

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 5, 2014

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 5, 2014 at 1:00pm in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Commissioners in attendance were Chairman George Schrumpf, Don Amber and Tom Rethlake. Others in attendance County Attorney- Dan Sigler, Auditor Jennifer McGuire, Pam Smith- County Coordinator, Brandon Forrester- County Engineer, Michael Barton- Highway, Russ Gilliom, Dani Tippmann- Museum, Leo Rumschlag, Sheriff Mark Hodges, Sean Martin- Jail, Scott Jones – 9-1-1, Jorell Tucker- Solid Waste, Debra Darr- Council on Aging, Joan Null, Mary Hartman- Peabody Library, Katie Wagner- Busco News and Christine Workman – Post & Mail.

Chairman Schrumpf opened the meeting with the pledge.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY: County Attorney, Dan Sigler, informed the Commissioners that the Court Order for the Drapinski case was completed and the vacation and denial for the Tax Sale Deed being issued for the Auditor's office. There is still a Goble Tax Sale matter that is scheduled for July 29, 2014 in Circuit Court. The Maintenance Agreement with SimplexGrinnell for the sprinkler system at the Jail was reviewed by Sigler and approved for signatures from the Commissioners. The Proposal for engineering services for small structure inspections from Rumschlag Technical Services was reviewed. After Attorney Sigler amended the Indemnities to remove the "Limit of Liability" paragraph it was approved by Sigler for signatures from the Commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY MUSEUM: Dani Tippmann, Museum Coordinator, introduced the new Historical Society President Russ Gilliom. Mr. Gilliom wants to work with the County on some upcoming projects. The first is to move the files from the second floor of the Marshall home to the annex do to the weight of the files and the narrow staircase for safety reasons. Most of the people using the files are doing genealogy searches. Mr. Gilliom wants to use the Community Corrections department for the move. The Historical Society is looking for a liaison from the Commissioners to work with them on projects. The Historical Society will be working on a State Bi-Centennial celebration display for 2016 with emphasis on Whitley County and preparing a time capsule.

IN THE MATTER OF WHITLEY COUNTY TRANSIT: Debra Darr, Executive Director, from the Whitley County Council on Aging gave a report on the Transit program. She gave an overview of the 2013 usage of the miles, passengers, fuel and number of vans and drivers. The rates for the service still remain the same and all Veterans are receiving a discounted rate. She is now requesting the Appropriation from CEDIT for the matching local contribution for INDOT Grants in the amount of \$25,000. After discussion on the dollar amounts contributed by both the County and State for funding the program the Commissioners directed Debra to contact her local legislators for additional funding options. Commissioner Schrumpf signed the first quarter INDOT grant request.

IN THE MATTER OF EDC CEDIT REQUEST: Alan Tio, EDC, explained the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Initiative (SBEI) programs being developed. Tio is requesting a CEDIT funding request to support half of the seed monies out of the On Site/Off Site appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 Growth Ventures business accelerator. The future amounts requested is for \$25,000 in the years of 2015 and 2016 for the program. After discussion Amber made a motion to allow the \$10,000 expense, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote for a favorable recommendation to the County Council. Tio discussed the EDC beginning a multi-year investment campaign to raise funds to support the SBEI programs for the region for future expense out of the CEDIT for a funding source.

IN THE MATTER OF RADIO PROJECT: Sheriff Hodges presented the Request for Proposal (RFP) that was reviewed by the Commissioner and Auditor McGuire. The State Statue process for using the RFP was reviewed for the advertising and acceptance of proposals for the work was explained. Amber made a favorable pass to go ahead with the procedure for RFP for Dispatch Radio Consoles, Radio transmitter and both Mobile and Portable Radios, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote. The option to lease the equipment will be included in the Requests for

Proposals. A date for the advertisements will be determined to coordinate with the Commissioners meeting and be accepted before the 2015 Budget workshops start for funding the expense.

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION: Chairman Schrumpf made a Proclamation to Sean Martin, Jail Commander, in accordance with the Correctional Officers' Week in Whitley County running May 4 through May 10, 2014. The week is set aside to recognize the officers for their professionalism, hard work, dedication and efforts in protecting those in custody and the public's safety. The public is encouraged to acknowledge the important role that Corrections officers both at the Whitley County Jail and Community Corrections facilities play in the protection and services to the Whitley County community.

