, if they desired.

The motion to have work completed for a public question on the 2010 Primary Election Ballot passed with a vote of 7-0.

Concerning discussions with the media, Mr. David Payne made a motion to adopt the policy of allowing only the Sub-committee Chairs speak to the media concerning their activities, and only the Chairman of the Committee respond to media questions on behalf of the Reorganization Committee. Mr. Dale Tumey seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Sherman advised that Senate Bill 512 is being discussed in the Senate at this time, and this bill would dissolve township governments, possibly by July of 2009. Should this happen, Mr. Sherman stated, there would obviously be a problem with the continuation of the Committee. Mr. Reed and Mr. Sherman discussed this with Senator Brent Waltz, and Senator Waltz has spoken to the Governor concerning it. If it does pass, it appears that there will be an amendment to the bill which will exclude any township which is in the process of reorganization.

Concerning the selection of a Committee Attorney, Mr. Sherman has discussed this with Alan Townsend, an attorney with Bose, McKinney & Evans. A discounted fee of \$15,000 was acceptable to him. Once a budget is prepared, with the attorney fee, and a fee for secretarial duties is submitted, Mr. Sherman would like the Committee to vote on this. The budget should be ready for consideration at the next meeting. Mr. Sherman advised that Garnet Vaughan had recommended De Lane from the Redevelopment Commission to record the Minutes.

Mr. Sherman advised that the Information Services Department from the City was working on a website for the Committee.

Regarding the January 26, 2009 decision to request that the government entities conduct “Business as Usual”, Mr. Sherman advised that the Letter of Intent had not been prepared as of yet.

Concerning the timeline information, Mr. Sherman also plans to have the Common Council review it and advise of input also.

Locations of future meetings was discussed briefly, noting that alternating Thursdays would be acceptable with the locations to alternate between White River Township and Greenwood.

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.


Patrick A. Sherman, Chairman

RECAP OF MOTIONS

Mission Statement Approved, 7-0

Sub-committees Accepted, 7-0

Reorganization Plan Goal Date of May 4, 2010 Adopted, 7-0

Media Discussions Restricted to Sub-committee Chairs and Committee Chairman, 7-0