

## WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 21, 2023

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 21, 2023, at 1:00 PM in the Commissioner's Meeting Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Commissioners in attendance were Vice Chair Theresa Baysinger and Commissioner Robert Schuman, Chair Chad Banks was absent. Others in attendance were Attorney Matthew Shipman, Auditor Tiffany Deakins, Deputy Auditor Tamela Tinch, Commissioner's Assistant Cami Hippenhammer, Human Resources Jennifer Shinabery, Health Director Scott Wagner, Treasurer Kay Gatton, Planning Director Nathan Bilger, Clerk Cindy Doolittle, Recorder Rosemary Brown, Sheriff Jason Spencer, Tood Cook and Billy Maddox from the Sheriff's Department, Bill Brice, Karmen Brown, Sandra Flum from INDOT and Erin Pipkin and Rusty Holdt from Propel US 30.

Vice Chair Baysinger opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SEPTIC ORDINANCE:** Health Director Scott Wagner was present to discuss the need for an updated septic ordinance with the change of state law. This is the first draft that has been presented to the Commissioners, the Health Department and County attorneys. Scott would like to come back in September to get approval of the ordinance that will take place of four current ordinances.

**US 30 EAST PROPEL UPDATE:** Rusty Holdt from Propel US 30 was present to give an update to Commissioners and constituents on the progress of their 2-year study with INDOT for the need of updating the US 30 corridor. Propel US 30 are halfway through the study and have had a lot of community input that is very beneficial to the study. They will continue to hold workshops that rotate between Warsaw, Columbia City and Fort Wayne twice a month. If you would like to see when these meetings/workshops are please visit [www.ProPELUS30.com](http://www.ProPELUS30.com).

**E-GOV WEBSITE AGREEMENT:** Commissioner Baysinger presented an agreement with CORE who houses e-Gov the current county website. The Commissioners know the frustrations with the website and are working to get that fixed. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve, seconded by Baysinger and carried with a 2/0 vote.

**BRADFORD SYSTEMS PROPOSAL:** Commissioner Baysinger stated that this agreement is for evidence lockers and storage containers for the new jail site. These have already been budgeted for however was an oversight and they need to approve the agreement so that the items can be ordered. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Baysinger and carried with a 2/0 vote.

**MINUTES AND CLAIMS:** The claim distributions from August 8, 2023, through August 21, 2023, were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Baysinger and Schuman reviewed the claims and saw no issues. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Baysinger and passed with a 2/0 vote. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Baysinger and passed with a 2/0 vote. The Commissioners reviewed the regular meeting minutes from the August 7, 2023, Schuman made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Baysinger and carried with a 2/0 vote.

**IN OTHER BUSINESS:** Commissioner Baysinger wanted to again let the constituents know that the Broadband Committee is asking that everyone take the speed test so that we can show as a county that we are underserved with broadband.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Vice Chair Baysinger adjourned the meeting at 1:24 PM.

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Chair Chad Banks

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Vice Chair Theresa Baysinger

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Commissioner Robert Schuman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tiffany Deakins, Auditor