

## WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 16, 2025

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 16, 2025, at 1:00 PM in the Commissioner's Meeting Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. The Commissioners in attendance were Chair Chad Banks, Vice-Chair Theresa Baysinger & Robert Schuman. Others in attendance were Auditor Tiffany Deakins, Amanda from Carson LLP, Chief Deputy Auditor Tamela Tincher, Engineer Brad Allen, Highway Director Ryan Getts, Health Director Scott Wagner, Karli Hendry from Circuit Court and Amy Bechtold from Superior Court.

Commissioner Banks opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PLAT APPROVAL:** Planning Director Nathan Bilger presented Commissioners with two plats for approval that were both given favorable passes at the last Plan Commission meeting.

1. Arrowsmith Subdivision is a 1 lot plat located off Blue Lake Road to split off a piece of land to allow for a new home to be built on a new lot. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve, seconded by Schuman, passing with a 3/0 vote.
2. Poorman's Estate is a 2-lot plat off E 700 S to allow for an event center to be built on the lot in front of the home. The owners may later seek a re-zoning, however that is not needed at this time. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve, seconded by Baysinger, passing with a 3/0 vote.

**2025 COVERED BRIDGE CERTIFICATION:** Auditor Tiffany Deakins presented the annual covered bridge certification request to Commissioners; this is something that is presented annually even if the County does not have any covered bridges. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve, seconded by Schuman, passing with a 3/0 vote.

**COMMUNITY CROSSINGS AGREEMENT:** Highway Director Ryan Getts was present to seek approval for the Phend & Brown construction agreement for the Community Crossings Grant that was awarded. This will be for work that will be for E Lincolnway from 300 E to Allen County. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Schuman, passing with a 3/0 vote. Commissioners asked Ryan what the passer rating was for Whitley County, Ryan told Commissioners he would get them this information, he stated that for last year he believes it was 5 ½ or 6.

**FACILITY REQUESTS:** Commissioners reviewed one facility request.

1. Old Settlers Days from June 16 – June 22, 2025. The request is the same as last year including the use of the courthouse lawn for the hot air balloon. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve, seconded by Schuman, passing with a 3/0 vote.

Commissioner Banks let constituents know that the facility request form is now available on the County website.

**ADDITIONAL ITEM:** Commissioner Banks stated that there was an additional agenda item, he along with Auditor Deakins found out that conflict of interests should be presented to Commissioners for approval. Banks filled out a form to mow some property that the Redevelopment Commission owns and is seeking the form to be approved. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve the conflict of interest, seconded by Baysinger, passing with a 2/0 vote with Banks abstaining. Banks stated that he will upload the form into Gateway and submit it to the Clerk as well, all the steps are required by Indiana Code 35-44.1-1-4.

**MINUTES AND CLAIMS:** The claim distributions from June 3, 2025, through June 16, 2025, were reviewed by Commissioner Schuman. 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 the regular meeting minutes of June 2nd, 2025. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes, seconded by Schuman, passing with a 3/0 vote.

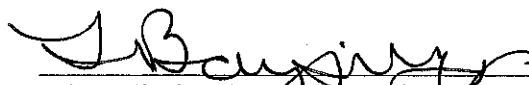
**OTHER BUSINESS:**

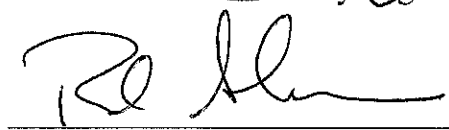
- Auditor Tiffany Deakins mentioned that BakerTilly did a presentation earlier in the day and that she found it to be very informative. This presentation was recorded and can be found on the County's YouTube channel.

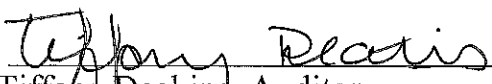
There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chair Banks adjourned the meeting at 1:15 PM.

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Chair Chad Banks

  
Vice Chair Theresa Baysinger

  
Commissioner Robert Schuman

Attest:   
Tiffany Deakins, Auditor