

## WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 1, 2018

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, October 1, 2018 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. Absent was Chairman George Schrumpf. Others in attendance were County Attorney Matt Shipman, County Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, County Coordinator/HR Director Angela Campbell, Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester, David Raypole, Chelsea Boulrisse from IN Whitley County, Alayne Johnson, Zach Johnson, Joan Null, Stanley Crum, Emily Studebaker, Sonya Emerick, Scott Wagner from the Health Department and Mary Hartman from the Peabody Public Library.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY:** County Attorney Matt Shipman stated that the County entered into a lease with Canda Goldwood several months ago to lease the County parking lot by her new café. Subsequent to signing the lease, they discovered that people from the County were using the parking lot and jury trials were taking up the entire parking lot. Canda discovered as well that a lot of downtown businesses use the parking lot as well. After several discussions with Canda, she agrees that she would like to cancel the lease at this time due to these occurrences. Commissioner Western made a motion to cancel the lease with Canda Goldwood to use the County parking lot, seconded by Amber and passed with a 2/0 vote. Attorney Shipman also stated that now the new proposed ordinance regarding the confined feeding operations has been certified to the Commissioners, they must do something with the ordinance. Shipman stated that it is not appropriate to discuss the ordinance at this meeting due to the Chairman being absent and recommended that the proposed ordinance be tabled until the next Commissioner meeting. Commissioner Western made a motion to table the proposed ordinance, seconded by Amber and carried with a 2/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE WELL VARIANCE & BID OPENING FOR CLEANUP OF BOSEKER PROPERTY:** Scott Wagner from the Health Department was present to inform the Commissioners that the individual who had the well variance request did not have his paperwork submitted on time. In regard to the cleanup for the Boseker property, Scott sent out a request for bids and did not receive a bid for the cleanup. He will send out the request for bids again and hopes to have bids to present to the Commissioners at their next meeting for approval.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE:** Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester presented a letter of understanding for an unofficial detour to the Commissioners from the Indiana Department of Transportation. This is for a project on State Road 109 just south of 500 North replacing a small structure. Brandon determined that the unofficial detour would be 500 North and Airport Road. He also documented the condition of the road and they will pay for any damage that is done to the road during the time State Road 109 is closed. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the unofficial detour, seconded by Amber and passed with a 2/0 vote. The State is also closing State Road 9 over the Eel River between 200 South and 300 South and it will be closed until November 16<sup>th</sup>. In regard to the Community Crossings grant project, Brandon submitted his application for seven projects and he applied for the max amount of \$1,000,000. Brandon reported on the status of the salt barn facility. He stated that the rerouting of the sewer line needs completed before construction can begin.

**IN THE MATTER OF RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS:** Two right-of-way permits from CenturyLink were presented to the Commissioners for approval. Brandon Forrester has already reviewed both of them and given them his approval. The first was for Keiser Road to bore under the road to replace existing 3pr bsw that cannot be repaired. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Amber and carried with a 2/0 vote. The second request was to bore under Clark St to replace existing 3pr bsw that cannot be repaired. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Amber and carried with a 2/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS:** The minutes from the September 17, 2018 regular Commissioner meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Amber and passed with a 2/0 vote. After reviewing 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

September 17, 2018 through October 1, 2018 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Amber and carried with a 2/0 vote.

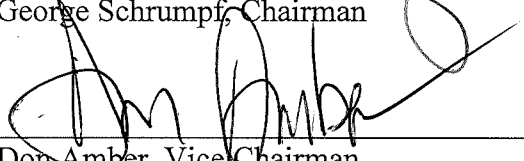
**IN THE MATTER OF THE HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR/COUNTY COORDINATOR:** Human Resource Director/County Coordinator Angela Campbell presented a request to the Commissioners from DAR. (Daughters of American Revolution). They are asking if they could plant a tree to commemorate 125 years for Indiana as a D.A.R. organization. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the planting of the tree but work with Mark Sturtevant regarding the location of the tree, seconded by Amber and passed with a 2/0 vote. Angela stated that Preferred IT Group has asked if they could put a sock collection box in the Government Center. They are collecting socks for the Fort Wayne Homeless Shelter and the Whitley County Homeless Shelter, also known as the Lighthouse Mission. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the box for sock collection as long as the socks that are collected in Whitley County stay in Whitley County, seconded by Amber and carried with a 2/0 vote.


**IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS:** The Commissioners reviewed the annual report from Community Corrections. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the annual report, seconded by Amber and passed with a 2/0 vote. Auditor Schinbeckler informed the Commissioners that the 2019 budget for Whitley County and Solid Waste will be adopted at their meeting tomorrow. Commissioner Amber also asked Attorney Shipman again about working on an ordinance that does not allow grass to be mowed on the roadways. Attorney Shipman stated that he is looking into it and he hopes to have more information at the next Commissioner meeting.

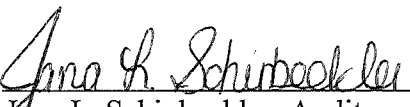
There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Vice Chairman Amber adjourned the meeting at 1:25 pm.

**WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
George Schrumpf, Chairman

  
Don Amber, Vice Chairman

  
Thomas Western

Attest:   
Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor