

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

April 6, 2021

The Whitley County Council met in session at 8:00 am on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Members in attendance were Timothy Kumfer, Thomas Warner, James Argerbright, Joan Western and John Barrett and Vice Chair Kim Wheeler were absent. Others in attendance were Commissioner George Schrumpf, Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Chief Deputy Auditor Tiffany Deakins, Human Resources Director Jennifer Shinabery, Scott Wagner from the Health Department, Chelsie David from the Post and Mail, Sheriff Gatton, Emergency Management Director Amy Biggs, Community Corrections Director Paula Worden, and Executive Director of the Peabody Public Library Mary Hartman.

Councilman Barrett called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNUAL JAIL REPORT: Sheriff Gatton presented the annual jail report to the Council. He informed the Council that crime rates have stayed about the same, but jail bookings decreased in 2020.

PEABODY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENT: Mary Hartman from the Peabody Public Library was present to request an appointment to the library board. The candidates interested in serving on the board were Richard Koch, Kay Lehman, Mark Parker and Leslee Robinson. Council member Kumfer made a motion to appoint Mark Parker to the Peabody Public Library Board, seconded by Warner and passed with a 5/0 vote.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST: Emergency Management Director Amy Biggs was present to request an additional appropriation. This additional appropriation request is to purchase sanitation supplies for Whitley County Council on Aging.

County General:

1000.21000.000.0146	Operating Supplies	\$2,908.80
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Council member Warner made a motion to approve the additional appropriation request, seconded by Kumfer and passed with a 5/0 vote.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS TRANSFER REQUEST: Paula Worden presented a transfer request to the Council for her Pretrial Services grant.

Pretrial Services:

9104.35600.000.9104 Contracted Services	9104.17200.000.9104 Retirement PERF	\$6,702.55
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9104.35600.000.9104 Contracted Services	9104.20000.000.9104 Supplies	\$925.32

Council member Kumfer made a motion to approve the transfer request, seconded by Warner and carried with a 5/0 vote.

GRANT ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST AND WIC REMODEL: Scott Wagner from the Health Department informed the Council that the Department has been awarded grant funds. He is requesting appropriations to those grant funds.

Coronavirus Relief:

8901.11700.000.0901	Part Time	\$15,000.00
8901.20000.000.0901	Supplies	\$15,000.00
8901.35600.000.0901	Contracted Services	\$5,000.00
8901.41001.000.0901	Equipment	\$20,000.00

Immunizations and Vaccines:

8902.11700.000.0902	Part Time	\$10,000.00
8902.20000.000.0902	Supplies	\$10,000.00
8902.35600.000.0902	Contracted Services	\$10,000.00
8902.41001.000.0902	Equipment	\$10,000.00

Council member Kumfer made a motion to approve the additional appropriation requests for Coronavirus Relief, seconded by Warner and passed with a 5/0 vote. Council member Kumfer then made a motion to approve the additional appropriation requests for Immunizations and Vaccines, seconded by Warner and carried with a 5/0 vote. Scott then informed the Council that the Health Department is utilizing grant funds to remodel a room for the WIC office. Scott also gave the Council a COVID update.

APPROPRIATION REDUCTION FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Human Resources Director/County Coordinator Jennifer Shinabery found that a Highway Department employee's salary was incorrect on the salary ordinance. Auditor Jana Schinbeckler presented an appropriation reduction and a salary ordinance amendment to Council to correct the salary.

Highway:

1176.11120.000.0176 Drainage Project Assistant \$795.00

Council member Kumfer made a motion to reduce the Drainage Project Assistant's salary on the salary ordinance by \$795.00, seconded by Warner and carried with a 5/0 vote.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS POLICY: Human Resources Director/County Coordinator Jennifer Shinabery presented the emergency closings policy to the Council and informed them that it is in the process of being reviewed. It was also presented to the Commissioners at their meeting, but they tabled the discussion for now. Council member Kumfer made a motion to table the emergency closings policy, seconded by Warner and tabled with a 5/0 vote.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Schrumpf gave a report from the Commissioner Meeting:

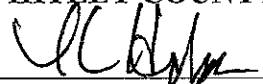
- Commissioner Schrumpf informed the Council that the Commissioners are in the process of purchasing the Armstrong property for the Jail.
- The Emergency Closings Policy will be reviewed, and a decision will be made at their next Commissioner meeting.

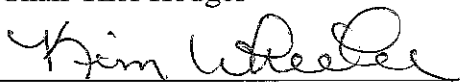
MINUTES: The Council reviewed the March 2, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Council member Argerbright made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction. Under "Pension Age Study Discussion" it should read 50 year of age and 20 years of service instead of 55 years of age and 20 years of service. Council member Kumfer seconded the motion and motion passed with all in favor.

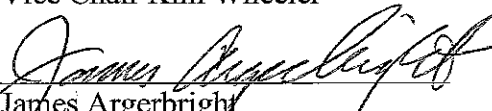
OTHER BUSINESS: Council member Kumfer reported information from the Personnel Committee meeting. The Department of Local Government Finance is requesting that budgets be adopted in September and the salary ordinance is completed before budget adoption. With this request, Auditor Jana Schinbeckler requested that the 2022 budget calendar be moved up a month. The Council agreed to move the budget calendar up one month for each part of the process. Council member Kumfer also explained that the ordinance that was adopted by Council per Waggoner Irwin Scheele states that all positions that need to be refactored for the year should be submitted to the Personnel Committee by March 30th of each year. Auditor Schinbeckler informed the Council that the annual AIC District Meeting will be held on May 6th and if the Council members would like to attend, she will register them.


There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Councilman Barrett adjourned the meeting at 8:45 AM.

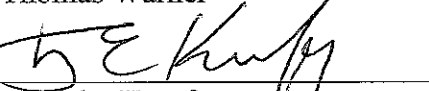
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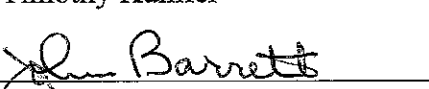

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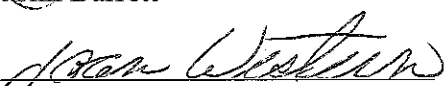

Vice Chair Kim Wheeler


James Argerbright

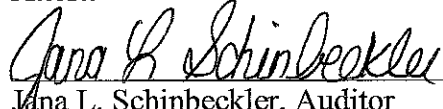

Thomas Warner


Timothy Kumfer


John Barrett


Joan Western

Attest:


Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor