

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 7, 2014

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 7, 2014 at 1:00pm in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Commissioners in attendance were Chairman George Schrumpf, Don Amber and Tom Rethlake. County Attorney Dan Sigler was absent. Others in attendance Auditor Jennifer McGuire, Pam Smith- County Coordinator, Paula Reimers, Michael Barton, Mark Strack, Jonathon R Strack, Amy Strack, Mike McCoy, Delbert Cripe, Shirley Cripe, Prisilla Van Allen, Matt Shipman, Joan Null, Stanley Crum, Adam Hurley, Ted Hurley, Scott Jones, Mary Garfeiss, Kathy Shively, Mary Hartman, Sandy Trimmer, Dani Tippmann, Chuck Jordan, Dave Sewell, Scott Wagner, Lindsie Goss, Marc Gatton, Sheriff Hodges, Cindy Strack and Katie Wagner.

Chairman Schrumpf opened the meeting with the pledge.

IN THE MATTER OF DISPATCH EQUIPMENT AND RADIOS: The Request for Proposal was reviewed by the Commissioners showing a final cost from J & K Communications at \$385,673.26 for the replacement of both Dispatch Equipment and hand held radios for the County. Sheriff Hodges explained the increase to the proposal from the original stating the replacement of hand held radios was the largest factor. This would eliminate the need for two radios being used by the deputies. Also a light post for activity on the consoles in the Dispatch areas was added and the last increase was an upgrade to Project 25 that is coming through as a mandate from the State. The lease option was presented from STAR Bank for a five year program with an annual cost of \$81,916.00 due before September 1, each year 2015 through 2019. Amber made a motion to proceed with the project and use the Lease program, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote for the five payments. There will be no penalty for early payoff if the County decides differently. The final funding appropriation will be determined by the County Council.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE: David Sewell, Planning & Building Department, addressed the Commissioners with a "Favorable Recommendation" from the Board to change 26.26 acres of ground from Agricultural to General Commercial and Industrial Park/Manufacturing District located on the west side of 800 East and north side of US Highway 30 in Section 24 Union township. The property is owned by Mark & Cynthia Strack and Death & McCoy, LLC and will be the site for a new Truck Stop, gas pumps and restaurant. Matt Shipman spoke on behalf of the comprehensive plan and how it will impact the County. The main complaints by adjoining property owners are the water pollution, noise, jack breaking and use of land if the project fails. Also addressed was the short light at 800 East and the number of trucks able to make a left hand turn with the current signal. All of these issues will be addressed if the project continues and will be addressed as each issue arises. Mr. Strack spoke in favor of the project and that the amenities are needed for the area and that it would be in the County's best interest to proceed. After discussion of the \$6-8 million dollars of investment and the 80 new jobs being created, a motion by Amber to accept the Boards favorable recommendation and sign Ordinance #2014-05 changing the zoning for the ground being address, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF EMA DIRECTOR: Kim Reiff, EMA Advisory Board President, addressed the Commissioners on behalf of filling the EMA Director position after the retirement of Cathy Broxon-Ball earlier this year. Reiff explained that after an extensive process by the Board that they would like to hire Charles Heflin for the position. Mr. Heflin comes with twenty years of experience in Public Safety. The background checks have been done and references have been contacted and reviewed. Mr. Heflin will start in the position on July 14, 2014. The position will be a full-time exempt status and the job description will be reviewed by the Personnel Committee. Commissioner Rethlake wanted to "Thank" the EMA board for the time they put in on filling this position.

IN THE MATTER OF UTILITY PERMIT: A Utility Permit from Nipsco for the placement of a 2" plastic gas main to provide gas to 5370 and 5378 N on County Road 650 East. County Engineer Brandon Forrester has reviewed and signed off on the work. A motion by Amber to allow the Utility Permit for Nipsco, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote by the Commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY: Michael Barton, Highway Supervisor, reported back to the County Commissioners the findings from the Speed Study done at County Road 700. The automated speed signs that generate a report are priced around \$4000, not \$2500 as previously mentioned Barton will review some more options if purchased. Road sealing will start next week in the Southwest portion of the County. The new highway truck is in and at W.A. Jones having the equipment installed on it. Barton would like to use this pricing for the purchase of two more highway trucks before the Fall and prior to the Winter weather. No State reimbursement will come

for the County Roads being used at the Highway #9 Bridge repair because it was not stated as a detour route by the State to use around the lakes. Discussion of the placement of signs for "No Thru Trucks" on 300 North because of the heavy use by cement trucks will require an Ordinance and also what weight or axels needs determined and will be included, this matter was tabled until the July 21, 2014 meeting for further review.

IN THE MATTER OF MUSEUM BUILDINGS: Dani Tippmann, Museum Coordinator, presented three quotes for the painting of the house at the Museum. The three bids were Matthews' Painting Company \$40245.00, Lee Honaker \$8275.00 and A+ Hoosier Painting LLC \$12280.00. After reviewing the Bids and addressing the issues of the age of the wood structures and the lead paint removal, a motion by Rethlake to give a "favorable pass" for approval to complete the work with the bid of \$8275.00 from Lee Honaker and be paid out of Cumulative Capital Fund, seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote. Tippmann also reported the rehousing of the documents will be done in October from the 2nd floor of the house to the Annex building. New doors and windows will be installed by the Historical Society.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: Minutes from the June 16, 2014 Commissioner's meeting were reviewed. Amber made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote. The disbursement of claim reports for July 7, 2014 was reviewed by Commissioner Amber. After discussion, a motion to allow the claims was made by Rethlake, seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY COORDINATOR: Pam Smith submitted a "Request to Use County Facility" from the Main Street Association for movie on the Square, Saturday September 13, 2014 from 6-11pm. A motion by Rethlake to approve the request, seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote. The Personnel Committee wants to implement a new three year wage scale for new hires; this will go into place January 1, 2015 and only pertain to new hires. A motion to allow the new Policy was made by Amber, seconded Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote to implement the change for the County handbook.

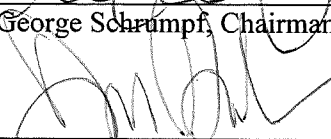
IN THE MATTER OF PRINT MANAGEMENT: Commissioner Schrumpf reported on the Print Management System for the entire County. After reviewing four vendors for the project, Office Concepts, Adams Remco, Advanced Imaging and Van Ausdall & Farrar the findings was an overall savings by going with Office Concepts for the service. The coverage will be for equipment, maintenance and toner on all the devices throughout the County, everything but the paper. The Contract has to be approved by Attorney Sigler before the Commissioners sign the Agreement. The Extension office will be included in the coverage, but still want to look at a black and white brochure not color. The Contract will be for a five year Agreement with no increase to cost. Commissioner Amber made a motion for the five year contract after approved by Sigler, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote.


IN OTHER BUSINESS: The FEMA reimbursement for Whitley County for the Snow Emergency will be \$57,502.70 for the dates of January 5-9, 2014. The sale of the County Equipment will be in an Auction on July 19, 2014. The Humane Society submitted their Quarterly financial statements. A new Region III-A Director Jessica Grossman was hired. 2014 is the 50th Year Anniversary for the Whitley Historical Museum.

With no further input from the public, Chairman Schrumpf adjourned the meeting.

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George Schrumpf, Chairman


Don Amber, Vice Chairman


Tom Rethlake

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