

## WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

December 2, 2014

The Whitley County Council met in regular session at 8:00 am on December 2, 2014 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Tom Western, Vice Chairman Kim Wheeler, Jim Bayman, John Barrett, Glen LaRue, Bill Overdeer, and Paula Reimers. Also in attendance were Commissioner George Schrumpf, Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Marc Gatton, Michael Barton, Brandon Forrester, Chad Burch, and Mary Hartman.

Chairman Western called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE NEW JAIL MATRON:** Newly elected Sheriff Marc Gatton informed the Council that he is hiring a new jail matron for 2015. He would like to pay the previous jail matron, Marcia Dierks, a consulting fee for training. The Council recommended that the Sheriff pay Marcia out of the part-time line item.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:** In regard to the additional appropriations, the Sheriff requested an additional for Meals (Work Release) in the amount of \$30,000. Council member Barrett made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for \$30,000, the motion was seconded by Wheeler and passed with a 7/0 vote. The second additional appropriation request for the Sheriff's department was \$2,500 for Meals (Jail). Council member Bayman made a motion was seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 7/0 vote. The Sheriff then had requests for reduction of appropriations. The first was for Specialties Compensation for \$1,600. A motion to approve the \$1,600 was made by Bayman, seconded by LaRue and passed with a 7/0 vote. The request for a reduction to the Sheriff/Part Time had a motion to be approved by LaRue, seconded by Wheeler and passed with a 7/0 vote. A reduction request was made for Sheriff/Merit Board in the amount of \$1,200. A motion to approve the reduction was made by Barrett, seconded by LaRue, and passed with a 7/0 vote. A reduction request in the amount of \$1,000 for Sheriff/Office Supplies had a motion to be approved by Wheeler and seconded by Bayman. The motion passed with a 7/0 vote. Another request was made for reduction for Sheriff Deputy 8 in the amount of \$200. A motion to approve was made by Barrett, seconded by LaRue, and passed with a 7/0 vote. A request for a reduction of appropriation was made for Sheriff Deputy 2 in the amount of \$1,800. A motion to approve this request was made by Reimers, seconded by LaRue, and passed with a 7/0 vote. A reduction of appropriation request was made for Dispatcher 1 in the amount of \$2,400. The motion to approve was made by Reimers, seconded by Wheeler, and passed with a 7/0 vote. A reduction of appropriation request was made for Dispatcher 3 in the amount of \$200. A motion to approve the request was made by Wheeler, seconded by Bayman, and passed with a 7/0 vote. A request for reduction of appropriations for Sheriff/IDACS-NCIC in the amount of \$1,000 had a motion to be approved by Barrett, seconded by LaRue. The motion passed with a 7/0 vote. A reduction request for the Sheriff/Communication/Technology was in the amount of \$1,000. A motion to approve the \$1,000 was made by Overdeer, seconded by Reimers, and passed with a 7/0 vote. A reduction request for the Sheriff/Telephone was in the amount of \$7,000. A motion to approve the reduction request was made by LaRue, seconded by Barrett, and passed with a 7/0 vote. A reduction request was made for the Sheriff/Garage line item in the amount of \$4,000. The motion to approve the reduction was made by Wheeler, seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 7/0 vote. A request for reduction of appropriations for Sheriff/Equip Maintenance & Repair in the amount of \$1,000 had a motion to be approved by Bayman, seconded by Wheeler and passed with a 7/0 vote. The last request for reduction of appropriations for the Sheriff's department was for Dispatcher 6 in the amount of \$3,700. A motion to approve this request was made by Reimers, seconded by LaRue, and passed with a 7/0 vote. Prosecutor Matt Rentschler requested an additional appropriation for the County User Fee Infraction fund in the amount of \$50,000. A motion to approve this request was made by Reimers, seconded by Barrett, and passed with a 7/0 vote. A request for an additional appropriation from the Engineer department was in the amount of \$3,564.50. A motion to approve the request was made by Barrett, motion died due to lack of a second motion. There were no further motions on the matter. They requested that County Engineer Brandon Forrester check to see if he could transfer money within his budget to cover this amount before they

