

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
August 20, 2012

The Whitley County Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, August 20, 2012 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Commissioners in attendance were Chairman Don Amber, Vice Chair George Schrumpf and Tom Rethlake. Also in attendance were Auditor Jen McGuire, Pam Smith, Dan Sigler, Brianne Eichman, Henry Janda, Katie Wagner, Tom O'Neill, David Lehman, John Dickerson Otto Boschet, Tim Smith and Sharon Heaton.

Commissioner Amber called the meeting to order.

IN THE MATTER COUNTY ATTORNEY: Dan Sigler, County Attorney, brought back the Cassidian contract for 911 service. The previous contract needed better warranty terms, litigation available in the state of Indiana and the contract was not auto renewed. Scott Jones will be in later to speak on behalf of this contract and what the need is for this contract on the existing equipment for 911 services, but it has the approval to sign from the County Attorney for the Commissioners. The next item was an "Addendum" to the Agreement for Cedarbridge Treatment Center for an additional 100 beds for Whitley County the amount for the change is \$8900. After discussion a motion to sign the Addendum on the contract was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER WELL VARIANCE: Scott Wagner, Health Department, came before the Commissioners with a Well Variance for Jeffrey & Sharon A Heaton, property located at 5601 S 150 E Columbia City, IN 46725. They want to construct a deck over the existing well and leave an opening 18X18" to have access to the existing well. The Health Department denied the variance, but after discussion that the existing well pit is 30/40 years old and will not be used again, it will be required to be filled in if becomes unusable, the variance will have to be noted on all transfers of property ownership, a motion to approve the variance was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER PASSAGES: Representatives from Passages Tom O'Neill and Dave Lehman presented information to the Commissioners to show what has been contributed by the County over the years to help fund transportation for the clients of the Passages group. Over 100 people from passages are transported daily for the needs of jobs, medical and care of the clients. Passages works from a \$5 million dollar budget on an annually basis. The Group homes are accessed by vans for the 24 personal that requires transportation daily. Passages used \$285,000 in Reserve Funds to purchase the Lumburg building and are looking at the five acres adjacent to the building that used to be the old hospital location. The Passages offices will be moving out of the Marshall building this week to the new location on VanBuren Street.

IN THE MATTER 911 EQUIPMENT: Scott Jones brought the Cassidian contract before the Commissioners to explain the need for the contract for the next six months in case any equipment repairs are necessary on the existing equipment provided by Cassidian. D & M out of Fort Wayne are certified software and phone support but the cost will be \$3051.00 for the extended maintenance agreement with Cassidian. Also discussed was the regional group purchase of all 911 equipment that will require some inter-local governmental agreement, the Commissioners just wanted to make sure when the funds are disbursed to the vendor that is chosen not another larger county for the purchase. The four vendors being compared and receiving quotes from are Frontier, Motorola, Cassidian and Zetron no decision has been made at this time. A motion was made by Schrumpf and seconded by Rethlake to allow Tim Lee, 911 Director for Allen County, to negotiate pricing on the across the board multi county agreement with the vendors. To finish up the discussion a motion was made to sign the extension of six months on the existing Contract with Cassidian not knowing the time frame of when the new equipment will be purchased and installed, a motion by Rethlake to sign the Agreement, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 6, 2012 meeting as presented, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Amber had reviewed the current claims for disbursement for the County dated August 20, 2012. After discussion on an increase to FIA cards, itemized Brateman bills, phone reimbursements and sealing and striping done on the parking lot at the jail, a motion to approve was made by Schrumpf, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY COORDINATOR: Pam Smith, County Coordinator, informed the Commissioners that Flu Shots were going to be available again in the Immunization Clinic for County employees, and she will check to see if family covered under current County Group Insurance are covered at the price of \$13.00 or only employees at this time. Also distributed was a new Recruitment Policy for the County from the Handbook, all hiring for the County will be ran through the HR Department and a new “Employment Requisition Form” will need to be completed by the department needing the new position for the posting.

IN OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Schrumpf wanted to look at an Ordinance for the number of dogs allowed to home owners of lake residential properties because of the closeness of adjoining neighbors at the lakes. After discussion no motion was made to implement a change at this time but something for the Plan Commission to look at in regards to the current restrictions and kennel laws. Commissioner Schrumpf also addressed the quarterly report from Advanced Imaging System on the printing contract for the County, 538000 copies were made for the quarter and we had an overage for the amount of \$722.00 from the Extension office. The secondary plan of changing our existing devices for more cost savings will be implemented in the next couple months. Auditor McGuire presented a payroll date change for December that was given by the Payroll Department, for the disbursement of the pay on December 24 falling on a Holiday, the pay will be distributed on Friday December 21, a motion to allow was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 to allow the change.

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