

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 2, 2012

The Whitley County Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, April 2, 2012 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Commissioners in attendance were George Schrumpf and Tom Rethlake. Chairman Don Amber was absent. Also in attendance were Auditor Jen McGuire, Dan Sigler, Amy Crickmore, Otto Boschet Jr, James Thomlison- Post & Mail, Henry Janda, Tracy Hare, Katie Wagner, Gene Heckman, Mark Mynhier, John Barrett, Joan Null, Sheriff Mark Hodges, Lisa Richmond, Dave Sewell and Kim Reiff.

Commissioner Schrumpf reconvened the meeting from March 19, 2012.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY: Dan Sigler, County Attorney, spoke on the amendment to the Advanced Imaging Solutions printing Contract for the County and now approved the Contract to be signed with the note that it will not be automatically renewed annual. Attorney Sigler will send out notices of any existing Contracts for the County with other printing companies effective April 1, 2012 for cancellation. Mr. Sigler addressed the Commissioner on behalf of the EDC with a favorable recommendation for the refinancing of Bond loans for Micropulse. There will be no increase to the existing amount of the two bond loans, nor extending the terms of payments just consolidating and changing financial institutions.

IN THE MATTER OF TRI-LAKES PARK: Gene Heckman, Thorncreek trustee, reported that there has been some vandalism at the Tri-Lakes Park over the Winter months and some work would need to be done to the restrooms. There is an existing Agreement between the township and County with the use of storage mowers at the location for the mowing of the grounds from the Township. Other work is needed to done at the locations and if the Community Corrections crew could help out or if the County Highway will need to be involved if some cutting of the larger trees is necessary.

IN THE MATTER OF NSF ORDINANCE: Lisa Richmond, County Treasurer, came before the Commissioners to present a County Ordinance for the collection of \$25.00 on all NSF checks for the County. After discussion of where the funds would be distributed, a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-06 for the collection of \$25.00 for all NSF checks was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf, and passed with a 2/0 vote. Treasurer Richmond also notified the Commissioner that the E-Check is now available through the County's website for payment of property taxes at no cost to the County. Tax bills for the 2012 collection will be mailed out on April 11, 2012.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: Minutes from the regular meeting from March 19, 2012 were reviewed, a motion to approve as submitted was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 2/0 vote stating the wording need changed for the work on the Courthouse from "infrastructure" to "structural". Commissioner Schrumpf had reviewed the claims for April 2, 2012 disbursements. The uniforms purchased by the Coroner department were discussed again and no response has been given yet by the Department. A motion to approve claims was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 2/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF WHITLEY COUNTY TRANSIT: Jackie Hake from the Whitley County Council on Aging was present to "Thank" the Commissioners for the \$25,000 of CEDIT monies to help fund the Whitley County Transit funding. The monies are use with the Grants from INDOT and they like to see local contributions for funding. The Transit is expanding hours to 6pm. There was a 19% increase in riders for the 2011 year.

IN THE MATTER REZONING: Dave Sewell Director of Planning & Building came before the Commissioners with a "Favorable Recommendation" on the rezoning of property located on the northeast corner of Center Street (St Rd #5) located in the town of Larwill. The property is owned by Kim Reiff and is changing from GC General Commercial District to VC Village Commercial District for .31 acres of ground. After discussion a motion to approve the 2012-07 Ordinance changing the zoning was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 2/0 vote

IN THE MATTER JAIL STATISTICS FOR 2011: Sheriff Hodges reviewed his 2011 Jail Statistics with the Commissioners and pointed out three areas that will need to be addressed. First Inmate Healthcare contract expires in July of 2012 and he will get with other vendors to compare cost for the program. Next was the cost of replacing the cell door locking mechanism that is

twenty-five years old with a new more computerized system and the cost will run approximately \$100,000 and third will be the implementation of the video court system. There is still some overcrowding in the jail on the weekends but a new cot type bedding will allow for three inmates per cell if necessary raising the max to 150 if needed.

IN THE MATTER OF 911 FUNDING: Auditor McGuire presented a letter showing the State the current Fund account balances for the 911 wireless and land line accounts and listing all vendors that have submitted funds to Whitley County in the last year. A letter was requested by State with the Commissioner’s signature for the change over of Funds on July 1, 2012. A motion to sign the letter was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 2/0 vote. Scott Jones spoke on behalf of the 911 changes and what impact it was going to have on the department in Whitley County. Scott is still working with the other surrounding Counties to network usage for cost savings and better bandwidth and maintenance on equipment.

IN THE MATTER OF UTILITY PERMITS: Five utility permits came before the Commissioners for buried fiber optic cable service and improvements. The locations were St Rd #14 and Co Rd 400e for 300 feet, St Rd #14 and Co Rd 600 E for 600 ft., Co Rd 800 E Whitley Allen Co line Rd to Co Rd 400 S for 2693 ft., Old Bus #30 East to Williams Dr for 1800 ft. and Williams Dr to Bus #30 E to Co Rd 100 S. All permits were previously approved by County Engineer, Brandon Forrester, and Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to approve all the permits, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 2/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY COORDINATOR: Amy Crickmore presented a request to the Commissioners for the use of the Courthouse lawn and gazebo on May 3, 2012 for National Day of Prayer. A motion to approve the request was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 2/0 vote. Two request for Short Term disabilities were presented and discussed, a motion to approve both was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 2/0 vote. Discussion on the two year Contract being up with AT & T for cell phones and if we should renegotiate the contract or look for other vendors or check into reimbursing employees for their own phone and not fund through the County.

IN OTHER BUSINESS: A letter from the Peabody Public Library in regards to the Commissioner’s appointment for the Board of Trustees, requesting that Donald Langeloh wishes to serve another term for the Commissioners. A motion by Rethlake to approve the Appointment, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 2/0 vote. A “Thank You” went out to April Waugh and Jennifer Nix from the Health department from the Whitley Consolidated Schools. The Commissioners are working on the schedule for the County Government Month of April and will be visiting the local schools and field trips are being planned for different locations of Government facilities. Auditor McGuire reported that five properties were sold at the recent Commissioner Certificate Sale and the income from the sale was \$9860.00 for 2012.

With no further business or comments from the public the meeting was adjourned.

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Don Amber, Chairman

George Schrumpf, Vice Chairman

Tom Rethlake, Member

Attest: _____
Jennifer McGuire
Auditor