

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 20, 2014

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday October 20, 2014 at 1:00 pm in the Commissioners' Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. In attendance were Chairman George Schrumpf, Don Amber, and Tom Rethlake. Others in attendance were County Attorney Dan Sigler, County Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, County Coordinator Pamela Smith, Michael Barton, Tim Misiora, Joan Null, Stanley Crum, Alan Tio, James Argerbright, Christie Carnahan Whitton, Peggy LeFever, and Kim Wheeler.

Chairman Schrumpf opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: Attorney Dan Sigler reported that Cedar Bridge has agreed to sign a judgment. The documents are prepared and they are in Cedar Bridges' possession. The payment will be an initial \$2,000.00 and after that each monthly payment until it is paid in full will be \$1,000.00. In regard to the Sheriff's salary, Attorney Sigler recommended that this be tabled until the next meeting. Dan also approves the lease contract for the County trucks for the Highway Department. There will be two payments made for the trucks and the interest rate will be 2.95%. The first is in January of 2015 in the amount of \$85,844.00 and the second payment is in January of 2016 in the amount of \$84,573.00. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the lease for the trucks, Commissioner Rethlake seconded the motion and it passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE RESOLUTION APPROVING ISSUANCE OF BONDS & PLAN COMMISSION ORDER: Alan Tio presented a Resolution to Amend the Declaratory Resolution of the Whitley County Redevelopment Commission, approving an order of the Whitley County Plan Commission and approving the issuance of bonds. After the Commissioners review, Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-11, seconded by Commissioner Rethlake. The motion passed with a 3/0 vote with all of those in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF PEOPLELINK STAFFING: County Coordinator Pamela Smith proposed utilizing Peoplelink Staffing to the Commissioners to payroll our current and future part-time employees. The part-time employees would be offered benefits through Peoplelink. Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to table this until the next meeting; Commissioner Amber seconded the motion with discussion. The change he made to the motion was that it was tabled until the County Attorney had a chance to review the contract. This motion passed with a 3/0 vote.

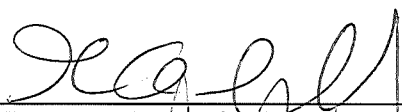
IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY: Michael Barton informed the Commissioners that all of the asphalt work has been completed that they were wanting to accomplish. The Commissioners asked Michael if a meeting had been set up between the schools, emergency management, and the highway for the upcoming winter. Commissioner Amber stated that he is going to work on getting a meeting set up.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The minutes from the October 6, 2013 meeting were reviewed. There was a correction under in the matter of other business. It reads "After much discussion, Commissioner Amber made a motion to send the decision of the purchase for the snow blower to the Council". It should read, "After much discussion, Commissioner Amber made a motion to send the decision of the purchase for the snow blower to the Council not being for or against it". Commissioner Rethlake also stated that under "in other business", he did not vote in favor of passing the decision of the snow blower to Council. It should read a 2/1 vote, not a 3/0. The claims were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to approve the claims which was seconded by Commissioner Amber. The motion to approve the claims passed with a 3/0 vote.

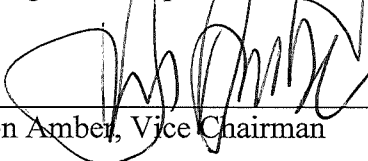
IN OTHER BUSINESS: County Coordinator Pamela Smith presented the 2015 Holiday Calendar to the Commissioners. After discussion, Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the 2015 Holiday Calendar but remove the two election days. Commissioner Rethlake seconded the motion and it passed with a 3/0 vote. The 2015 Accounts Payable schedule was also presented to the Commissioners and a motion to approve it was made by Commissioner Amber, seconded by Commissioner Rethlake and passed with a 3/0 vote. The 2015 Payroll schedule was next. A motion to approve it was made by Commissioner Rethlake, seconded by Commissioner Amber, and passed with a 3/0 vote. The last schedule to approve was the 2015 Commissioner and Council meeting schedule. Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to approve it, seconded by Commissioner Amber, and passed with a 3/0 vote. Pamela Smith also informed the Commissioners that a new policy manual is going out to all the County Government employees on November 1st. Pamela also brought up an issue to find out how the Commissioners want it handled. An employee has requested to take time off, unpaid, before they have used all of their vacation and personal time. Commissioner Amber made a motion to table this discussion, seconded by Commissioner Rethlake, and passed with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Amber brought up the discussion for a resolution that was requested by Bill Hicks to give support to the hyperbaric chamber for combat related traumatic brain injuries. He reported that he feels it is more of a healthcare resolution to support, not something the Commissioners need to support. Commissioner Amber made a motion to not approve the resolution; this was seconded by Commissioner Rethlake. The motion passed with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Amber also reported that the Emergency Management for Whitley County no longer has Hazmat. Commissioner Schrumpf brought up discussion over a problem on Crooked Lake with dogs. There are eighteen dogs housed on the property and the max limit for a property is four. There was a cease and desist order sent to the owners of the property for the kennel. Commissioner Schrumpf also brought up Gary and Lisa Wilson's issue with the sewer line that is on their property under a huge tree. Gary Wilson spoke to Carol Martin who is the director of the sewer board. They talked and went out to look over the issue and the board is now going to look into boring under the tree. In regard to the Coesse sewer project, roughly costing \$253,000, the Commissioners agreed that it needs to be taken to the Redevelopment Commission first. Commissioner Amber made a motion to take the project to Redevelopment. Commissioner Rethlake seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 3/0 vote.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Schrumpf adjourned the meeting at 2:35 pm.

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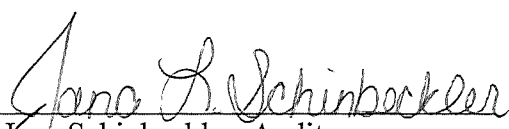


George Schrumpf, Chairman



Don Amber, Vice Chairman

Tom Rethlake

Attest: 

Jana Schinbeckler, Auditor