

**WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**June 20, 2011**

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 20, 2011 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Members in attendance were Vice Chairman Don Amber and George Schrumpf. Chairman Tom Rethlake was absent due to illness. Also in attendance for all or part of the meeting were Jen McGuire, Amy Crickmore, Dan Sigler, Scott Wagner, Otto Boschett, Cathy Broxon-Ball, Michael Barton, Dani Tippmann, Dave Sewell, Dan Weigold, and other various Department Heads.

Don Amber called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Pledge the Allegiance was done.

**IN THE MATTER OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT:** Scott Wagner reported on three properties that no bids had come in to demolish and what the status is now concerning the testing of the properties. The property on 350 W tested negative and the owners paid for the testing. The above ground pool of Laud has been foreclosure over 2 years and bank has not taken ownership. Community Correction can tear down the pool and leave it in the garage. A motion was made by Schrumpf to test the property, seconded by Amber and carried with a 2/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER PREVIOUS MINUTES AND CLAIMS:** Minutes from the regular June 6th, 2011 meeting were reviewed and a motion made by Schrumpf, seconded by Amber for approval and carried with a 2/0 vote. After reviewing claims a motion was made by Schrumpf for approval, seconded by Amber and allowed with a 2/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER COUNTY ATTORNEY:** Dan Sigler reported on the Golf Cart Ordinance for County purposes. He discussed fines and fees from \$5.00 - \$100.00 along with permit price and insurance cost. The motion was tabled to next meeting was made by Schrumpf and seconded by Amber, carried with a 2/0 vote. Sigler reported on the Thomcreek agreement, was ok to sign. Sigler contacted litigate concerning the employee issue overtime pay.

**IN THE MATTER HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:** Michael Barton reported to the Commissioners on the status of the Milling project. 9#S and 11#S Milled roads finish road have been double sealed to stop dust, 81 miles sealed (2011). The Milling machine will then be returned until October to finish the other Milling projects. Done double seal on 2 strips, will be working on 3<sup>rd</sup> seal; 30 miles of 3<sup>rd</sup> time seal will be completed. Barton reported that no vehicles will be needed this year. Sign mandate – Friday June 25<sup>th</sup>, GAI (Mitch). Barton reported on grant money and physical inventory of signs done, reflective study by GAI, and City Council.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY COORDINATOR:** Amy Crickmore presented two requests before the Commissioners for use of the Courthouse. The first request was for the New Years Bash at 7:00-1:00am, reservations required. A motion to table was made by Schrumpf, seconded by Amber with a 2/0 vote. The second request came from the Junior Achievement for July 31st, 2011 and a Car Show during the week on the Northeast corner, a motion to allow was made by Amber, seconded by Schrumpf, and carried with a 2/0 vote. Amy reported on an employee injured on the job of \$729.35 that was tabled.

**IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:** Department Heads were welcomed and Commissioner Rethlake's absence was explained. Commissioners discussed possible time clock changes to help with documentation of better record keeping. Amy discussed three handbook changes. The first change concerned a new breastfeeding policy and WIC has provided a place for breastfeeding. The second change concerned employees no longer needing permits to bring guns to work. The last change concerned the revision of disciplinary action and termination.

**IN OTHER MATTERS:** Discussion of bulk paper, standard copiers and toners for reduction of costs. Commissioners want to estimate usage of copy paper to reduce cost.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

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Tom Rethlake, Chairman

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Don Amber, Vice Chairman

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George Schrumpf

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer McGuire  
Auditor