

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL
December 6, 2011

The Whitley County Council met in a regular session on Tuesday December 6, 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, Glen LaRue Tom Western, William Overdeer and Paula Reimers. Also in attendance were Auditor Jen McGuire, Coordinator Amy Crickmore, Otto Boschett Jr, Sheriff Hodges, George Schrumpf, Paula Worden, Don Amber, Amy Motter, April Whetstone and Jorell Tucker

Chairman Wheeler called the meeting to Order.

IN THE MATTER MINUTES: Minutes from the Council meeting November 8, 2011 were reviewed, a motion to approve as submitted was made by Western, seconded by LaRue and carried for approval with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER SOLID WASTE BUDGET: Auditor McGuire and Solid Waster Director Jorell Tucker were notified by the Department of Local Government and Finance that a new Budget Form #4 generated from the Gateway system needed to be signed from the Council for the 2012 Solid Waste Budget. The notice to the public was placed in three locations within the 48 hour time frame required for notification to the public. The newly updated Form #4 was signed by the original four Council members and given to Jorell to submit to the DLGF.

IN THE MATTER OF PROBATION DEPARTMENT: Amy Motter came before the Council to request a new Ford Escape SUV for the 2012 year. Funding for the vehicle will come from Fund #248 Judge's User Fees. The current Crown Vic they have will be handed down to Community Corrections to update their fleet. After discussion a motion to allow the purchase was made by Bayman, seconded by Overdeer and carried for approval with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Paula Worden Director of the Community Corrections facility came before the Council to submit a request for a new vehicle for the 2012 year. The \$20,000 for this purchase will be funded by the Prosecutor's Fines and Fees and the remaining \$600 will be used from #274 Transition Fund from Community Corrections. After discussion of what cars they will be eliminated from their fleet for 2012, a motion to allow the purchase was made by Barrett, seconded by Reimers and carried for approval with a 7/0 vote for the purchase of a new 2012 vehicle.

IN THE MATTER RECORDER'S OFFICE: April Whetstone from the Recorder's office came before the Council to let them know her copier had quit working and that a new one would have to be purchased. She has gotten three quotes from vendors and now has a loaner in her office. The Council let her know that they are in favor of her purchase but it will be her decision on what copier will work best for your office needs.

IN THE MATTER APPOINTMENT FOR CHURUBUSCO LIBRARY: A request from the Churubusco Public Library Board to appoint Ann Linvill to a term of four years on the Library Board ending in December 31, 2015. After discussion a motion to appoint Linville was made by Barrett, seconded by Western and carried for approval with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER SHERIFF MERIT BOARD: Sheriff Hodges came before the Council to report his findings on per diems for the Sheriff's Merit Board. After contacting other counties it was determined that the members of the Merit Board only get paid when an actual meeting is held at the new rate of \$75.00 per meeting, not on a monthly bases like prior years. A motion to allow this change was made by Overdeer, seconded by LaRue and carried for approval with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE: Auditor McGuire updated the Council on the final payout of Comp Time before the new wages of 2012 are implemented. Cash Fund reports given through posting of November 30, 2011, final distribution of tax settlement is not completed yet.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Commissioner Chairman Rethlake gave the Commissioner's report,

- Opened Highway bids and Quotes for 2012
- OCRA Grant finalized for the Coesse Water Project
- Bike Trails posts Signs from Columbia City to South Whitley would have to have a disclaimer for the County’s safety
- Regional Partnership with the Code of Ethics
- Ordinance #2011-09 Rezoning in Jefferson Township approved
- Agreement with Spyglass for cost savings on phone, internet & cell billing
- Maintenance work needing done at Annex
- New fee charge on County Ordinance for Sheriff Sale properties
- Ten county areas implementing Super abatements to attract new business to area
- No response to EMS contract with Whitley Parkview
- Scott Wagner Health Ordinance Violations in the County
- Wind Ordinance will be presented to the Commissioner 1st Quarter 2012

Reminder to all Council member of the County Christmas party from 11-1pm at the Government Center on Friday.

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