

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 15, 2017

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 15, 2017 at 1:00 pm in the Commissioners' Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Commissioners in attendance were Vice Chairman Don Amber and Commissioner Thomas Western. Chairman George Schrupf was absent. Others in attendance were Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, LeeAnn Snyder, Rita Harness, Janel Rogers, Amy Lybarger from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Linda Thomson from the Post & Mail, Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester, Planning Director Nathan Bilger, Mary Hartman from the Peabody Public Library, Thorncreek Township Trustee Gene Heckaman, Joan Null, Stanley Crum and Leslee Derbeck and Heidi Darley from Star Insurance.

Vice Chairman Amber opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROGRAM: Amy Lybarger from the Natural Resources Conservation Service gave a presentation to the Commissioners for the Emergency Watershed program. Amy stated that the Emergency Watershed Protection assistance may be made available when sudden watershed impairment occurs that created threat to life or property. Whether it is a threat to life or property is determined by the State Conservation. The project must have a sponsor and any project sponsor is any legal subdivision of a State government or a State agency. The role of the sponsor is to provide a written request to the State Conservation for the assistance needed. They will also obtain permits and land rights. There are several occurrences that an emergency watershed program may not be used for including: protecting federal land, repair a site more than twice in ten years, dispose of animal carcasses, etc. The Commissioners thanked Amy for her time and requested that she contact the County's Emergency Management Director Amy Biggs.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PLAT APPROVAL REQUESTS: Planning Director Nathan Bilger presented two plat request to the Commissioners. The first plat request was for Baroque Acres on County Road 800 East. The plat consists of two lots and the Plan Commission has given their approval for the plat. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the Baroque Acres plat, seconded by Amber and passed with a 2/0 vote. The second plat request was for C. and R. Acres on County Road 900 South. The Plan Commission has given their approval for the plat. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the plat, seconded by Amber and carried with a 2/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: County Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester gave an update to the Commissioners for the Highway Department. Brandon stated that he is still working on the five year plan to submit to the State for the Community Crossings grant. In regard to next year's budget, the Highway Department is considering purchasing a single axle truck and possibly a one ton dump truck. He is expecting additional revenue and is looking at possibly proposing to hire two new employees for the department. In regard to bridge inspections, the department has received four bridge inspection proposals and Brandon has looked through them. There has to be a rating done for each criteria on all of the proposals and he needs to verify the process. He hopes to have a formal recommendation to the Commissioners by their next meeting. Brandon is also collecting quotes for the Highway Department buildings. The roofs are in poor shape and need replaced. The department is preparing for the chip seal season. Brandon stated that the gradall the County purchased from LaGrange County is working great. He is going to obtain scrap prices for the old gradall because he stated it is not worth much.

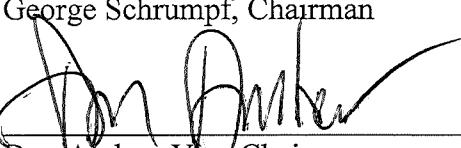
IN A MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The minutes from the May 1, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Amber and passed with a 2/0 vote. The Commissioner's reviewed the payroll claims. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Amber and passed with a 2/0 vote. The claim distributions from May 1, 2017 through May 15, 2017 were reviewed by the Commissioners. A motion to approve the claims was made by Commissioner Amber, seconded by Commissioner Western and passed with a 2/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: Attorney Dan Sigler stated that he has reviewed the agreement for the Jail chiller study from Martin Riley, Architects and Engineers and he has given the agreement his approval. He also reviewed the Narcan policy and gave it his approval. Attorney Sigler stated that he put the language in the agreement for Dr. Lisa Hatcher to be the primary physician for administration of the Narcan.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Vice Chairman Amber adjourned the meeting at 1:25 pm.

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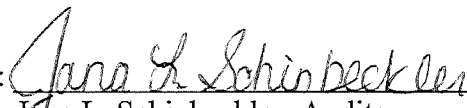
George Schrumpf, Chairman



Don Amber, Vice Chairman



Thomas Western

Attest: 

Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor