

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL
January 8, 2013

The Whitley County Council met in a regular session on Tuesday January 8, 2013 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Members in attendance were Chairman John Barrett, Vice Chairman Jim Bayman, Kim Wheeler, Glen LaRue, Tom Western and Paula Reimers. Bill Overdeer was absent. Also in attendance were Auditor Jen McGuire, Don Amber, George Schrumpf, Michael Barton, Brandon Forrester, Lindsay Pease, Mark Hodges, Brett Myers and Loretta Benner.

Chairman Barrett brought the meeting to order.

IN THE MATTER OF 2013 OFFICERS: Chairman Barrett called for the nomination of 2013 officers for the County Council. A nomination for Tom Western as the Chair was made by Wheeler, seconded by Bayman and carried with a 6/0 vote. Then a nomination for Kim Wheeler for Vice Chair was made by Bayman, seconded by Barrett and carried with a 6/0 vote. After exchanging seats Chairman Western proceeded with the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL APPOINTMENT: The County Council had a recommendation for Dr. Michael Mawhorter as the appointment to the Peabody Library Board effective May 2013. A motion for the appointment was made by Wheeler, seconded by LaRue and carried with a 6/0 vote to sign the Certificate of Appointment effective May 5, 2013.

IN THE MATTER VSO PART-TIME HELP: Gene Rohrer, Veteran Service Officer, came back before the Council with his request for an increase for Part-Time Employee in the 2013 budget. This would extend the hours and help with the increased computer work needed to process VA forms on line. Reimers wants the staffing re-evaluated in next year's budget cycle. A motion to allow the \$7800 increase for an average of 15 additional hours a week at \$10.00 for 26 biweekly pays this will be an hourly position made by LaRue, seconded by Overdeer and carried with a 5/1 vote with Bayman casting the nay.

IN THE MATTER OF REGION III-A APPOINTMENT 2013: A request for a County Council appointment to the 2013 Region III-A Board of Directors was discussed. A motion to keep Bill Overdeer at the appointment for 2013 was made by Reimers, seconded by Bayman and carried with a 6/0 vote by Council and signed by Chairman Western to submit.

IN THE MATTER OF 2013 BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: After reviewing the assignments from the prior year and making some corrections to who was on the Boards and what the name of Boards where changed to a motion by Reimers to remain on the same Boards & Committees for 2013 was made, seconded by Barrett and carried with approval with a 6/0 vote by Council.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT: Sheriff Hodges updated the Council on the repair to the shower blocks in the jail and that the entire resurfacing project was done and everything went well. There was a 15% cost savings for entering into the contract before year end and half the funding was from Cum Cap and half was from Misdemeanant fees. Hodges also reported to the Council that eleven GPS devices have been installed in the deputy's cars and the funding for the \$17,000 project was paid for out of Commissary Funds and the \$4000 annual maintenance fee will be from the same account. This will assist with dispatching the officers to locations, safety of the officers and let the administrative personnel review any activity.

IN THE MATTER MINUTES: Council minutes from the meeting December 4, 2012 were reviewed, a motion to approve as submitted was made by Bayman, Reimers wanted the two Nay votes casted were noted as Bayman and Wheeler from the meeting, seconded by LaRue and carried for approval with a 5/0 vote with Western abstaining from the vote.

IN THE MATTER OF LIBRARY APPOINTMENT: A request from Council to appoint someone to the Peabody Public Library was requested to replace John Myers starting in May 2013 and is ineligible to serve another term. Auditor McGuire spoke with Mary Hartman from the library and suggested Dr. Michael Mawhorter or Susie Riecke, after discussion Reimers made a motion to appoint Dr. Michael Mawhorter, seconded by Overdeer and carried with a 6/0 vote.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Commissioner Chairman Schrumpf gave a quick report from the Commissioners meeting

- Schrumpf – Chairman Amber Vice Chair 2013
- 2013 Appointments for Boards and Commissions
- Signed Contract with Accurate Assessment for 2013
- Sexual Harassment Class on January 9, 2013 by Attorney Sigler
- Interlocal Agreement amended and signed for 2013
- 911 NexGen RFP going with Frontier and Contract being worked on
- Paula Grawcock assigned to Churubusco Plan Commission
- Voted not to allow SUV vehicle for the County Coroner 2013
- Border Energy contracted for Natural Gas supplier 2013
- 2013/2014 Two Year CEDIT Program presented each project

IN THE MATTER OF THE CEDIT PROJECT #9 HUMANE SHELTER: Commissioner Amber had reviewed the appropriations from Columbia City and the number of animals processed through the shelter and come up with a number of \$108.00 per animal cost. Discussion on the billing process and the limit of \$25,000 was discussed by the members and changes in the adoption rules and staff since the last contract between the Shelter and Whitley County. A motion to allow the assistance for 2013 and relook at the line item put back in the Commissioners budget for 2014 was made by LaRue, seconded by Reimers and carried with a 4/2 vote with Wheeler and Bayman casting the nay votes.

IN THE MATTER OF RE-ESTABLISHING CUMULATIVE FUNDS: Dan Jones from the DLGF was present to answer any questions on the process of re-establishing the Cum Bridge and Cum Capital Funds for 2014. The entire process needs completed by May 1, 2013 to take affect for the 2014 taxing year. Cum Bridge rates are within the Max Levy for the County and changing this will affect other rates within the Max Levy. Auditor McGuire and Brandon Forrester will work on presenting what funds need to be raised to cover appropriations for future needs on projects within a 3-5 year plan.

IN OTHER MATTER: The Interlocal Agreement between Solid Waste and Whitley County was signed by the new Chairman Tom Western. The 80/20 abatement for the expansion to their building was tabled until the February 5, 2013 meeting. The Additional Appropriation was sent to DLGF for approval on the \$60,000 from the special meeting held December 29, 2012 at the South Whitley Library.

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

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Tom Western, Chairman

Kim Wheeler, Vice Chairman

Jim Bayman

Glen LaRue

John Barrett

William N. Overdeer

Paula G. Reimers

Attest:

Jennifer McGuire, Auditor