

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL
June 7, 2011

The Whitley County Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, June 7, 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 Paula Reimers. William Overdeer was absent. Also in attendance were Auditor Jen McGuire, Coordinator Amy Crickmore, Otto Boschet Jr, Tom Rethlake, Don Amber - Commissioners, Chelsea Behm, Alan Tio, Lamont Rhoades, Jim Argerbright. Chairman Wheeler called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Prior minutes from the May 3, 2011 meeting and the Special Joint Meeting May 5, 2011 were reviewed a motion to approve was made by Western and seconded by Reimers and carried with a 6/0 vote in favor for approval.

IN THE MATTER 2012 EDC BUDGET: Alan Tio presented the 2012 budget the Council. Alan showed the budget with a 15-20% non- CEDIT supported percent along with what the other Whitley cities and towns contribute to support. Alan let the Council know that Whitley was steps ahead of other Counties in regards to the Economic Development and gave a brief review of projects completed in 2011 and what was still in the works. Alan also brought before the Council a request for Phase II of the Revolving Loan Fund award for expansion of SubdivisonINFO in the amount of \$25,000 to support emerging companies in Whitley County. Lamont Rhoades spoke on behalf of his company and how monies would assist in his ongoing expansion for the software program. A motion was given by Bayman to approve the funds, seconded by Barrett and carried with a 6/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER TROY CENTER: Nicole Trier reported on the Troy Center Alternative Learning Program. The total number of students in the program for the 2010/2011 year was fifty-five and 138 credits were earned by the students at the center. So far there is fifteen students confirmed for the Fall of 2011 cost per student is \$2132. Some private donations are given for support of the Center. Nicole answered questions about the center and the programs for students and parents.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Chairman Tom Rethlake reported on the following items discussed in the June 6, 2011 Commissioner meeting.

- Intergovernmental Agreement between Thorncreek and the County for mowing services at the county park.
- County Auction Tuesday June 28, 2011 4:30pm
- County Health Insurance Update enrollment August 1st
- Dr. Rich Upchurch Seminar
- Overtime Liability for Employee policy in County Handbook
- 2012 EDC Budget from Alan Tio

IN OTHER MATTERS: Don Amber reported Highway Department for Michael Barton on the status of road projects. Discussion of the use of the Patcher equipment not being used and why, and ditch mowing for the Summer. Chairman Wheeler discussed the Reimbursement from the State for the \$20,000 for a Highway Engineer and that the wages needed to be paid out of the Highway Budget. A motion by Bayman, seconded by Reimers and carried with a 6/0 vote to move the Engineer wages back into the Highway Budget for 2012. Review of the 2011 Compliance forms from companies obtaining Real Estate and Personal Property Abatements were reviewed and approval was given to allow all abatements at this time for next year except for Steel Plus Distribution. Effective May 1, 2011 the county will reimburse mileage at a cost of \$.44 rate per the State.

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

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Kim Wheeler, Chairman

John Barrett, Vice Chairman

James Bayman

Glen LaRue

Thomas E. Western

William N. Overdeer

Paula G. Reimers

Attest:

Jennifer McGuire, Auditor