

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
August 15, 2011

The Whitley County Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, August 15, 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, Michael Barton, Brandon Forrester, Stanley Crum, Alan Tio, John LeFever, Patti Smith, Robert Bishir, Terrie Bishir, Debbie Beers and Chelsea Behm.

Commissioner Rethlake called the Commissioner meeting to order.

IN THE MATTER HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Michael Barton reported on the roads to the Commissioner's and that the forty miles of milled roads were complete as of last Thursday and within a week of when they estimated to property owners. Roads planned for the Fall project of fifteen to twenty miles are Johnson Road and 800 South. Barton said eight to ten years before a reseal on the completed roads.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: Minutes from the prior August 1, 2011 meeting were reviewed and a motion to approved was made by Amber, seconded by Schrumpf and carried for approval with a 3/0 vote. Claims for payment for August 15, 2011 were discussed, a motion to approved claims was made by Schrumpf, seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF CLERK'S OFFICE: Debbie Beers, Clerk of Courts, came before the Commissioner's in regards to the flow of absentee voting for the 2012 election. Commissioner Amber had reviewed the area and thought it was resolved but Clerk Beers still thinks with the larger turnout it will be impossible to compensate for all the turn out and at this time request to go out for bids in cutting a new doorway into the room. The Commissioner's said to go forth with getting bids and report back to them with her findings.

IN THE MATTER OF SEWER HOOK-UP: Commissioner Rethlake discussed the cost of the Tri-Lake Sewer Districts sewer bills at the County properties at Tri-Lakes. The county is being billed the minimum amount of \$36.00 and always will be billed until the line is capped off. After discussion about the use at the Camp Samaritan property a motion was made by Schrumpf, seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote to cap this line.

IN THE MATTER OF INTERNET SERVICE: Alan Tio came before the Commissioner's with a local company PC Performance Robert and Terrie Bishir in regards to the internet service along the Business #30 corridor and giving a second option besides using the water tower for an antenna. Discussion about towers surrounding the area from J & K Communications available for use in hook up for the internet service. Mr. Bishir gave a brief background on PC Performance and handed out pamphlets with their cost to individuals and business for service they provided.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY INSURANCE: John LeFever from Star Insurance came before the Commissioner's to give the breakdown for the cost of liability insurance premium on county buildings, grounds and vehicles. Discussion on the increase of almost \$40,000 from 2010 to the 2011 changes and what portion of the bill increased under Law Professional services for the County. General liability coverage is 80% Highway and 20% County. Further discussion about the coverage for the EMS vehicles and who's responsible when we enter into the contract with Parkview if we purchase vehicle one year and Parkview the next, and type of coverage we should have for the fleet.

IN OTHER MATTERS: Commissioner Schrumpf discussed funding for the Troy Center and if it could become a Private or Charter School to receive funding from the vouchers per students quota, working with Jim Banks, Paula Worden and Nicole Trier for this matter. Commissioner Amber gave some updates on his findings for leasing better fuel economic cars for departments verses using old sheriff cars. He will discuss with Council in their September 7, 2011 meeting to let them know cost. Commissioner meetings for September and October will be at South Whitley September 19, 2011 and in Churubusco October 17, 2011. Auditor McGuire will discuss with the schools in both areas about attendance from the Government classes if possible or have the actual meeting at the school locations. Otto Boschett had requested support for his services on whitleytv.info for video taping of the County meetings, and he was not in attendance so matter was tabled until further discussion from him on his intentions. Community correction has requested to pay for a lease vehicle out of Cum Cap and pay back over time from User fees. Brandon Forrester reported to the Commissioner's in regards to the concrete being dumped on State Road #205, it was free and helping the ditch banks from erosion, Commissioner Amber said that now that it's complete it does look a lot better.

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

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Tom Rethlake, Chairman

Don Amber, Vice Chairman

George Schrumpf

Attest: _____
Jennifer McGuire
Auditor