

## WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

August 4, 2015

The Whitley County Council met in regular session at 8:00 am on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Tom Western, Vice Chairman Kim Wheeler, Jim Bayman, Bill Overdeer, Glen LaRue, John Barrett, and Paula Reimers. Also in attendance were Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Commissioner Tom Rethlake, County Clerk Debbie Beers, Chief Probation Officer Amy Motter, Judge Heuer, County Prosecutor Matt Rentschler, Bill Etzler from ERI, Highway Supervisor Michael Barton, and Planning Director Victoria Chavez.

Chairman Western called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN THE MATTER OF PART TIME/TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE REQUEST:** Chief Probation Office Amy Motter presented a request to the Council to make one of her probation officers a part time employee rather than a contractual employee. She also needed to make a transfer from other services to part time in order to pay this employee out of the correct account. Council member Reimers made a motion to approve the transfer for \$5,000 from Other Services to Part-Time, seconded by LaRue, and carried with a ~~3/0~~ vote.

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**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS:**

1110.17600.000.0000 COBRA Admin Expense	1110.33005.000.0000 Worker's Comp Ins	\$635
1000.38000.000.0101 Dues & Subscriptions	1000.11700.000.0101 Part-Time Deputy	\$75
1000.37000.000.0101 Equip & Program Maint	1000.11700.000.0101 Part-Time Deputy	\$2,424

In regard to the transfer from COBRA Admin Expense to Worker's Comp Insurance, Council member Wheeler made a motion to approve the transfer, seconded by LaRue, and passed with a 7/0 vote. The transfer from Dues & Subscriptions and Equip & Program Maint to Part-Time Deputy had a motion to be approved by LaRue, seconded by Reimers, and passed with a 7/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

2506.59000.000.0250	Miscellaneous Expense	\$50,000
1000.12702.000.0136	Pauper Attorney	\$15,000
1000.36005.000.0136	Exams-Medical/Mental	\$3,300

In regard to the additional appropriation request for Miscellaneous Expense, Council member Reimers made a motion to approve the request, seconded by LaRue, and carried with a 7/0 vote. The additional appropriation for Pauper Attorney and Exams-Medical/Mental for Circuit Court had a motion to approve by Overdeer, seconded by LaRue, and did not pass with a 3/4 vote with Wheeler, Bayman, LaRue, and Barrett voting against.

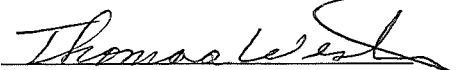
**IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the July 7, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Council member LaRue made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Wheeler, and passed with a 7/0 vote.

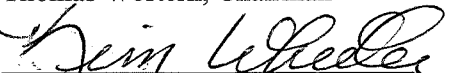
**COMMISSIONERS REPORT:** Commissioner Rethlake gave a report from the Commissioners meeting:


- Commissioner Rethlake informed the Council that the Commissioners have made a decision on compensatory time. Employees will be allowed to have 40 hours of compensatory time per calendar year total and it is to be used by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year and this is to be effective January 1, 2016.
- There is an EMA Board meeting on August 12, 2015 and they will be discussing who the next EMA Director will be. They have already had interviews they just need to have their meeting to review them. They are debating whether the new EMA Director should be full time or part time as well.
- Rethlake informed the Council that Community Corrections is holding an open house on September 16, 2015 and everyone is welcome to attend.
- Rethlake introduced potentially adopting a Public Safety Tax in order to help the County General fund. The rate would be .25 and the County, Columbia City, Town of Churubusco, Town of Larwill, and the Town of South Whitley would all benefit from the tax. Rethlake asked that the Council take it into consideration at their next meeting.
- The Commissioners are requesting a 3% raise for the employees for 2016 to the Council. The Council suggested that Auditor Schinbeckler advertise for the budget with a 3% increase.
- Commissioner Rethlake also introduced the new Planning Director Victoria Chavez.


There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 AM.

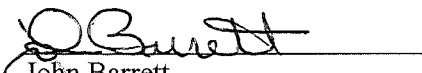
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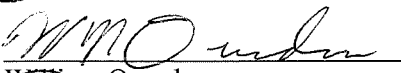
  
Thomas Western, Chairman

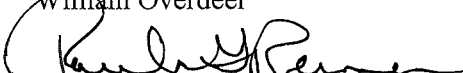
  
Kim Wheeler, Vice Chairman

  
Jim Bayman


  
Glen LaRue

  
John Barrett

  
William Overdeer

  
Paula G. Reimers

Attest:

  
Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor