

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
June 18, 2012

The Whitley County Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, June 18 2012 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Commissioners in attendance were Chairman Don Amber, Vice Chair George Schrumpf and Tom Rethlake. Also in attendance were Auditor Jen McGuire, Dan Sigler, Otto Boschet Jr, Brianne Eichman, Henry Janda, Katie Wagner, Joan Null, Stanley Crum, Shelly Crum, Larry Long, Cathy Broxon-Ball, Nicole Trier and Paula Worden.

Commissioner Amber called the meeting to order.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY: Dan Sigler, County Attorney, discussed a property located in the town of Churubusco, this property has been in mediation for flooding due to a block in the County's Rapp drain back in January of 2008. The property owner had previously filed suit against Churubusco and the County but the claim against the town of Busco has been dropped. The cost of the defense settlement for the County is now at \$10,000. Attorney Sigler and Chairman Amber participated in the mediation for the County and feels this is a good settlement. After discussion of where the funds would come from for payment and if this would cause concern for future cases against the County, a motion to approve payment from the Legal Fees of the County General budget was made by Rethlake, seconded by Amber and carried with a 2/1 vote, with Schrumpf casting the nay vote. Three other contracts that attorney Sigler is working on is a Communications Contract for Scott Jones for the Master Agreement Purchase for 911 equipment, a LabCorp contract for Blood draws for County employees and family members covered by County Group insurance that can have it done at the Immunization Clinic at the Government Center and last a Ikon Contract for cancellation of printing services. Attorney Sigler is working with the tax sale vender SRI in regards to the purchase of a contaminated property from the County Commissioner Certificate sale in 2012 and what is the responsibility of the County at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF EMA GRANT: Cathy Broxon-Ball, County EMA Director, brought before the Commissioners her annual Sub Grant Agreements for salary reimbursements. The Agreements were previously reviewed by the County attorney and approved for signature. Cathy explained the reimbursement was for 50% match of her wages and the deputy director for the Emergency Management department and will receipted back into County General as a reimbursement. The total grant will be for \$27,806.18 for 2012. After discussion a motion to sign the Agreement was made by Schrumpf, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF TROY CENTER: Paula Worden and Nikki Trier came before the Commissioner to update them on the Troy Center. They are currently exploring options for the financial funding to keep the school open. They spoke on behalf of the current contracts that they have with the three County schools and their support in the program. After visiting with the Department of Education they want to be a "Freeway Accreditation" with the State this will allow them to be a freestanding school and issue credits to the students but still allow a partnership with the local County schools systems. Two hundred and fifty credits were awarded from the Troy Center last year for enrolled students. Open discussion was about the funding of the program, if vouchers would be accepted and open enrollment for all students of the County.

IN THE MATTER MINUTES & CLAIMS: Minutes from the June 4, 2012 Commissioner meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote. Claims for disbursement on June 18, 2012 were discussed, Commissioner Schrumpf had reviewed claims and spoke in regards to the cost of repairs for the new SUV purchased by the Health department, repairs to the EMA Durango and a claim for electronic monitoring paid from the Commissioner's budget. The cost for Advanced Imaging will be broken down by each Department that is under contract. After discussion a motion to allow all claims was made by Schrumpf, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN OTHER BUSINESS: A request for the use of the Courthouse gazebo for a wedding on Saturday September 29, 2012 for about 80 people was discussed. It will not conflict with other events for the day at 4:30 in the afternoon, Rethlake made a motion to allow, seconded by Schrumpf

and carried with a 3/0 vote. Final signatures for the refinancing on the Bond Loan for the Government Center was discussed. Chairman Amber is still working on the Commissioner budget for 2013 to be turned in to the County Council. Chad Burch will attend the July 2, 1012 meeting to discuss the County Group Insurance coverage for 2013 for County employees. Auditor McGuire presented the expense out of Cum Cap for the MicroVote equipment that is being purchased and updated for the General election 2012, this expense was already approved for 2012 as a one time expenditure. Discussion on the amount each municipality is contributing to the Human Shelter and if the County needs to contribute in the 2013 budget year. Duane Ginder from the EMS Parkview is working with the County for the purchase of another EMS for 2012. He will submit specs and Auditor McGuire will advertise for quotes from the vendors. At this time the Whitley County Commissioner’s are not issuing a “Burn Ban” but the requesting common sense be used.

With no further discussion Commission Amber adjourned the meeting.

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Don Amber, Chairman

George Schrumpf, Vice Chairman

Tom Rethlake, Member

Attest: _____
Jennifer McGuire
Auditor