

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
September 6, 2011

The Whitley County Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, September 6, 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, Dan Sigler, Robert Bishir, Terrie Bishir, Kim, Wheeler, Katie Wagner, Otto Boschet Jr, Dan Michel, Scott Wagner, Scott Jones, and Brandon Forrester.

Commissioner Rethlake called the Commissioner meeting to order.

Regular meeting was adjourned to hold a Public Hearing:

IN THE MATTER OF THE GOLF CART ORDINANCE: No response for or against the Golf Cart Ordinance #2011-05 that was advertised in the paper. At this time a motion was made by Schrumpf, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote to accept the Ordinance. Discussion after the acceptance of where the monies collected for the permit were going to be maintained and where funds could be spent. Commissioner Schrumpf will get with the Sheriff and see where the permit sticker should be placed on the cart. Looking into having a day at each location Tri-Lakes and Blue Lake to register the cart and obtain a sticker from the Sheriff's department. A copy of the Ordinance needs to be given to each resident that purchases a permit.

At this time the Public Hearing was adjourned and the regular scheduled meeting proceeded,

IN THE MATTER COUNTY ATTORNEY: Dan Sigler, County Attorney, updated the Commissioner's on the Tim Lemish lawsuit. Attorney Sigler spoke with the Commissioner's on the changes to the EMS Contract with Parkview, with three paramedics on duty a percentage of the time and that the Churubusco and South Whitley locations would not be moved. Attorney Sigler working on an amendment to the existing contract with Parkview to extent it until January 1, 2012 until the next Agreement will take effect. Dan also has been working with Scott Wagner from the Health Department on some Junk & Trash violations getting cleaned up, Attorney Sigler gave Scott Wagner and Judge Fahl compliments on all the work they do towards these violations and complaints.

IN THE MATTER MINUTES & CLAIMS: Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the Minutes from the August 15, 2011 Commissioner's meeting, seconded by Schrumpf and carried 3/0. After discussion of the claims, Schrumpf made a motion to approve claims for disbursement on September 6, 2011, seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER 2012 COUNTY CALENDAR: Auditor McGuire submitted the 2012 County calendar for approval. After discussion, the calendar will be reviewed and a decision will be made the next meeting on the number of days off since it is an Election year. Need to send a copy to Deputy Gatton for a calendar for the 4-2 schedule to be approved also.

IN THE MATTER NORTHEAST E-911 BOARD: Scott Jones from E-911 came before the Commissioner's to make them aware of the cost saving in establishing a Northeast E-911 Board. This would be for equipment only for the network, not any changes to the actual dispatchers. The cost savings would be in the buying power of the combined purchase with other counties. The other counties involved as of now are Allen, Dekalb, Steuben and Noble. Scott requested a volunteer from the Commissioner's to be on the Board and Don Amber agreed to be the member. The next meeting date is scheduled for September 14, 2011 in Noble County. As of now the only two providers are Frontier and Centrylink for giving quotes for the geodiverse systems.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY GRANT WRITER: Explanation was given by Commissioner Rethlake that Lori Shipman was hired as the Grant Writer for the Block Grants acquiring \$55,000 for the County and that her fee for the project would be \$4375, a motion to approve was made by Amber, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY COORDINATOR: Amy Crickmore, County Coordinator reported to the Commissioner's that a request to use the Courthouse lawn for a September 11 Remembrance Day for a candle light memorial service was asked for by the Historical Society starting at 6:30pm. A motion to approve was made by Amber, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote. Whitley County Domestic Violence requested to shade the lights surrounding the Courthouse to a purple shade for the month of October. After discussion, the Commissioner's suggested getting with Denny in maintenance to make him aware and see how much this would

effect the lights for security purposes surrounding the Courthouse. A request for short term disability for a County employee that will be off for an undetermined amount of time depending on the doctor’s orders may run out of Sick and Vacation time if the entire twelve weeks are required. A motion to approve the \$1971.88 if needed by Amber, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote for approval from the short term disability fund.

IN THE MATTER OF UTILITY PERMIT: A request for a utility permit was presented for approval from the Commissioners. The request was from Zayo Bandwidth LLC to place fiber optic cable to a proposed tower to be built by Performance PC LLC located on the east side of county road 800 east from county road 550 north to county road 450 north. After discussion a motion to approve was made by Amber, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN OTHER MATTERS: Commissioner Schrumpf reported that the final contacts were being made with Tri Lakes Sewer and that the project at the Camp Samaritan would be capped off in the next couple weeks and no longer be billed to the County monthly. Auditor McGuire reported that the Commissioner meeting for September 19, 2011 will be held at the South Whitley Library and that the October 17, 2011 meeting will be held at the Churubusco High School auditorium. After the change to the employee health insurance with the removal of spouse’s if covered by another company the first billing cycle we showed a cost saving of approximately \$24,000 on the monthly bills to Whitley County. The annual Whitley County Tax sale will be held on Wednesday October 19, 2011 in the Commissioner’s room, eighty-four properties were advertised for sale. The Whitley County CEDIT and CAGIT rates will remain the same for 2012 and be reviewed again for 2013.

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