

MINUTES
WHITLEY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
July 25, 2023
WHITLEY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
1st FLOOR-COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	STAFF	
Theresa Baysinger	X		Brent Bockelman	Brad Allen
Frank Kessler	X		Cami Hippenhammer	Dale Buuck
Jon Myers	X		Scott Wagner	Tamela Tincher
Michael Schrader		X	Tiffany Deakins	
Kim Wheeler	X		LEGAL COUNSEL	
Jill Western	X		Zachary Zehner	
GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE			GUESTS ON-LINE/PHONE	
Chip Hill				

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Wheeler read roll call. Members present and absent are listed above.

COLUMBIA CITY SEWER PROJECT AGREEMENT

Mr. Buuck stated that the agreement would be reviewed and signed by the City at their next meeting. Mr. Hill stated that all terms and conditions had been agreed upon and the pre-bid meeting was happening soon.

ROGERS PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENT

Mr. Bockelman reminded the Commission that the lease agreement could be signed as soon as the interlocal agreement was adopted.

WHITLEY COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

Mr. Bockelman said that the agreement needed to be re-signed to have all the signatures on the same page.

BUSCHE PROJECT/100S SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Kessler asked about the bidding timeline. Mr. Bockelman said that the bid opening was set for August 15. Notices were already published.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Ms. Baysinger said that she had talked with Brandon Forrester, Union Township Trustee, regarding the modified Memorandum of Understanding. She stated that he felt the relationship between the township and the fire department had improved, and they were better about getting him receipts. The new fire truck was on order.

Mr. Buuck discussed potential businesses interested in locating in Whitley County. He shared his concern that land was not available to develop. Discussion was also made regarding potential property available near the Rail Connect area. Mr. Myers asked if a 1031 exchange could be an option.

CLAIMS

The following claims were presented for review:

Column Software Bid Opening	\$108.40	<i>Churubusco News</i>
Carson LLP	\$3312.00	<i>Legal Services</i>
Column Software Bid Opening	\$107.30	<i>Post & Mail</i>

Ms. Baysinger made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Motion passed by roll call vote of 4-0.

Mr. Wheeler asked the Commission if they would be willing to support the GIS Department by allocating \$4,000 toward updating the aerial images. All agreed.

Mr. Kessler made a motion to award the GIS department \$4000 to go toward the upgrade. Ms. Baysinger Seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the July 11, 2023, meetings were not available at the time for review.

Ms. Baysinger gave an overview of the visit that was made to American Landmaster. Mr. Myers and Mr. Wheeler suggested that the Drainage Department speak with them before any utility vehicle purchase was made.

Having no further business, Mr. Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 8:57 A.M.

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ATTEST:

Kim Wheeler, President

Michael Schrader, Secretary