

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 3, 2025

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 3, 2025, 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 Theresa Baysinger and Commissioner Robert Schuman. Others in attendance were Auditor Tiffany Deakins, Chief Deputy Auditor Tamela Tincher, Commissioner's Assistant Cami Hippenhammer, Recorder Rosemary Brown, County Highway Director Ryan Getts, Planning Director Nathan Bilger, Clerk Cindy Doolittle, Community Corrections Director Paula Worden, Veteran Service Officer Josh Smith, Councilman Thor Hodges and Clarissa Russell.

Chair Banks opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: The Commissioners recognized employees with over 20 years of service. Janelle Schmitt, Rosemary Brown and Karli Hendry have 25 years of service. Danielle Henderson, Scott Smith, Bryan House, Jessica Hockemeyer and Merri Frankle have 20 years of service.

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE UPDATE: Josh Smith, the Veteran Services Officer, gave Commissioners an update for January. Josh stated that January numbers are high, approximately 80% of his meetings have been walk-ins. Josh was also notified that the Community Harvest Food Bank in Fort Wayne will give 50 pounds of food to veterans if they have their DD214s.

TRUCK BID APPROVAL: Commissioners and Highway Director Ryan Getts have reviewed bids for the Highway Department trucks that were put out to bid. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve Western Star (Stoops) for the chassis, seconded by Schuman, passing with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve Kalida Trucking for the body purchases, seconded by Schuman, passing with a 3/0 vote. The amount for the chassis is \$253,800 for two, and the vehicle bodys are \$282,400 for two.

VEHICLE LEASE AGREEMENT: Attorney Boxberger stated that he reviewed the vehicle lease agreement and noticed that it referenced appendix c, however there was not an appendix c with the agreement. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to table until Boxberger can review the appendix, seconded by Schuman, passing with a 3/0 vote.

REZONING REQUESTS: Planning Director Nathan Bilger was present for approval on a rezoning request that has been tabled for a few meetings.

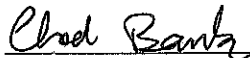
- 24-W-REZ-6 is a request for Jennifer and Jason Esterline to go from AG to VC. Attorney Boxberger updated the ordinance and zoning commitments. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-02, seconded by Schuman, passing with a 3/0 vote.

CINTAS & GFL CONTRACTS: Maintenance Director Mark Sturtevant has worked with Attorney Boxberger on getting contract verbiage updated with Cintas and GFL. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve the Cintas contract, seconded by Schuman, passing with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve the GFL Environmental contracts, seconded by Schuman, passing with a 3/0 vote. Mark also presented Commissioners with an updated TK Elevator repair quote that reflected updates that Attorney Boxberger suggested. Commissioners had approved the quote at the 1-21-2025 meeting, all that is needed is a signature from Commissioner Banks.

MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The claim distributions from January 22, 2025, through February 3, 2025, were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioners Baysinger and Schuman reviewed the claims and saw no issues. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Baysinger and passed with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Baysinger and passed with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioners reviewed minutes from January 21, 2025, bid opening and regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve the bid opening minutes, seconded by Schuman, passing with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes, seconded by Schuman, passing with a 3/0 vote.

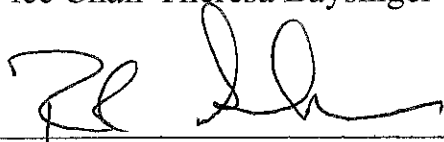
There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chair Banks adjourned the meeting at 1:34 PM.

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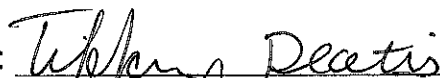
Chair Chad Banks

Vice Chair Theresa Baysinger



Commissioner Robert Schuman

Attest:



Tiffany Deakins, Auditor