

## WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 5, 2018

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 5, 2018 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 Thomas Western. Absent was Vice Chairman Don Amber. Others in attendance were County Attorney Matt Shipman, County Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, County Coordinator/HR Director Angela Campbell, Lana Beregszazi from BCS Management, Becky Salaway from Whitley County Council on Aging, Gregory Hobbs, Emma Hobbs, Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester, Planning Director Nathan Bilger, Sonya Emerick and Chelsea Boulrisse from IN Whitley County.

Chairman Schrumpf opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY:** County Attorney Matt Shipman had nothing to report to the Commissioners other than the Regional Sewer District received their charter from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

**IN THE MATTER OF BCS MANAGEMENT:** Lana Beregszazi from BCS Management informed the Commissioners of what projects will be voted on at the November 20, 2018 Whitley County Regional Water and Sewer District meeting. Lana presented the Commissioners with a timeline which included the public appeal period closing on October 20, 2018, initiating the engineering design RFP process, receiving engineering design bids by November 22, 2018 and in January 2019 the Board of Trustees will have a meeting for the bid opening. The loan closing will happen around September 2019 and the reimbursement submission for all eligible project costs incurred by the County since the New Regional Sewer District initiative began. The ten projects that will be proposed to the board all have a cost feasibility, cost rating, resident survey, survey rating and environmental status rating. The Board can vote on any projects that they deem necessary and fit to move forward. Typically, the main three aspects they look at are the cost feasibility, the resident survey and the environmental status. The different projects are: West Churubusco, South Churubusco, Dunfee, Blue River Estates, Stable Acres, Laud, Coesse, East County Line Road South, Collamer (South Whitley and the Joseph Decuis Farm which is privately funded. The rate for all of the customers that are part of the Regional Sewer District will have a blended rate, which means it will be on rate for all customers.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE WELL VARIANCE:** Scott Wagner from the Health Department presented a well variance to the Commissioners. If the Commissioners choose to approve it, the owners will sign a notice of indemnification and Scott has no issues with the Commissioner approving this variance. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the well variance, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 2/0 vote. In regard to the Clandestine Lab Ordinance, Commissioner Western made a motion to table the ordinance, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 2/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ZONE MAP AMENDMENT:** Planning Director Nathan Bilger presented a request to the Commissioners from Brian and Sonya Emerick for a zone map amendment. They are requesting the zoning be changed from AG (Agriculture) to AGP (Agricultural Production). The Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation for the Commissioners to approve it and the vote was 6/2. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-07 for the rezoning, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 2/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE:** County Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester was present to give the Commissioners an update on the Highway Department. Brandon presented two unofficial detours to the Commissioners from the Indiana Department of Transportation for their projects. The first was for State Road 5 and the unofficial detour is to be 800 South and 600 West. The second was for State Road 9 and the unofficial detour is to be 200 South to Raber Road to Keiser Road to 300 South. The benefit of the Commissioners approving the unofficial detours is that the State will reimburse for any damage done to those roads. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the unofficial detours, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 2/0 vote. Brandon also gave an update on the status regarding the construction of the new salt storage facility. In the matter regarding the condition of the Highway building's roofs, Brandon stated that there is rust on the roofs and they have looked into a spray on treatment option. He has received quotes for this and it would

be around the \$60,000 to \$80,000 range. Brandon also has a contractor in the process of writing up quotes on replacing the entire roof with a new metal roof.

**IN THE MATTER OF RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS:** There were two right-of-way permit requests presented to the Commissioners. The first was from Nipsco to install a gas main to 1380 South Williams Drive. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 2/0 vote. The second request was from Century Link to bore under 800 south to replace buried service wire that cannot be repaired. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 2/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS:** The minutes from the October 15, 2018 regular Commissioner meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 2/0 vote. After reviewing the payroll claims, Commissioner Schrumpf made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Western and passed with a 2/0 vote. The claim distributions from October 15, 2018 through November 5, 2018 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Schrumpf made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Western and carried with a 2/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR/COUNTY COORDINATOR:** Human Resource Director/County Coordinator Angela Campbell informed the Commissioners that Preferred IT is doing a cleanup during the holidays for the County.


**IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS:** Whitley County Council on aging was present to ask for the Commissioners to approve their third quarter voucher expenditures to be sent to the State for reimbursement. Becky Salaway presented the request to the Commissioners and informed them that she will be taking over Debra Darr’s position in January. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the third quarter voucher, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 2/0 vote. Commissioner Schrumpf stated that with Veterans Day coming up, he wanted to thank all of the Veterans for their service.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Schrumpf adjourned the meeting at 2:05 pm.

**WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
George Schrumpf, Chairman

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Don Amber, Vice Chairman

  
Thomas Western

Attest:   
Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor