WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 5, 2015

The Whitley County Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 1:00pm in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Commissioners in attendance were Don Amber and Tom Rethlake. Absent was Commissioner George Schrumpf. Also in attendance were Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Scott Wagner, Stanley Crum, Joan Null, Alan Tio, Aaron Schoon, Jeff Walker, Ryan Daniel, and Viv Sade.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CELL PHONE STIPEND FOR KYLE PEPPLER: Commissioner Amber discussed the matter of cell phone stipends. He requested that Kyle not come to the meeting and to continue working rather than sit through the meeting for the request. Commissioner Amber suggested that Pam Smith, the County Coordinator, come up with a stipend request form to be presented at the Commissioner meetings rather than the employee having to attend the meeting for the request. After discussion, Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to approve a \$30 stipend for Kyle Peppler, seconded by Commissioner Amber, and passed with a 2/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE WELL VARIANCE: Scott Wagner from the Health Department brought a well variance request to the Commissioners. This request required the well to be covered by a roof and the construction has already started. Commissioner Rethlake stated that they need to get a new well permit. After discussion, Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to deny the well variance, seconded by Commissioner Amber and denied with a 2/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE IMPACT CNC-CEDIT REQUEST: The company Impact CNC is requesting CEDIT funds for \$50,000 from the Commissioners to help fund their current project. The project will approximately cost around 2 to 3 million dollars. The City of Columbia City is also helping Impact CNC with their project. After discussion, Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to give a favorable pass for the \$50,000 CEDIT request to the Council. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Amber and passed with a 2/0 vote.

IN A MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The minutes from the December 15, 2014 meeting were reviewed. After review, there was one correction requested by the Commissioners. The correction is under "In the Matter of the Whitley County Chamber of Commerce". The sixth line has the word "questing" it should read "questioning". Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to approve the minutes, with this correction, from the December 15th meeting, second by Commissioner Amber and carried with a 2/0 vote. The claims were reviewed and discussed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Commissioner Amber and carried with a 2/0 vote.

IN OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Amber discussed the upcoming January 20, 2015 Commissioner meeting. He and Commissioner Rethlake would like to have their regular meeting at 1:00 pm and would like to have a joint Commissioner and Council meeting at 2:00 pm. Commissioner Amber requested that Auditor Jana Schinbeckler advertise for the joint meeting.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Commissioner Amber adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm.

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George Schrumpf, Chairman

Don Amber, Vice Chairman

Tom Rethlake

Attest: July (1) Vinnillo