

**WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**March 8, 2011**

The Whitley County Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Kim Wheeler, Vice Chairman John Barrett, James Bayman, Glen LaRue, Paula Reimers and William Overdeer. Tom Western was absent. Also in attendance were Auditor Jen McGuire, Coordinator Amy Crickmore, Dan Sigler, Alan Tio EDC, Otto Boschert Jr, Tom Rethlake Commissioner, Mark Hodges – Sheriff, Brian More – Micropulse, Dave Sewell Planning & Building, Michael Schrader, Stanley Crum, Duane Ginder Parkview Whitley Scott Gabrier Parkview Whitley. Chairman Wheeler called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**IN THE MATTER OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Prior minutes from the February 8, 2011 meeting were approved by LaRue and seconded by Bayman and carried with a 6/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF MICROPULSE BONDS:** County attorney Dan Sigler presented the Council for approval the Micropulse Economic Development Revenue Bonds Series 2011 Ordinance #2011-03 commented on the payments for the bonds will be made by Micropulse and use the County for a lower interest rate on the bonds. Brian More spoke briefly on the expansion at Micropulse. A motion was made by Bayman to approve the Ordinance seconded by Overdeer and approved with a 6/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF EDC AGREEMENTS:** Alan Tio came before the Council with two different Agreements for their approval. First was incentive was for Sailrite Enterprises to move to Whitley County, maintain current employees and last hire new employees after relocating to new facility. There will be three payments of \$25, 000 after each step with a total of \$75,000. A motion was made by Reimers to approve, seconded by Barrett carried with a 6/0 vote. The second agreement was with Novea moving into the old Columbia Brown building that has been vacant. Mayor Fleck came with Alan on this project to show the city's support on this Agreement and what they are willing to put forth to get the building occupied and back on the tax roll. The counties portion of this agreement will be forgiving all penalties applies to two parcels for the last years of delinquent taxes. After discussion a motion was made by Overdeer to allow the Agreement, seconded by LaRue and carried with a 6/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER MEDICAL SUPPLIES JAIL BUDGET:** Sheriff Hodges came before Council with a correction to the jails line item from the budget for 2011. Medical Supplies should have been \$150,000 not the \$129,194 that shows up on the report. Nothing will be done with this at this time but if monies need transferred to cover the difference it will be reviewed later in the year. Auditor McGuire will put a copy in the 2012 budget file for reference next year.

**IN THE MATTER CONSULTANT COST:** Dave Sewell from Planning and Building came before the Council to ask assistance in paying for the Consultant fee that was given with a proposal to work with them on the Wind Energy Ordinance for Whitley County. Ground Zero was the consultant firm that was approved by the Commissioners. EDC has already committed \$5000 and the total bill is for \$9400 from the consultant. After discussion a motion to approve the payment of \$4400 from the Commission line item for consulting/engineering was made by Overdeer seconded by LaRue vote carried with a 5/1 Bayman casting the nay vote.

**IN THE MATTER APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING & BUILDING:** William Klein was recommended by the Board of Zoning Appeals to replace Mark Roach on the Board as a citizen member which the term runs through January 1, 2012. A motion to approve request was given by Bayman seconded by Overdeer and approved with a 6/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT FOR ALCOHOL BOARD:** A request from Terry Linn to be appointed again on the Alcoholic Board by the Council for the 2012 year was reviewed. A motion to approved was made by Barrett, seconded by Reimers and allowed with a 6/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER SALARY ORDINANCE AND TRANSFER RESOLUTION:** Approval for two salary ordinances, one for the Extension office, one for the Voter Registration Chief Deputy in the Clerk's office. The other document requiring signatures is the Transfer Resolution for Veteran's officer from Travel/Mileage & Telephone to Veteran Service pay in the amount of \$1200. All three documents have been approved and signed.

**IN THE MATTER ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION:** Brandon Forrester from the Surveyors department has sent in Additional Appropriation request, but after reviewing his budget we did a transfer of funds from one line item to pay for the cornerstones in the amount of \$8275.00. Also

from the previous Council meeting the request for a new phone in the Circuit Court was discussed and a motion to pay for the phone out of cum cap was made by Barrett seconded by Reimers and carried with a 6/0 vote to go ahead and have the phone installed.

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORT:** Commissioner Chairman Tom Rethlake report on the following items discussed in the March 7 , 2011 meeting.

- Sound System in Conference rooms A & B being looked at
- Update on Wind Farm and Ordinance and meeting date at Indian Springs
- April 29, Whitko 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Field Trip to Government offices
- Land Fill drain clean up

**IN THE MATTER OF CIRCUIT BREAKER:** Auditor McGuire passed out a report showing the Council what effect the 1-2-3% caps were going to have on each taxing district and taxing units within the district. The reports were mailed out to all townships, libraries, towns, cities and schools so she wanted them to be aware of the changes after the taxes were calculated for collection in 2011.

**IN OTHER MATTERS:** Duane Ginder and Scott Gabrier from Parkview Whitley were here to give an update on the new Parkview Whitley hospital and the changes for the EMS to be housed at the new location. Brief discussion on how the EMS would be staffed and funded and what changes would be made if moved to the new location.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned.

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Kim Wheeler, Chairman

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John Barrett, Vice Chairman

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James Bayman

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Glen LaRue

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Thomas E. Western

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William N. Overdeer

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Paula G. Reimers

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Jennifer McGuire, Auditor