

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 4, 2017

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 4, 2017 at 1:00 pm in the Commissioners' Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Commissioners in attendance were Chairman George Schrumpf and Commissioner Don Amber. Commissioner Thomas Western was absent. Others in attendance were County Attorney Matt Shipman, Chief Deputy Auditor Tamela Hamilton, Tyler Roebuck from IN Whitley County, William Fries from G & K Well Drilling, Inc., David Palmer, Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester, Scott Wagner from the Health Department, Jay Lockett from the Post & Mail and Barbara Hohenstein.

Chairman Schrumpf opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: Attorney Matt Shipman gave an update on the InWelligent lawsuit. The lawsuit has been filed with the court.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY UPDATE & ANNUAL BID NOTICE: Brandon presented the notice to bidders for the annual major supplies for 2018 to the Commissioners. The opening of the sealed bids will be on January 2, 2018 at 10:30 AM and the sealed bids must be received by the Auditor's office by 10:00 AM prior to the bid opening. The Commissioners and Brandon will then take the bids under advisement and Brandon will make recommendations at the January 16, 2018 meeting. This is when the Commissioners will approve the bids for each item as well. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the notice to bidders for the annual major supplies for 2018, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 2/0 vote. Brandon gave the Commissioners an updated five year equipment purchase plan. In regard to the bridge inspection contract with INDOT, INDOT gave their approval to move onto the next phase in the process. In the matter of bridge projects, the next project is Bridge #34 which is on County Road 500 South.

IN THE MATTER OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT REQUESTS: The first right-of-way permit request was from NIPSCO to bury the necessary cable, pedestals and attachments under E Magley Lane to provide service to 3449 E Magley Lane. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 2/0 vote. The second request was from NIPSCO as well to install gas service to 5476 S Donatello Drive. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 2/0 vote. The third right-of-way permit request was from Kneller Excavating to replace and repair a drainage tile under County Road 700 South. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the request from Kneller Excavating, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 2/0 vote. The next two right-of-ways permit were from Tri-Star Businesses, Inc. The first request from this company was for Gatesworth Subdivision to eliminate tree damage and upgrade the lines for service. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 2/0 vote. The second request from this company was to place a new line from a new well to the existing well structure on East Crampton Road. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the request with stipulations. The owner must sign a covenant to indemnify and hold harmless for the Commissioners to approve this permit. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the right-of-way permit with this stipulation, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 2/0 vote. Duke Energy Indiana submitted the next right-of-way permit request. This request was to place their facilities along Wester River Road to improve the reliability of services to their customers. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 2/0 vote. DLZ submitted a right-of-way permit request on behalf of the Town of Churubusco. This request was to bury a new gravity sanitary sewer under County Road 375 North. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 2/0 vote. A right-of-way permit request from Bridgeport Homes to place a perimeter tile under County Road 500 South at Longmeadow Subdivision was presented to the Commissioners. Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester stated that he has not given his approval for this request just yet because he would need an easement to cross the road. Scott Wagner from the Health Department stated that they are going to redesign the system. Commissioner Amber made a motion to table this request, seconded by Schrumpf and tabled with a 2/0 vote. The last right-of-way permit request was from Nathan Herber, the Treasurer of the Horseshoe Bay Association. They would like to place a sign for Edison Place Extended and Horseshoe Bay Association in the right-of-way. Brandon did not give his approval for this request at this time. Commissioner Amber made a motion to deny the request, seconded by Schrumpf and it was denied with a 2/0 vote.

IN A MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The minutes from the November 20, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 2/0 vote. The Commissioner's reviewed the payroll claims. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 2/0 vote. The claim distributions from November 20, 2017 through December 4, 2017 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 2/0 vote.

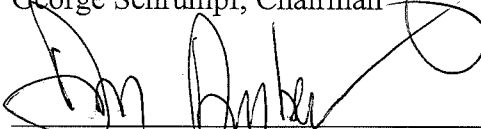
IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Schrumpf stated that the Jail Task Force has been looking into a Technical Rule Violator Center to ease the overcrowding that the County has at the Jail. Schrumpf has a proposal from Michael Kinder & Sons and Elevatus Architecture to do a Phase I needs assessment study for the feasibility of this facility. The assessment will be done within 60 to 90 days and the fixed cost of this Phase I needs assessment will be \$15,000.00. Schrumpf is requesting that the Commissioners approve the \$15,000.00 to be paid out of CEDIT funds. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the \$15,000.00 for the study out of CEDIT funds, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 2/0 vote.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Schrumpf adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm.

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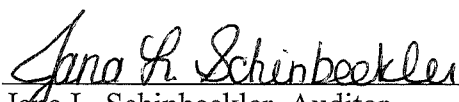


George Schrumpf, Chairman



Don Amber, Vice Chairman

Thomas Western

Attest: 

Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor