

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 20, 2020

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 20, 2020 at 1:00 PM in the Commissioners' Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Commissioners in attendance were Chairman Don Amber, Vice Chairman Thomas Western and Commissioner George Schrumpf. Others in attendance were Attorney Matt Shipman, Commissioner's Assistant Jennifer Shinabery, Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Chief Deputy Auditor Tiffany Forrester, Delores Byall, Bill Etzler from Engineering Resources, Inc., Scott Karst from Engineering Resources, Inc., Joan Null, Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester, Mary Hartman from the Peabody Public Library, Sonya Emerick, Amanda Thompson from the Planning and Building Department and Leslie Hoffman from the Town of South Whitley.

Chairman Amber opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: Attorney Shipman stated that he reviewed the No Parking Ordinance that adds the North and South sides of East Rail Connect Drive from the West End of County Road 600 East. Attorney Shipman informed the Commissioners that he approves of this ordinance and recommends they pass it.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY WELLNESS PLAN FUNDING: Carlee LaRue from the Health Department was present to request funding from the Commissioners for the wellness program. Her request was for the funding to come out of the trust account held by the Commissioners. Leslee Robinson from STAR has already verified that this can come out of the trust fund. Carlee stated that in order to participate in the program, the employee or spouse must be on the County's insurance. Commissioner Schrumpf made a motion to allow the funds in the trust to be used for the wellness program, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SOUTH WHITLEY PLAN COMMISSION MEMBER APPOINTMENTS: Amanda Thompson from the Planning and Building Department presented two certificates of appointments to the Commissioners to replace two board members on the South Advisory Plan Commission. The first appointment is for Sherri Ayres who succeeds Karen Jordan. The second appointment is for Timothy Gable who succeeds Wayne Swender. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the appointments, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADA TRANSITION PLAN: Bill Etzler and Scott Karst from Engineering Resources, Inc. gave an ADA Transition plan to the Commissioners for Whitley County. The plan included Lincoln Pointe, Donatello's Village, Via Del Sogno, the Extension Office, Courthouse, County Annex, Government Center, Work Release, Historical Museum and the Recycling Center. The estimated probably construction cost summary associated with the facility interiors is \$129,482.33 and the estimated building exterior costs and right-of-way cost is \$2,388,064.79. Commissioner Schrumpf made a motion to take the transition plan under advisement, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT: Lori Shipman sent a resolution to the Commissioners asking them to approve it to submit an application for a local match commitment. This local match commitment is for grant funding to address worker certifications in machining, industrial maintenance and welding. Whitley County agrees to commit \$20,000 in the form of revolved loan funds from the Whitley County Economic Development Corporation. Commissioner Western made a motion to authorize Resolution 2020-04 and for the Chairman to sign, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY UPDATE & NO PARKING ORDINANCE: Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester presented the No Parking Ordinance to the Commissioners at Rail Connect. Commissioner Schrumpf made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-08, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote. Brandon informed the Commissioners that the Highway Department has started the chip seal operations. He hopes to have the Community Crossings grant project completed by September 15, 2020. Brandon is also working with the Redevelopment Commission for some road updates for businesses. Steel Dynamics is looking to extend their turn lane on 800 east and reroute the trucks that come through their property. Brandon stated he has begun working on this and will be asking for bids.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: Chairman Amber stated that he has reviewed all payroll and accounts payable claims. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote. The claim distributions from July 6, 2020 through July 20, 2020 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioners also reviewed

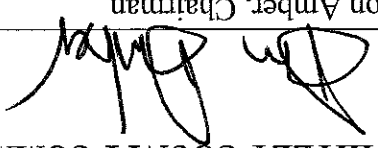
the July 6, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Schrumpt made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote.

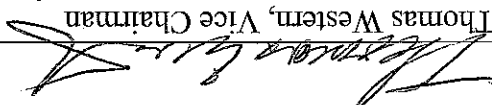
IN THE MATTER OF RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS: Two right-of-way permits were presented to the Commissioners for approval. The first permit was from Northeastern REMC to upgrade the existing overhead and underground fatigued facilities at 1271 E Keiser Road. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the permit, seconded by Schrumpt and carried with a 3/0 vote. The second request was from Duke Energy to provide service to 7477 W River Road. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Schrumpt and passed with a 3/0 vote.

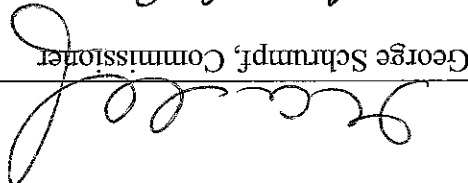
IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner's Assistant Jennifer Shinabery presented one request to use County facilities to the Commissioners. The request was from Leslie Blakley to use the Courthouse Square for First Friday's on August 7th, September 4th and October 2nd from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Commissioner Schrumpt made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Amber informed the public that the Regional Sewer District's projects are ranked the 4th best suited projects in the State of Indiana. They will need approximately \$32,000,000 for the loan to complete the projects but he is hoping a significant amount of the funds will come from grants. The Regional Sewer District Board is looking into using OCRA grants for Dunfee and Coesse.

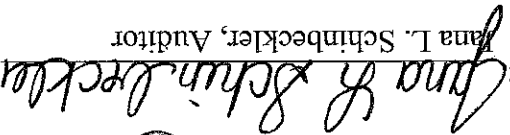
There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Amber adjourned the meeting at 2:10 PM.

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Don Amber, Chairman


Thomas Western, Vice Chairman


George Schrumpt, Commissioner

Attest: 
Anna L. Schinbeckler, Auditor