

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

December 5, 2017

The Whitley County Council met in regular session at 8:00 am on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 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 William Overdeer, James Bayman, Glen LaRue, Kim Wheeler, Thor Hodges and Chad Banks. Others in attendance were Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Commissioner George Schrumpf, Barbara Hohenstein, Chief Probation Officer Amy Motter, Paula Worden from Community Corrections, Tim Kumfer, Tyler Roebuck from IN Whitley County, Janelle Schmitt and Jody Hollenbaugh from the Sheriff's Department, Chief Deputy Sheriff Jason Spencer, EMA Director Amy Biggs and Jay Lockett from the Post & Mail.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST: Judge Rentschler presented a request to Council for an additional appropriation and a transfer. The additional appropriation request was for \$5,000.00 to be put into line item Pauper Attorney 1000.12702.000.0136 and for \$8,000.00 to be put into line item 1000.12706.000.0136 CHINS Pauper Attorney. The transfer request was as follows:

1000.20000.000.0136	Supplies	1000.12706.000.0136 CHINS Pauper Atty	\$300.00
1000.27000.000.0136	Law Books	1000.12702.000.0136 Pauper Attorney	\$398.05
1000.30005.000.0136	Pauper Transcript	1000.12702.000.0136 Pauper Attorney	\$969.95
1000.30005.000.0136	Pauper Transcript	1000.12706.000.0136 CHINS Pauper Atty	\$500.00
1000.33003.000.0136	Travel & Mileage	1000.12706.000.0136 CHINS Pauper Atty	\$371.60
1000.36005.000.0136	Exams Mental	1000.12706.000.0136 CHINS Pauper Atty	\$306.15
1000.37004.000.0136	Repair/Maintenance	1000.12706.000.0136 CHINS Pauper Atty	\$612.52

The Court is short in the funding for these two line items due to paying some 2016 year end attorney bills at the beginning of 2017. Judge Rentschler stated that he would like to avoid doing that for 2017. They are also hoping to get a contract with a CHINS Pauper Attorney so there is set fee they pay each time just like their public defenders. The budget has been increased for 2018 for these two line items as well. Council member Hodges made a motion to approve the additional appropriation request and the transfers, seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE PAY & JAIL UPDATE: Chief Deputy Sheriff Jason Spencer came before the Council on behalf of Sheriff Gatton to request half of the original wage increase to Jody Hollenbaugh's salary. The original request was for an increase of \$7,417.00 for one year. This request is for half which is \$3,708.50 and this is for the additional job duties that Jody has taken on in her role. This request is similar to the request for Janelle Schmitt's pay which was approved at the last Council meeting. The new consultant for factoring the job positions has not completed the factoring for Jody's position at this time and hopes to have it done soon. The new factoring system will potentially be in place the first of the year. Council member Overdeer made a motion to approve the \$3,708.50 for Jody, seconded by LaRue and was denied with 3/4 vote with Wheeler, Bayman, Hodges and Banks voting against. Spencer stated that the jail update will have to be tabled at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADDITIONAL TRUCK DRIVER: Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester gave an updated revenue sheet to the Council to show the increase in revenue from the gas tax that was put into place earlier this year. Council member Bayman asked if the Council needed to re-evaluate the wheel tax due to the increase in this gas tax. Brandon stated that at this time, the State wants local governments to increase the wheel tax and not lower or rescind it. Brandon also reviewed the different scenarios and how the Highway Department would be short on truck drivers throughout the year. He is requesting an additional truck driver again for 2018. The request for an additional truck driver was denied for lack of a motion.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2018 SALARY ORDINANCE: The Council reviewed the 2018 salary ordinance. Council member Bayman made a motion to approve the 2018 salary ordinance per Ordinance 2017-15, seconded by LaRue and passed with a 6/0 vote with Overdeer abstaining.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS:

Highway:

1176.22100.000.0201	Gas, Oil, Lube	1176.17300.000.0201	Group Insurance	\$5,000.00
1176.25001.000.0201	Fuel Station Supplies	1176.17300.000.0201	Group Insurance	\$10,000.00

Commissioners:

1000.33005.000.0130	Worker's Comp Ins	1000.17100.000.0130 Retirement PERF	\$11,000.00
1000.38004.000.0130	Institutional Care	1000.17200.000.0130 Retirement PERF	\$15,000.00
1000.35003.000.0130	Legal Advertising	1000.17100.000.0130 FICA & Medicare	\$4,000.00

In regard to the Highway transfers, Council member Overdeer made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Bayman and passed with a 7/0 vote. The Commissioners transfer requests were reviewed by the Council. Council member Overdeer made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Wheeler and passed with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:

Probation:

2100.30012.000.0248	Other Services	\$20,000.00
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Auditor:

1216.11700.000.0102	Part Time	\$7,000.00
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Commissioners:

1000.17100.000.0130	FICA & Medicare	\$21,100.00
1000.17200.000.0130	Retirement PERF	\$9,000.00
1000.17300.000.0130	Group Insurance	\$73,100.00
1000.32005.000.0130	Liab & Prop Insurance	\$272,502.00

CEDIT:

1112.42010.000.0433	WCEDC Admin Expenses	\$17,000.00
1112.42014.000.0433	On & Off Site Improvements	\$50,000.00

Chief Probation Officer Amy Motter explained to the Council that the expenses paid out of other services has exceeded the estimate that was budgeted. The funds requested will cover the remainder of the year expenses and this is for the Probation Adult User Fees fund. Council member Bayman made a motion to approve the request, seconded by LaRue and carried with a 7/0 vote. In regard to the Auditor's additional appropriation request, Council member Hodges made a motion to approve, seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 7/0 vote. The Commissioners additional appropriation request was reviewed by the Council. Council member Overdeer made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Banks and carried with a 7/0 vote. In regard to the CEDIT additional appropriation request, Council member Banks made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Hodges and passed with a 6/0 vote with LaRue abstaining.

IN OTHER BUSINESS: EMA Director Amy Biggs informed the Council that earlier in the year, the EMA Department worked with two different vendors to coordinate the upgrades for the radios. The vendors billed the EMA Department and EMA disbursed the bills to the end users and billed each one individually. The end users issued payment to the Emergency Management department rather than to the vendor. The checks that were sent to the Emergency Management Department needs to be adjusted back into the department's line item in their budget to pay for the bill to the vendor. Council member LaRue made a motion for the amount of the checks to back into the appropriate line item to pay the bill, seconded by Wheeler and passed with a 7/0 vote.


- COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Commissioner Schrumpf gave a report from the Commissioners meeting:
- 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 the \$15,000.00 be paid out of CEDIT funds. Council member Wheeler made a motion to approve the \$15,000.00 to be paid out of CEDIT funds, seconded by LaRue and passed with a 3/0 vote.

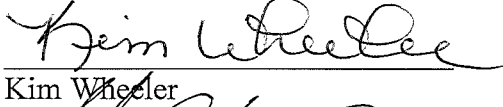
IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES: The minutes from the November 7, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Council member LaRue made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Banks and passed with a 7/0 vote.

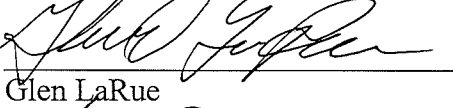
There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM.

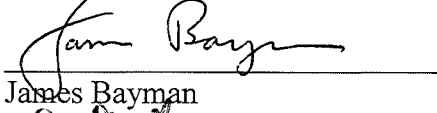
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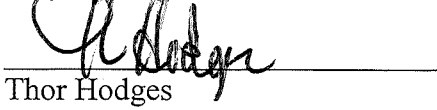

John Barrett, Chairman


William Overdeer, Vice Chairman


Kim Wheeler

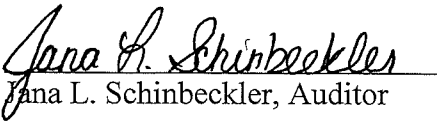

Glen LaRue


James Bayman


Thor Hodges


Chad Banks

Attest:


Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor

