

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 19, 2018

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 19, 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, Vice Chairman Don Amber and Commissioner Thomas Western. Others in attendance were County Attorney Matt Shipman, County Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, County Coordinator/HR Director Angela Campbell, Lana Beregszazi from BCS Management, Sonya Emerick, Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester, Planning Director Nathan Bilger, Stanley Crum, Joan Null, Mary Hartman from the Peabody Public Library 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 did not have anything to report to the Commissioners at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED CLANDESTINE ORDINANCE: Scott Wagner from the Health Department presented an ordinance for the Regulation of Clandestine Drug Labs Locations. There have been a few changes since the last version. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management was the administering agency and it is now the Indiana State Department of Health. There was also a change made to the regulations which went from methamphetamine to controlled substance. Attorney Shipman asked to have time to review the changes before he gives his approval to the Commissioners. Commissioner Amber made a motion to table the ordinance until the next meeting, seconded by Western and tabled with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLEO MEADOWS PLAT: Planning Director Nathan Bilger presented the Cleo Meadows plat to the Commissioners. Nathan stated that the Plan Commission reviewed this plat and approved it. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the plat, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester presented two quotes to the Commissioners to replace trucks they currently have. The first quote is for a 2019 Ford F450 in the amount of \$46,640.50. The second quote is for a 2019 Ford F550 in the amount of \$43,741.50. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the purchase of both trucks, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote. Brandon then discussed the bridge inspection plans for 2019 with the Commissioners. He has been working with the consultant and contractor to come up with a schedule for replacements and repairs. Brandon does not have a formal presentation for the bridge inspections at this time but he will have one at the next meeting to provide to the Commissioners. He would like to receive approval from the Commissioners to begin working on replacements/repairs on three specific bridges. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve Brandon moving forward, seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote. Brandon also informed the Commissioners that the County received the final \$201,956.82 that was awarded to the County for projects done in 2017 from the Community Crossings grant. For projects done in 2018, the County was awarded \$650,000.00 through Community Crossings grants.

IN THE MATTER OF RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS: Two right-of-way permits were presented to the Commissioners. The first request was from Century Link to bury service wire to provide new service to a resident on 300 south. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote. The second request was from Nipsco to install a gas main to service a customer on Governors Drive. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The minutes from the November 5, 2018 regular Commissioner meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 2/0 vote with Amber abstaining. After reviewing the payroll claims, Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote. The claim distributions from November 5, 2018 through November 19, 2018 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR/COUNTY COORDINATOR: County Coordinator/HR Director Angela Campbell informed the Commissioners that the Peabody Public Library goes

around locally and prepares presentations for oral history reports that they post on their home page for the public to view. They would like to do a history report on the Courthouse and the Government Center and they would like to do it before December 31, 2018. She did not request the individual from the library to fill out a request to use County facilities. Mary Hartman from the Peabody Library informed the Commissioners that on their website they have oral histories and interviews with a variety of community founders. Deb from the library will come into the buildings, with whomever the Commissioners designate, just to talk about the history of the buildings. The Commissioners did not have an issue with the request and thought it was a great idea.

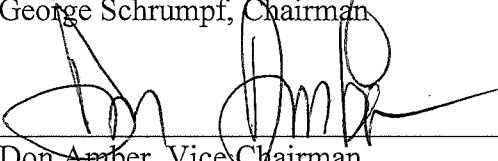
IN THE MATTER OF THE 2019 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SCHEDULE: The Commissioners approved the 2019 accounts payable schedule presented by the Auditor. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the schedule, seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioners also reviewed the last payable date of 2018 as December 28, 2018. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the last accounts payable date of the budget year, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS: In regard to the rezoning ordinance that the Commissioners made changes to, sent it back to the Plan Commission with the changes and the Plan Commission approved. Tthe Ordinance now needs to be approved by the Commissioners. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-09, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote. Auditor Jana Schinbeckler presented the Board and Committee Assignments to the Commissioners for 2018 for them to review for 2019. She also informed the Commissioners that the County has received the 1782 Notices for the 2019 budget. County General was decreased for the amount requested and the Highway Department’s budget was decreased \$44,492.00. Commissioner Schrumpf informed the public that the Commissioners and the Jail Task Force are actively working on a solution for the Jail overcrowding. They hope to have a plan and will let the public know the plan within the first six months of 2019. In regard to the Regional Sewer District, Commissioner Schrumpf informed the public that they received their charter and the first official meeting will be November 20, 2018 at 5:00 pm.


There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Schrumpf adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm.

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George Schrumpf, Chairman


Don Amber, Vice Chairman

Thomas Western

Attest: 
Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor