

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 2, 2026

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 2, 2026, 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 Robert Schuman, Stacey Petrovas and Theresa Baysinger. Others in attendance were Attorney Boxberger, Auditor Tiffany Deakins, Chief Deputy Auditor Tamela Tincher, Health Director Scott Wagner, Commissioners' Assistant Angela Brown, HR Director Jennifer Shinabery, Community Corrections Director Paula Worden, Clerk Cindy Doolittle, Assessor Kim Erdly, Treasurer Kay Gatton, Engineer Brad Allen, Highway Director Ryan Getts, Amy Bechtold with Superior Court, Karli Hendry with Circuit Court, Dale Buuck with the EDC, Jennifer Esterline, Recorder Rosemary Brown, Sheriff Spencer, Chief Deputy Cook, Jessica Lewis, Matt Brinkman, Councilman Thomas Warner, Christopher Bachelder, Chad McKinney and Jorell Tucker.

Chair Schuman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: The Commissioners have recognized employees with over 20 years of service. Jessica Lewis & Chad McKinney have 20 years of service. Heather Reid has 25 years of service. Tony Helfrich has 30 years of service, Lynda Jones has 35 years of service, and Lisa Rossiter has 40 years of service. Commissioners also recognized Auditor Tiffany Deakins with a letter that her staff sent to Commissioners for going above and beyond not only for her staff but others as well.

SOUTH WHITLEY PLAN COMMISSION APPOINTMENT: Commissioner Petrovas reached out and spoke with Joseph Grant regarding the open South Whitley Plan Commission board spot. Joseph would like to fill the vacancy. Commissioner Petrovas made a motion to appoint Joseph Grant to the South Whitley Plan Commission, seconded by Baysinger and passed with a 3/0 vote.

CHURUBUSCO LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT: The Churubusco Library has a board vacancy and asked that Khailee Davis be appointed to fill it. Commissioner Petrovas made a motion to appoint Khailee Davis to the Churubusco Library Board, seconded by Baysinger, and passed with a 3/0 vote.

EASTERSEALS UPDATE: This was postponed to a future date.

BUILDING SEWER CONNECTION: Health Director Scott Wagner was present to explain a situation that has involved All Pro Towing and whether they can hook up to the existing sewer line or possibly get a holding tank at their facility. Jorell Tucker was present for All Pro Towing and explained the potential water/sewer uses of the newly built building. Commissioner Petrovas stated that he looked at the map with Planning Director Nathan Bilger, and they noted that there is a closer manhole towards US 30. Jorell stated that he would look into this option.

CERTIFICATE SALE RESOLUTION: Commissioners have reviewed the resolution with SRI to hold a certificate sale in the spring. Commissioner Petrovas made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-02, seconded by Baysinger, passing with a 3/0 vote.

MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The claim distributions from January 21, 2026, through February 2, 2026, 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 Petrovas, and passed with a 3/0 vote. Commissioners reviewed the meeting minutes from the January 20th meeting. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Baysinger, passing with a 3/0 vote.

ADDITIONAL ITEM: Attorney Boxberger stated that Commissioner Schuman had asked about a moratorium that would cover carbon matter, battery and data centers. There are currently 4-5 counties that have enacted a temporary moratorium to cover until they can get planning guidelines in place. This is something that Whitley County could opt to do as well. Commissioners wanted to let everyone know that there is currently no interest for any of those in Whitley County, Commissioners are just trying to be proactive.

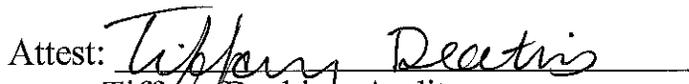
There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chair Schuman adjourned the meeting at 1:21 PM.

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Commissioner Theresa Baysinger


Commissioner Robert Schuman


Commissioner Stacey Petrovas

Attest: 
Tiffany Deakins, Auditor