

**WHITLEY COUNTY  
JOINT MEETING  
COUNCIL & COMMISSIONER'S  
April 12, 2011**

The Whitley County Council and Whitley County Commissioner met in a special session on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Kim Wheeler, Vice Chairman John Barrett, James Bayman, Glen LaRue, Tom Western, and William Overdeer. Paula Reimers was absent. Also in attendance for part of the meeting were Deputy Auditor Linda Gerig, Auditor Jen McGuire, Coordinator Amy Crickmore, Duane Ginder EMS Coordinator, Scott Gabriel Parkview, Jim Becher, Jerry Walker, Phil Smith, Tom Rethlake, Don Amber, George Schrumpf Commissioners.

Chairman Wheeler & Chairman Rethlake called the joint meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**IN THE MATTER OF 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER IT REQUEST:** Jim Becher from Microage came before the Council to show the request for second quarter purchase for maintenance IT equipment for the County. Brief discussion on the switches for probation not mandatory at this time, and if allowed would not affect total budget for the rest of the year expenses. Western made a motion to approve the request seconded by Bayman and carried with a 6/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER MEDIACOM:** Jim Becher gave the Council an update on the service we are receiving from the change of internet service in the Recorder's office with Mediacom at the first of the year. Mediacom is adjusting the bill at this time for the poor service. Jim suggests giving Mediacom 30-60 more days to fix the problem before cancelling the contract.

**IN THE MATTER EMS FUNDING:** Scott Gabriel from Parkview Hospital and Duane Ginder from Whitley County EMS worked with Council and Commissioners to discuss the future plans for the EMS in Whitley County. Discussion included strategic planning committee meetings, future financing of the EMS, location of the EMS quarters with the move to the new hospital or use our own stand alone building to house the EMS units. Parkview wants to enter into a five year Contract with the County. An outside Consultant is coming to the May 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> meetings of the Commissioner's and Council for some input on the alternative suggestions and direction Whitley County needs to take. Other discussion was on the change from a 24 hour shift to a 12 hour shift and what the increase of cost would be for wages.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned.

**WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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Tom Rethlake, Chairman

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Don Amber, Vice Chairman

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George Schrumpf

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Jennifer McGuire  
Auditor