IN THE MATTER OF SOLID WASTE BUILDING: Jorell Tucker, Solid Waste Director, came before the Commissioner's to request an eight foot section be removed from the building that they rent from the County Highway Department. A garage door will be installed then at that location. Both the Highway and Building and Planning have approved the change to the building. After discussion a motion to allow was made by Rethlake, seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY: Michael Barton, Highway Director, informed the Commissioners that a request from Gene Donoghy at Park #30 for the replacement of some concrete sections within the complex. Commissioners discussed the cost and if the funding should come out of the Redevelopment funding rather than the Highway funds will be determined if the roads within the Park #30 have been dedicated to the County. Barton explained the Additional Appropriations that were being requested from County Council and the expenses from the Winter Storms and what percent if any will be reimbursed with the FEMA monies. The FEMA webinar on Thursday May 8 at the City will be attended by both Commissioner Amber and Barton.

IN THE MATTER OF SMALL STRUCTURE INSPECTIONS: Brandon Forrester, County Engineer, has reviewed the proposals for engineering services for the inspection of small structures 5-20 feet throughout the County. Five consultants that were INDOT prequalified for the inspections where contacted Beam Longest & Neff, Butler, Fairman & Seifert, Engineering Resources, Rumschlag Technical Services and USI Consultants. Rumschlag Technical Services, Inc. was chosen for the project with an amount of \$25,600 for the total cost of the project. The appropriation was already approved by the County Council in the budget process for 2014. After discussion a motion to allow the signature for the inspections was made by Amber, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote for the engineering services from Rumschlag Technical Services.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: Minutes from the April 21, 2014 Commissioner's meeting were reviewed, Rethlake made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote. The disbursement of claim reports for May 5, 2014 was reviewed. After discussion on some of the claims, a motion to allow the claims was made by Rethlake seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF UTILITY PERMIT: A Right-of Way Permit from Frontier Communications for work on County Road 825 East was presented. The work will be south of County Road 300 N and bore under the County Road 825 onto private property located at 2770 N 825 E. A motion to allow the Permit was made by Amber, seconded by Rethlake and approved with a 3/0 vote.

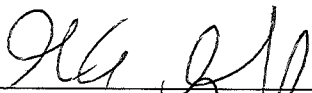
IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY COORDINATOR: Pam Smith, County Coordinator/Humane Resources, worked with WIS Consulting after attending a HR seminar finding out our County Policy Handbook was not in compliance with the current Federal and State employment laws and regulations. The Commissioners' adopted Ordinance #201-03 with a motion by Amber to correct the County Personnel Policy in accordance with ADA and EEOC, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote. A job posting will be done for a Truck Driver at the Highway. Pam requested that the \$500 registration fee be paid by the County to participate in the Whitley County YMCA Corporate Challenge again this year. After discussion a motion by Amber to allow the expense, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote.

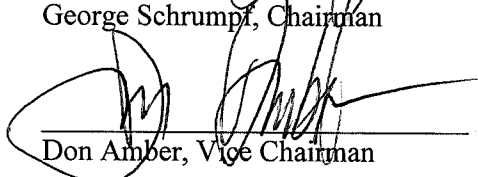
IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY FACILITIES: Three requests to use County Facilities were presented. The first was for June 14, 2014 from the Elks to honor Flag Day using the Court House lawn and electricity will be needed. A motion to allow was made by Amber, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote. Second was a request from Sherrie Coffelt for Saturday July 26, 2014 for a Wedding in the gazebo. A motion to allow was made by Amber, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote. The last request was from the Whitley County Autumn Arts Festival for the dates of Friday Sept 5 and Saturday September 6 all day for the Autumn Festival, a motion to allow was made by Amber, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote.


IN OTHER BUSINESS: Auditor McGuire announced the 2014 County Tax Sale will be held October 16, 2014 in the Commissioner's room. The April Veteran's Service Report was submitted to the Commissioners. Commissioner Rethlake is working on getting feasibility studies for the Community Correction building and the jail to help determine the cost for expansion at each location with the new legislation changes. He will have a meeting with the Judges on May 29, 2014 to gather input on which facility will need done or if both locations will need changes. Commissioner Amber announced with the retirement of both Cathy Broxon-Ball and Randy Waldeck from EMA the Advisory Board will meet on June 6, 2014 to discuss the overall position and direction within the department before the position is filled.

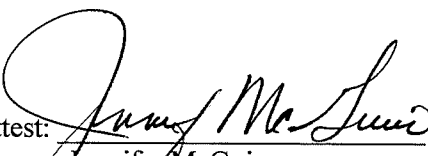
With no further input from the public, Chairman Schrumpf adjourned the meeting.

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George Schrumpf, Chairman


Don Amber, Vice Chairman


Tom Rethlake

Attest: 
Jennifer McGuire
Auditor

