

The special meeting held on June 28, 2021 for the Town of Farmersville was called to order at 7pm by Supervisor Lounsbury. All stood for the pledge

Present

Supervisor Francis Lounsbury

Councilman Mark Heberling

Pam Tilton

Donna Vickman

Richard Westfall

Town Clerk Bridget Holmes

Hwy Superintendent Barry Tingué

Guests – See sign in book

Mr. Lounsbury stated that the meeting was requested by Judge Karcher and turned the meeting over to her.

Judge Karcher stated that she wanted to discuss the future of the Town of Farmersville court system with the board. She was proposing that a resolution be brought forth to go on the election in November to see if the residents would like to go down to one judge. In the looking for a replacement for the other judge there has been very little interest and in talking to the supervising judge's assistant that it was maybe the way to go. She received a memorandum on June 24th about what was happening next with the court system. All vehicle and traffic tickets will be handling by the town prosecutor and by mail and that is 85 to 90% of the business that the court has. The scoff procedure was being changed; she will be able to scoff only if they fail to appear not if the defendant fails to pay. Right now she has several that have not paid and will have to write them off. Judge Karcher doesn't know if the scoff will come back or not. She stated that things have changed in the court system since the pandemic and doesn't feel they will go back to what it once was. She stated that yes she had brought up about the one judge at last month's meeting and was just letting it go but after talking to the supervisor's judge assistant and getting Mr. Lounsbury's letter she felt that she had to come to the board and tell them what she knew.

Mr. Lounsbury asked if there was anything set in stone about bringing the V&T tickets back into court? Judge Karcher stated not at this time

Mr. Westfall stated that he felt the town had 2 judges for many years and it should stay that way

Mrs. Tilton- asked if the business was the same? Judge stated that it was starting to pick up a little at this point

Mrs. Vickman If you are doing the V&T all by mail will it go back to normal and is there any reason for the court to get swamped? Judge Karcher stated that she didn't believe so

Mr. Heberling asked if the Judge if she knew if any other town was doing this? Judge Karcher stated no.

Judge Karcher was asked what happen when there was a conflict of interest and she stated that it the judge would recluse herself and the county would decide what town to send it to. Judge Karcher stated that doesn't happen very often.

Judge Karcher stated that she had talked to the board of elections and the resolution would have to be to them by August 2nd to be on the ballot.

Clerk Holmes asked if this affected the person on the ballot and Judge Karcher stated it did not, just gave the people the chance to decide.

Mr. Lounsbury asked the board if they had any problem if this was discussed by email to see if they proceed with the resolution and the board was in agreement.

Clerk Holmes stated that she felt that Mr. Thompson should state that he was videotaping the meeting as it should be known by everyone that it is being done, she noticed through the last month's meeting that people were doing that and it should be announced. She stated that in another town they had problems with people recording the meeting, Mr. Lounsbury asked Mr. Thompson if he had a problem with that being stated and Mr. Thompson stated that it was his right to do so.

Side note, clerk Holmes noticed after this discussion that there were 2 more phones up but do not know if they were recording.

A motion was made by Mrs. Tilton to adjourn at 7:30pm and second by Mr. Westfall, carried

Respectfully submitted
Bridget Holmes