

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
December 17, 2012

The Whitley County Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, December 17, 2012 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Commissioners in attendance were Chairman Don Amber, George Schrumpf and Tom Rethlake. Also in attendance were Auditor Jen McGuire, Coordinator Pam Smith, Dan Sigler, Otto Boschet Jr, Brett Myers- Post & Mail, Michael Barton, Brandon Forrester, Joan Null, Stanley Crum, Tom Winebrenner, Amelia Winebrenner, Nancy Adams, James Adams, Mark Sandberg, Mike LaBounty, Richard Schultz, William Schultz, Rita Sauders, Brad Guest, Bill Overdeer, Alan Tio, John Barrett, Henry Janda, Frank Hoffman and Katie Wagner.

Commissioner Amber called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and asked for a moment of silence in remembrance for victims of the Newtown shooting then preceded with the pledge to the allegiance.

IN THE MATTER COUNTY ATTORNEY: Dan Sigler, County Attorney, reported that the County had the first violation of the Golf Cart Ordinance implemented back in May 2012. A ticket has been written at this time to the offender. There will be training for all elected officials and supervisors on January 9, 2013 regarding Sexual Harassment to comply with the Risk Management assessment given to the County. Sigler reviewed a contract with Havel for annual maintenance at the Jail for Sheriff Hodges and approved the contract if "auto renewal" language removed.

IN THE VACATION AT MCGUIRES ADDITION: A request from Tom and Amelia Winebrenner for a Vacation of easement between lots 6 and 7 in McGuire's Second Add at Blue Lake has been withdrawn. The Vacation would have moved the existing walkway but because of a storm drain it cannot be done and the Petitioners want to withdraw and get reimbursed for the \$500 fee when they petitioned to the County. After discussion of the time invested by the County, a motion to refund the entire \$500 was made by Schrumpf, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER 2012 REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: Alan Tio and Bill Overdeer addressed the Commissioners for an overview of the happenings from the Redevelopment Commissioner in 2012. Some of the highlights listed were City Ford/Chevrolet, improvements at Gateway Park, Indiana Material Processing, update sites for industrial development along US 30 corridor and the Rail Connect Park opportunities. Two new projects that are in the works is matching Grant dollars with TIF and CEDIT for investment of on hands on training to improve the work forces quality and the expansion of a fiber project to expand High Speed internet through the Industrial Parks corridor.

IN THE MATTER ASSESSMENT BIDS 2013: County Assessor Rita Sauders presented the Commissioners with sealed bids for the 2013 New Construction and Trending. The one and only bid for both projects was New Construction was from Accurate Assessment for \$17,500 and for Trending amount of \$33,900 a 10% of final payment is held back in equivalent of a Bid Bond for the project. After reviewing both bids Rita will come back in January to report to the Commissioners to final acceptance of the bids.

IN THE MATTER OF CUM BRIDGE FUNDING: Brandon Forrester, County Engineering, came to the Commissioners seeking some CEDIT funding for the 2013 budget year. Brandon handed out a report for the Fund #1135 showing both the revenue and expenses over the last twelve years for the Cum Bridge Fund. In discussion it was noted that the County Council is looking at re-establishing the Cum Bridge Fund for 2013 but that will not help increasing the Fund until it takes effect in the 2014 tax year. Brandon wants to stay with the completion of two bridges per year but do to the decrease in revenue and inflation of cost to repair and maintain the bridges that is depleting the Fund. At this time Brandon is looking at a request of \$100,000 from the CEDIT plan for 2013 to help maintain the completion of bridge #10 in the 2013 tax year.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY CORONER: County Coroner elect Randy Dellinger come before the Commissioners for some clarification on where his office would be for the start of the 2013 year. He wants to get information out on the address and phone number for correspondence but is in limbo at this time. He does not feel the location addressed in the Probation department is very publicly accessible or private. Commissioner Amber will review the area and get back with Randy. The other issue addressed is the SUV that Mr. Dellinger is currently driving he wants to retain that for the use by the Coroner's office for his equipment needed on site. This issue will have to be discussed with the Council for funding purpose and see when the SUV is being retired from the Sheriff's fleet.

IN THE MATTER OF IT SERVICES: Brand Guest, from Advanced Imaging, wanted to make a presentation to the Commissioners in regards to managing the current IT services for the County and if we had any strategic planning for data recovery in an emergency situation. Advanced Imaging had recently acquired a computer company and Mike LaBounty gave a quick power point of what the program would do, it will give a current assessment of the IT the County is using, a Summary of issues it sees within the structure and a proposal of how things can be corrected if needed. After discussion of wanting to address this with the current IT vendors and the departments that will be affected by this assessment study the project was tabled until January for review.

IN THE MATTER OF 2013 HIGHWAY BIDS: Michael Barton, Highway Supervisor, has reviewed all the 2013 Bids for the Highway and reported back on the acceptance and rejections of the bids submitted. (see attachment to minutes). A motion by Rethlake to accept all bids as reported except #8 for review by Barton, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote. The tires went to Jerry’s Tires, Signs went to Stello and Hull, Pavement Marking went to Three Rivers, Grader blades went to St Regis and American Wire and all the Equipment Rental bids were accepted and will be reviewed as equipment is needed throughout the year. Brandon Forrester presented the bids for bridges from RL McCoy and E&H Bridge, the E&H specs did not cover all the requirements so the bid went with RL McCoy, a motion to approve was made by Schrumpf, seconded by Rethlake and voted on 3/0.

IN THE MINUTES AND CLAIMS: Minutes from the December 3, 2012 were reviewed a motion to approve as presented was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote. The minutes from the CEDIT meeting on December 5, 2012 were reviewed and a motion to approve as presented was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote. Claims for disbursement on December 17, 2012 were reviewed after discussion a motion to allow was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF 2013 CEDIT PLAN: Commissioner Amber presented the 2013/2014 CEDIT Plan. This is the fourth draft of the plan before it will be presented to the Council for review in the January meeting. After discussion the Commissioners added Project #13 to the plan in the amount of \$100,000 for the assistance in the replacement of Bridge #10 for the 2013 budget. A motion to add was made by George, seconded by Tom and carried with a 3/0 vote. Amber will complete a Final Draft and present at the January meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF MARKER: Commissioner Schrumpf had been approached by Senator Banks for the placement of a small marker located at the Courthouse honoring Ralph Gates. After discussion if the marker should be located at the Courthouse or the Government Center was addressed. A motion to allow was made by Schrumpf, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF WORK SERVICE CREWS: A request from Paula Worden, Director of the Community Service program came before for the approval to allow the Community Service Work Crews the use of power tools, lawn mowers and weed eaters. All projects will be supervised by staff. After discussion and review of the release of liability for the program a motion to allow the use of power tools by Work Release crews was made by Schrumpf, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN OTHER BUSINESS: Stanley Crum from the public commented that it has been a long tough year but wanted to acknowledge the positive “Wisdom & Deliberation” that he has seen throughout the year being used in the public meetings by the Commissioners. Commissioner Amber tabled the bids for Natural Gas until further review.

With no further business or comments from the public the meeting was adjourned.

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Don Amber, Chairman

George Schrumpf, Vice Chairman

Tom Rethlake

Attest: _____
Jennifer McGuire
Auditor

