

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL
September 7, 2011

The Whitley County Council met in a regular session on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Kim Wheeler, Vice Chairman John Barrett, James Bayman, Tom Western, William Overdeer and Paula Reimers, member Glen LaRue was absent. Also in attendance were Auditor Jen McGuire, Coordinator Amy Crickmore, Otto Boschet Jr, Tom Rethlake - Commissioner, Paula Worden, Jorell Tucker, Janet Scank Robert Bishir Jr and Terrie Bishir.

Chairman Wheeler called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Prior minutes from the August 2, 2011 reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Barrett and seconded by Overdeer and carried with a 6/0 vote for approval.

At this time the normal meeting was adjourned and a Public Hearing was announced for the Budget of Solid Waste which in a Binding Review for the County Council. With no objections for the advertisement a motion was accepted to adopt the budget at the next Council meeting on October 4, 2011 at 8am. The user fee for annual charge of Solid Waste will remain at \$41.00 per residence. A motion to approve was made by Bayman, seconded by Barrett and carried for approval from Council with a 6/0 vote.

Regular meeting reconvened:

IN THE MATTER PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Paula Worden on behalf of the Personnel Committee for Whitley County reported that nine job descriptions had been submitted for refactoring from the committee. After the review of all the descriptions it was determined that three positions will need to have an increase/change to the Salary Ordinance. The changes affected the Maintenance Assistant, Community Liaison, and two Work Release managers. A motion was made by Barrett, seconded by Overdeer to all the changes submitted by the Personnel Committee recommendations effective immediately, the motion was carried with a 6/0 vote from the Council.

IN THE MATTER COUNTY TAX RATES: Auditor McGuire submitted the Declaration of County Tax Rates for 2012 to the Council for approval. No changes will be made to the CAGIT or CEDIT rate for 2012, but a review will be done before submitting the rates for 2013.

IN THE MATTER COUNTY BUDGETS: The County budget will be advertised September 2 and 9, 2011, the hearing was advertised for Council meeting on October 4, 2011 and the Adoption of the budget will be October 18, 2011. At this time the changes made by Council will be given back to the Department heads and if they have any questions will need to present them at the October 4, 2011 meeting before the Council.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Tom Rethlake reported on the following items discussed in the September 6, 2011 Commissioner meeting.

- 2012 County Calendar showing 16 day with it being Election year
- Grant Administrator hired Lori Shipman for the County
- Tri-Lakes Sewer being capped off at Samaritan Park
- Attorney Sigler amending Parkview contract through the end of the year
- Commissioner Amber working on car purchases for the departments
- Meeting on September 16, 2011 for Wind Energy Committee about ordinance
- Scott Jones looking at working with other counties for E-911 Board Program
- County Health insurance savings of around \$24,000 for the month

IN THE MATTER OF COMBINE DISPATCHING: Chairman Wheeler and Commissioner Rethlake reported to the Council in regards to request from Commissioner Tom Wahl from Huntington County that they wanted to look into combined dispatching between the two counties. No decisions have been made and more information will need to be presented by all departments involved before any determinations are made if it's something the County is interested in pursuing.

IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET CHANGES: After reviewing the budgets from the departments again to note any of the changes a new copy will be returned to the Departments for final approval before the October 4, 2011 Council meeting.

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

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Kim Wheeler, Chairman

John Barrett, Vice Chairman

James Bayman

Glen LaRue

Thomas E. Western

William N. Overdeer

Paula G. Reimers

Attest:

Jennifer McGuire, Auditor