

## **WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**August 1, 2011**

The Whitley County Council and Whitley County Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, August 1, 2011 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Commissioners in attendance were Tom Rethlake, Don Amber and George Schrumpf. Also in attendance were Auditor Jen McGuire, Coordinator Amy Crickmore, James Thomlison, Michael Barton, Otto Boschet, Misty Tazelaar, Darrell Post, Brandon Forrester, Stanley Crum, Keith Coffelt, Dave Sewell, Kelley Lefever, Blake King, Stan Adams, Alan Tio and Chelsea Behm.

Commissioner Rethlake called the Commissioner meeting to order.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE GOLF CART ORDINANCE:** Attorney Dan Sigler presented the Commissioner's with the revised County Golf Cart Ordinance #2011-05. After discussion of a one time fee of \$50.00 for the permit and that there will be no inspection by the Sheriff's department, a motion was made by Amber to accept the revisions, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote. The Ordinance will be advertised with a Public Hearing on Tuesday September 6, 2011 at 1pm and put into effect then in September.

**IN THE MATTER PREVAILING WAGE:** Dan Sigler reported to the Commissioner's the flaw in the legislation for the rest of 2011 concerning the public works when bidding jobs out for the County. A hearing board would have to be established to meet with Unions and Department of Labor if any new projects were to be started the rest of the year. If the work is only for repair or maintenance the legislation does not affect the bids for the jobs.

**IN THE MATTER PARKVIEW CONTRACT:** Attorney Sigler updated the Commissioners that the attorney representing Parkview was Kathryn Wilcox, and they would be working together on writing the contract. Sigler told the Commissioners at this time it is their responsibility to get the contract in black and white and negotiate a final contract and present it to the County Council for funding.

**IN THE MATTER OF REZONING:** Dave Sewell came before the Commissioner's in regards to a request for rezoning in Thorncreek township on 250 North. A remonstrance petition against the rezoning has been submitted with fifteen residents from the area. The request was to change the zoning from AG to Industrial Park/Manufacturing for 6.63A currently owned by Keith Coffelt. The business operation would be for a propane distribution facility. After discussion a motion was made by Amber to accept the unfavorable recommendation by the Planning and Building Department, seconded by Schrumpf and accepted with a 2/0 vote with Commissioner Rethlake abstaining.

**IN THE MATTER OF IT EXPENSES:** Jim Becher reported to the Commissioner's that a situation had arisen in the Courthouse where he had to make a purchase of some small equipment to repair a computer and wanted to know if that was ok when the Department head was not available. Commissioner Amber made a motion to allow Jim Becher the IT consultant to make purchases when necessary under \$300, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote. Becher worked with the group to train on the podium in the Commissioner's room so it was usable when necessary for the meeting and presentations in the room.

**IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:** Michael Barton passed out a report to the Commissioner's after the study of the average speed on 300 North. After discussion there will not be a change in the speed limit and Barton will send a copy of the report out to the citizens showing the findings from the study. Updated on the finishing work for the milling and resealing work on Wolf Rd and Dowell Rd. Michael presented final testing results from GME on the road at Rail Connect Park, after discussion a motion was made by Amber to adopt the road, seconded by Schrumpf and passed to be adopted by the county with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Amber wants to make sure the new road is put on GIS for 911 calls for emergency situations.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY COORDINATOR:** Amy Crickmore presented a request for the use of Courthouse lawn for a banner to be placed in the Northeast corner from August 6-September 10 for the annual Art Festival on Saturday September 10, 2011, a motion to allow was made by Amber, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote. Amy discussed the cost and uses of time clocks at this time with the different locations and way it would have to be used, the Commissioner's decided against any changes leaving it up to the Department heads and supervisors to monitor the times documented on the time sheets.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY INSURANCE:** Amy reported from Chad Birch the County’s representative from AGA that the good news is that all aspects of the County health insurance plan remain the same including the benefits to the employees remain the same for coverage for 2012. It was discussed and the employee cost per pay will remain the same for 2012.

**IN THE MATTER OF INDIANA DATA CENTER:** Alan Tio and Kelley Lefever from the EDC came with representatives from the Indiana Data Center in regards to attaching service to the existing County water tower off of county road 600. The representatives Blake King and Stan Adams told of the technology changes over the last five years and the need for internet service for the highway #30 corridor and how it could be used throughout Whitley County. After discussion a decision was made to table any decisions from the Commissioners so they could look into the situation and get back with findings.

**IN OTHER MATTERS:** Commissioner Amber reported back on the finding in the Clerks office and at this time the interior of the office will be rearranged to the current available door can be used and a hole will not be put in the existing wall. Mark Sturtevant will work in getting wires and equipment moved for the office. Auditor McGuire requested that the August insurance payment be made out of the AGA Trust account, a motion to allow was made by Amber, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote. A review of the claims being paid for the County on August 1, 2011 was discussed and Schrumpf reported he had reviewed all the claims and made a motion to pay, seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote. After discussion on changing the wording for the July 18, 2011 minutes the wording for paragraph four of the discussion on the EMS decision should read ‘minimum’ staffing of three paramedics at all time and on the Council decision for the vote that the ‘result’ was a 3/3 vote from the Council, after the notes to change a motion was made by Amber for approval, seconded by Schrumpf and carried for approval with a 3/0 vote. Discussion on the request from Wood-Land –Lakes for the Commissioner’s to appoint a representative to the Board, Commissioner Rethlake asked if anyone knew of anyone interested to let him know.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned.

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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