

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 21, 2024

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, October 21, 2024, 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 Chair Chad Banks, Vice Chair Rob Schuman, and Commissioner Theresa Baysinger. Others in attendance were Auditor Tiffany Deakins, Commissioners' Assistant Cami Hippenhammer, Community Corrections Director Paula Worden, Highway Director Ryan Getts, Recorder Rosemary Brown, Ed Beber and Sam Raney from the Probation Department, Dale Buuck and Abbey Anthony from the EDC, Joan Null and Jennifer Esterline.

Chairman Banks opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

EDC UPDATE: Dale Buuck was present to give Commissioners an update on what has been happening with the EDC. Dale gave an overview of items that are currently in the works, including possibly two companies interested in the Rogers Property that the Redevelopment has been assisting with.

PROBATION VEHICLE DISCUSSION: Ed Beber and Samuel Raney from Probation were present to discuss the need for new vehicles for the probation staff. Currently they have a 2012 Ford Escape and 2016 Dodge Charger that need to be replaced. Commissioners would like to use CEDIT funds to cover the expense of two new Blazers. Auditor Tiffany Deakins stated that she could assist with selling the current probation vehicles on GovDeals if that is how the Commissioners would like to proceed. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve the purchase of two new vehicles for probation to be paid from CEDIT, and not to exceed \$75,000, seconded by Baysinger, passing with a 3/0 vote.

FACILITIES REQUESTS:

1. The Columbia City Fire Department would like to utilize the Courthouse square to hand out candy on Christmas Eve from 5:30-8 pm. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve, seconded by Schuman, passing with a 3/0 vote. Commissioners amended the motion to state that the new facility request form would need to be filled out.

MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The claim distributions from October 8, 2024, through October 21, 2024, were reviewed by Commissioner Baysinger. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Schuman, passing with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Schuman and passed with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioners reviewed the regular meeting minutes for October 7th and the executive session minutes from October 8th, 2024. Schuman made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes, seconded by Baysinger and carried with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner

Baysinger made a motion to approve the executive session minutes, seconded by Schuman, passing with a 2/0 vote, with Banks abstaining.

OTHER BUSINESS: Attorney Boxberger and Commissioners discussed the ordinance for contracts that had been drafted. Commissioners decided on still having all contracts come in front of them for approval. If Commissioners would like to let department heads or elected officials sign their own contracts that can be changed later.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Recorder Rosemary Brown and Communications Director Paula Worden both had questions regarding the new ordinance for contracts.

There being no further business and no comments from the public, Chair Banks adjourned the meeting at 1:25 PM.

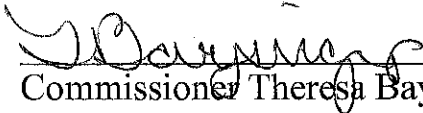
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Chair Chad Banks



Vice Chair Robert Schuman



Commissioner Theresa Baysinger

Attest: 
Tiffany Deakins, Auditor