

## WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

October 27, 2015

The Whitley County Council met in special session at 8:00 am on Tuesday, October 27, 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, John Barrett, Glen LaRue, Bill Overdeer, and Paula Reimers. Also in attendance were Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Sheriff Gatton, Jason Spencer Janelle Schmitt, Scott Schmitt, Chris Bachelder and Jody Hollenbaugh all from the Sheriff's department, GIS Coordinator Dan Wiegold, Amanda Thompson, Linda Gerig, and Cathy Gardner from Planning and Building, EMA Director Amy Biggs, Mary Hartman from the Peabody Public Library, County Treasurer Laurell Hodges, and Highway Director Michael Barton.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE LOIT PUBLIC SAFETY TAX ORDINANCE:** Todd Samuelson from Umbaugh & Associates stated that the public hearing was not needed statutorily. The estimated Public Safety Tax LOIT distributions are as follows: Whitley County: \$1,221,243; City of Columbia City: \$434,914; Town of Churubusco: \$78,615; Town of Larwill: \$4,875; and Town of South Whitley: \$59,682. Assistant Planner Cathy Gardner and GIS Coordinator Dan Wiegold were in favor of the tax and expressed their reasoning. Sheriff Gatton was also in favor of the tax but would have liked to see it adopted at a lower rate and gave his reasons. Council member LaRue made a motion to pass Ordinance 2015-12 to adopt the Public Safety Tax at the max rate of 0.25%, seconded by Barrett, and carried with a 5/2 vote with Wheeler and Bayman voting against.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE CONTINUANCE OF THE 2016 BUDGET ADOPTION:** After continuance and review of the 2016 Whitley County budget, Council member Barrett made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-13 for the budget, seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 7/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE LONGEVITY DATE:** After being tabled from the last Council meeting, the Council discussed the longevity date for 2015. Council member Reimers made the suggestion that the Council not be paid longevity for 2015. After discussion, Council member Bayman made a motion to pay longevity November 16, 2015, seconded by Reimers, and passed with a 7/0 vote.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 am.

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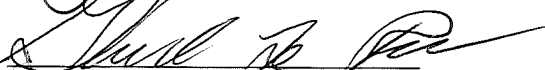
Thomas Western, Chairman



Kim Wheeler, Vice Chairman



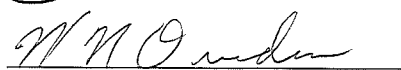
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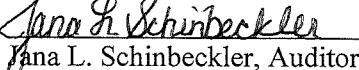


William Overdeer



Paula G. Reimers

Attest:



Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor