

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
March 19, 2012

The Whitley County Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, March 19, 2012 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Commissioners in attendance were Don Amber, Tom Rethlake and George Schrumpf. Also in attendance were Auditor Jen McGuire, Dan Sigler, Amy Crickmore, Otto Boschet Jr, James Thomlison- Post & Mail, Michael Barton, Brandon Forrester, Katie Wagner, Stanley Crum, Henry Janda, Nicole Singer, Cathy Broxon-Ball, Dan Weigold, Tanner Pfeiffer, Michael McDoudd, Bradley Guest, and Michael LaBounty – Advanced Imaging Solutions.

Chairman Amber called the Commissioner meeting to order.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY: Dan Sigler, County Attorney, had numerous contracts that he had reviewed for the County. First contract was with Atlas Building Services for the infrastructure work to be done on the Courthouse. Two corrections on the language needs to be updated before completing, page four, item number nine with the wording of “unforeseen” be billed outside of the original contracted amount and the second item is page five item fourteen the use of mediation to resolve any differences with any disputed issues within the contract. With these two changes made a motion to approve the contract with Atlas for \$167, 691 was made by Schrumpf, seconded by Rethlake a carried with a 3/0 vote. Next contract reviewed by Sigler was for the review of the current County's Comp insurance from Corporate Cost Solutions. After discussion it was determined to review the current expenses with Star Insurance for any cost saving and contact other Counties that have used Corporate Cost to see if any cost savings were done. Next a contract with Advanced Imaging Solutions for the printing services throughout the entire County was presented for approval. After discussion of the cost savings, for cartridges, replacement, repair and overall maintenance of all printing equipment a motion approve the two year contract was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote. Attorney Sigler will prepare all notices to existing vendors being used by the County to cancel any existing contracts. The final contract reviewed by Attorney Sigler is with Parkview Health and the drug testing throughout the County and now it will also include the INDOT testing for the Highway department, the contract with Indiana testing will be given a sixty day notice for cancellation. A motion to approve the Parkview Health contract was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote. Attorney Sigler will be using meeting room “D” in the Government Center on Mondays to perform any County business and meet with anyone in regards to County situations on the day of Commissioners meetings.

IN THE MATTER OF GIS GRANT: Dan Weigold from the GIS department came before the Commissioners to request approval for a Grant from the State in exchange for GIS Data with the State. It will be used in the state wide mapping at \$2000 a year for the next three years for a total of \$6000. Only parcel data and road centerlines will be exchanged, no personal information and currently 87 out of the 92 counties in Indiana are using the service from the State. A motion to sign the Grant was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote. Dan also introduced his intern Tanner Pfeiffer from the high school that is job shadowing.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: Minutes from the regular meeting from March 5, 2012 were reviewed, a motion to approve as submitted was made by Schrumpf, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote stating the meeting was to be adjourned not suspended. Commissioner Amber had reviewed the claims for March 19, 2012 disbursements, discussion of the expenditures for uniforms in the Coroner department was discussed and a email has went out wanting more description of the purchase. A motion to approve claims was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY: Michael Barton from the Highway updated the Commissioners that he and Dan Weigold was going to meet with the State and finish up the sign program for the County. Barton has also been finishing up the project with Allen County in regards to the County Line Road and what portion of the cost would be funded with Federal monies and what would be the responsibility of the Counties portion between Whitley and Allen. General maintenance work is being done at the Highway department and he is meeting with Auditor McGuire to work on the cuts with the Budget for 2012.

IN THE MATTER EDC APPOINTMENT: Alan Tio from EDC came before the Commissioners with the new appointment for the Whitley Holding Corporation. The new appointment will be Tim

Rice from Economic Development. The County is currently looking at refinancing the Bond loan on the Government Center and the Board with have to meet with Umbaugh and Associates to prepare any new documents for the project. Alan also discussed the combining of some services between EDC and the Chamber of Commerce. He feels this will help with the communication with businesses at a local and State level. After discussion, the Commissioners would like to see the two entities kept separate and no comingling of funds between the two organizations.

IN THE MATTER OF UTILITY PERMITS: Brandon Forrester, County Engineer, presented three Utility permits to the Commissioners for approval. The first two were from CenturyLink for work needing done at 250 W to Lincolnway West for buried cable, motion to approve and sign was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote. Second CenturyLink request was for work needing done at 600 W North of 750 North for 2900 feet of buried cable, a motion to sign and approve was made by Schrumpf, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote. The last Utility permit was from the City of Columbia City for the new 12” water main that will extend the service for the new location at City Ford on Old Business #30. After discussion of the overall project and what other business could locate with the new upgrades to the water line a motion to approve was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote by the Commissioners. Brandon also introduced his intern Nicole Singer and discussed what projects they had been working on in the office.

IN OTHER BUSINESS: Two requests for the use of the County buildings were submitted by County Coordinator Amy Crickmore. The first request was from Old Settlers Days from June 26 to the 30th for the use of the Courthouse facilities and lawn, a motion to approved was made by Schrumpf, seconded by Rethlake and a vote of 3/0 to allow the use. The second request was for the use of the Government Center for the Primary and General elections in 2012, the building will be closed on both days, a motion to approve the use was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf and carried for approval with a 3/0 vote. Auditor McGuire asked the Commissioner for a correction to an employee’s PERF account in the amount of \$2,693.70 to correct three quarters of disbursements on behalf of the employee. A motion to approve was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote. A reminder from Commissioner Amber in regards to the Wind Energy meeting at the 4-H fairground on Wednesday evening March 21, 2012.

With no further business or comments from the public the meeting was suspended by Commissioner Amber until further notice.

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Don Amber, Chairman

George Schrumpf, Vice Chairman

Tom Rethlake, Member

Attest: _____
Jennifer McGuire
Auditor