WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

December 8, 2020

The Whitley County Council met in regular session at 8:00 am on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Chad Banks, Vice Chair Kim Wheeler, Thomas Warner, Timothy Kumfer, Thor Hodges, William Overdeer and John Barrett. Others in attendance were Commissioner Don Amber, Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, County Assessor Kim Erdly, County Recorder Rosemary Brown, County Treasurer Laurell Schroeder, Chief Deputy Treasurer Kay Gatton, Michelle Jones, Amy Bechtold, Bill Etzler from ERI, and James Argerbright.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION & TRANSFER REQUEST: DJ Sigler from the Prosecutors office was present to ask for additional appropriations for new computers and equipment needed. These are federal incentive funds, and he is just needing approval for the additional funds to be appropriated.

Prosecutor Incentive

8897.41001.000.0209

Equipment

\$18,000.00

Councilman Overdeer made a motion to approve with a second by Hodges, passing with a 7/0 vote. A transfer request was made to cover paying two employees to allow for training of a new employee.

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Training

1000.11610.000.0108

Victims Adv

\$1,000.00

Councilman Overdeer made a motion to approve the request with a second by Kumfer, passing with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE WIS RECOMMENDATIONS: Councilman Banks gave a refresh stating that the Personnel Committee had met and made the recommendation for Council to send the four job descriptions to WIS to get reclassified and refactored. The Council voted to send the new job descriptions to WIS and WIS has given their recommendations. HR Director Jennifer Shinabery informed Council that WIS made the recommendation to reclassify all four positions to a different classification. Councilman Kumfer made a motion to approve all four of the reclassifications and changes, seconded by Councilman Overdeer passing with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE APPROVAL: County Auditor Jana Schinbeckler stated that some corrections were made on the 2021 salary ordinance that had previously been adopted. The Clerk and her chief deputy as well as the Assessor and her chief deputy's salaries were corrected, as well as removing an item from the ordinance. After discussion Council stated that proper procedures and polices always need to be followed. Councilman Kumfer made a motion to approve the salary ordinance amendments, with a second by Wheeler, passing with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF WHITLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP: Councilman Banks stated that a letter was received from the Whitley County Chamber of Commerce, asking for Whitley County to renew with the Chamber. The invoice total is \$600. Council wanted to know where the Commissioners stand with paying this invoice and what they are seeking from Council. Commissioners are on the fence about if we should renew with the Chamber, as they are unsure what the Chamber does for the County as a whole. Councilman Hodges made a favorable approval with a second by Kumfer, for Whitley County to support the Chamber and would like this to be added to the next Commissioner agenda.

IN THE MATTER OF THE YEAR END TRANSFER REQUESTS: Auditor Schinbeckler presented yearend transfer resolutions to the Council for approval.

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Auditor: 1000.11514.000.0102	Payroll Assistant	1000.20000.000.0102	Supplies	\$1,300.00
Commissioner:				
1000.17300.000.0130	Group Insurance	1000.17300.000.0130	Liab & Prop	\$55,000.00
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1000.17300.000.0130	Group Insurance	1000.32012.000.0130	Landfill	\$10,000.00
1000.17300.000.0130	Group Insurance	1000.34000.000.0130	Telephone	\$35,000.00
1000.17300.000.0130	Group Insurance	1000.35001.000.0130	Tax Statements	\$8,500.00
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Probation Supplemental Adult	Oth or Corrigon	2100 11200 000 0249	A duit Drob Off	\$770.00
2100.30012.000.0248	Other Services	2100.11309.000.0248	Adult Prob Off	\$770.00

Councilman Hodges made a motion to approve the transfer requests, seconded by Warner and carried with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: Auditor Schinbeckler presented additional appropriation requests to Council for approval.

Cumulative Capital Development

1138.36004.000.0256

Building Maintenance

\$100,000.00

1138.37000.000.0256

Equip & Prog Maintenance

\$50,000.00

LIT - Correctional/Rehab Facilities (Jail Tax)

1233.41001.000.1233

Equipment

\$150,000.00

Councilman Wheeler made a motion to approve the additional appropriation requests, seconded by Warner and passed with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Amber gave a report from the Commissioner meeting:

- Commissioner Amber informed the Council that Bill Etzler from Engineering Resources was present at the Commissioner meeting for ADA compliance within Whitley County. The next step in becoming ADA compliant was for the Commissioners to sign a letter of non-discrimination. The Commissioners approved and signed the letter. Bill Etzler explained to the Council that he now needs a letter of commitment from the Council for the funds for the ADA plan. Councilman Kumfer made a motion to sign the letter of commitment for the ADA plan funds, seconded by Warner and passed with a 6/0 vote with Banks abstaining.
- The Commissioners reviewed and approved a contract for the permitting software for the Planning Department and the Health Department. The contract is with Schneider Geospatial and the budget for the contract was already approved for 2021.
- The Highway Department was awarded a safety grant through IPEP in the amount of \$10,209.84.
- The Commissioners recognized Nadean Lamle for her years of service.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES: The Council reviewed the November 4, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Councilman Hodges made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Wheeler and carried with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS: Scott Wagner from the Health Department gave a COVID-19 update to the Council. He informed them that there will be a vaccine rollout soon. Auditor Schinbeckler informed the Council that a special meeting is needed before the end of the year to approve an ordinance for CARES Act funding from the State and an additional appropriation is needed as well. The Council decided that they will hold a special meeting on December 15, 2020 at 8:00 AM.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Banks adjourned the meeting at 9:30 AM.

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