approved an additional appropriation. Auditor Jana Schinbeckler requested an additional appropriation for the Ineligible Homestead Fund for the amount of \$35,626.26. A motion to approve the additional appropriation was made by Overdeer and seconded by Wheeler. The motion passed with a 7/0 vote. A reduction of appropriations request for the Highway/Equipment was in the amount of \$70,079. A motion to approve this reduction was made by Reimers, seconded by LaRue, and passed with a 7/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS:** Two transfer requests were made by the Coroner in the amount of \$2,550 from supplies to autopsies and \$515 from uniforms to autopsies. A motion to approve both of the transfers was made by Bayman, seconded by Reimers, and passed with a 7/0 vote. Requests for transfers were made by the Highway Department. The first transfer was a request for \$7,000 in Equipment to Contracted Services. The next was a transfer request for \$25,000 from Equipment to Bituminous. The third request of a transfer from Equipment to Fuel Station was in the amount of \$22,500. The last transfer request for the highway department was Equipment to Calcium Chloride for the amount \$16,748.93. A motion to approve the highway requests for transfers was made by Bayman, seconded by Wheeler, and passed with a 7/0 vote. A transfer request was made for the Auditor's office. The request was in the amount of \$16,547.37 from Ineligible Homestead to Equipment and Program Maintenance. A motion to approve this transfer request was made by LaRue, seconded by Barrett, and passed with a 7/0 vote. A transfer request was for the Rainy Day fund from Miscellaneous for \$5,000 to Sick Time Payout. Council member Wheeler made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Bayman and passed with a 7/0 vote. The Circuit Court had several transfer requests. The transfer requests consisted of transfers from Pauper Transcript for \$211 to Pauper Attorney, Exams Medical for \$850 to Pauper Attorney, Training for \$117 to Pauper Attorney, Repair & Maintenance \$233 to Pauper Attorney, Training for \$80 to Dues & Subscriptions, and Petit Jury for \$743 to Pauper Attorney. After discussion, Council member Overdeer made a motion to approve all the transfers for Circuit Court, seconded by LaRue and passed with a 7/0 vote. There were a few transfer requests for the CAGIT fund. The transfer requests consisted of transfers from Legal Services for \$6,000 to Unemployment Comp, Legal Services for \$2,000 to Supplies, and Postage for \$7,000 to Computer Supplies. A motion to approve all the transfers for the CAGIT fund was made by Overdeer, seconded by LaRue, and passed with a 7/0 vote. The last two transfer requests were for the Cedit Fund to the CAGIT fund. The first was On & off Site Improvements for \$62,000 to CAGIT Retirement PERF. The second was On & off Site Improvements for \$15,000 to CAGIT FICA & Medicare. A motion to approve these two transfers was made by Overdeer, seconded by LaRue, and passed with a 7/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE 2015 SALARY ORDINANCE:** The Council members reviewed the 2015 Salary Ordinance. After discussion, a motion to approve the salary ordinance was made by Reimers, seconded by Barrett, and passed with a 7/0 vote.

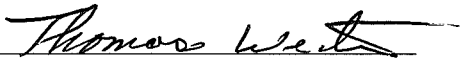
**IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the November 3, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Council member Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Overdeer. The motion passed with a 7/0 vote.

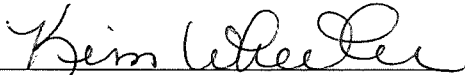
**COMMISSIONERS REPORT:** Chairman Schrumpf gave a report from the Commissioners meeting:

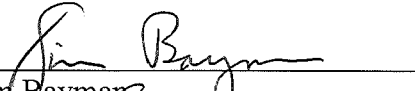
- Commissioner Schrumpf reported that Richard Eckert from the Veteran Service Office will be increasing his hours and increasing the part time hours in the office beginning January of 2015. They will have a sign-up sheet for anyone that comes in and they are not available.
- Commissioner Schrumpf discussed the purchase of the snow blower with the Council. He reported that he has \$28,800 surplus in the Commissioners budget. He would like to pay for the snow blower for the maintenance department from this surplus of funds. He stated that he would like to take the rest of the funds out of CEDIT for the purchase. Overdeer made a motion to approve the purchase of the snow blower with the funds, the motion was seconded by Reimers, and passed with a 4/3 vote with Council members Wheeler, Bayman, and LaRue abstaining.
- Commissioner Schrumpf introduced Chad Burch from Phillips Financial to the Council. Chad is one of the advisors for the County health insurance plan. He discussed that there is a pending claim and the County does not have enough surplus funds to cover the claim. After discussion, the Council and Commissioners are working together to find out where to pay this claim from.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.

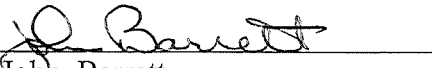
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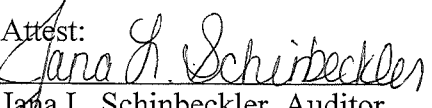
  
Jim Bayman

  
Glen LaRue

  
John Barrett

  
William Overdeer

  
Paula G. Reimers

Attest:  
  
Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor

