

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
October 1, 2012

The Whitley County Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, October 1, 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, Mark Hodges, Lisa Scroggins, Dr. Frank Krause, Howard Williams, Paula Worden, Amy Motter, Judge Heuer, Dan Weigold, Dave Sewell, Joan Null, Francis Hoffman, Michael Lynn, Kathy Shively, Scott Jones, Cathy Broxon-Ball, Larry Long, Brianne Eichman, Katie Wagner, Michael Barton, Stanley Crum and Henry Janda.

Commissioner Amber called the meeting to order.

IN THE MATTER OF INSTITUTIONAL CARE: Paula Worden from Community Corrections and Amy Motter from Probation came before the Commissioners for a Request for Additional Appropriations. The account is for Institutional Care and a line item in the Commissioners budget. After discussion of the additional needs, the contract with Cedarbridge and the back billing for prior years, a motion to present the Additional to Council was made by Schrumpf, seconded by Rethlake and carried 2/0 with Rethlake abstaining to allow the Request for an additional of \$60,000 be requested for the remaining 2012 budget for Institutional Care. Paula also informed the new 15 passenger van for YIC will be paid for out of the Court supported appropriations.

IN THE MATTER OF INMATE HEALTH CARE: Sheriff Hodges came before the Commissioners to introduce the company that is going to provide the Inmate Health Care program. After reviewing the current plan and narrowing it down between companies it was determined to go with QCC- Quality Correctional Care. Representatives Dr. Krause and Lisa Scroggins were on hand to field any questions or concerns about the new program and familiarize the Commissioners with the project. They described the company background, what other counties they are currently working in and the programs to help with inmate substance abuse, mental health and also addition services. It is compared to the same service at less cost due to the overhead cost being lower. The Sheriff's attorney Howard Williams has reviewed the contract and now feels comfortable passing it along to the County Attorney Dan Sigler for approval for the Commissioner's to sign. The contract will be for two years and run until December 31, 2014 at the end of Sheriff Hodges term.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: Dan Sigler, County Attorney, stated he had nothing to report at this time. He will review the Inmate Health Care contract for QCC – Quality Correctional Care and report back at the October 15, 2012 Commissioner meeting. Attorney Sigler was given all the correspondence regarding Tax Sale properties out of the Auditor's office to review.

IN THE MATTER OF NOTIFICATION SYSTEM: Dan Weigold, Kathy Shively and Scott Jones came before the Commissioners to present a Whitley County Notification System. Dan said with all the new technology updates this would be a better way to keep the residents of Whitley County informed. It is not mandated by the County and it will be a free service to receive either via Text messages or emails or both services. You can sign up at any time but no alerts will be posted until November 1, 2012. Users for the system will be Dispatchers, EMA for weather related issues, flooding, burn bans and other advisory for public safety, each Police Department for County for Road closures water main breaks or emergencies and Highway Department for road projects, culvert repair, bridge repair and snow removal restrictions. After discussion a motion to move ahead with the project was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote notify the public.

IN THE MATTER OF GIS DATA: Dan Weigold wanted to let the Commissioner know that he has had several inquiries for GIS data from outside vendors. He is using the current Fee Schedule at .40cents per parcel. We have current agreements with cities and towns to share information and the general information is out on the Beacon website with no names just centerlines and property lines. The Commissioner feel comfortable allowing Dan to use the current established Fee Schedule for any charges and work with the other Government entities as needed.

IN THE MATTER OF EMA GRANT: Cathy Broxon-Ball, EMA director, presented an EMPG Sub Grant Agreement for \$4054.00 to purchase new laptops and VHF radio power supplies. After discussion it was determined that the EMA Advisory Board was not aware of the Grant and what was going to be purchased and it will be presented again to the Commissioners after the Board meets on October 10, 2012 for approval.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION: Dave Sewell presented a list of seven names to be reviewed that showed interest in being appointed to the Planning Commission. This is only for the unincorporated area of the County and political party does not matter for this appointment since there are already two Democrats and two Republicans currently serving on the commission. The term limit is December 31, 2013 for the appointment. The Commissioner will review the list and give feedback at the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: A motion to approve the minutes from the Commissioner’s September 17,2012 meeting as presented was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Amber had reviewed claims for distribution as of October 1, 2012 and after discussion a motion to allow claims was made by Schrumpf, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO SOUTH WHITLEY LIBRARY: A letter from the South Whitley Library stated that it was time to reappoint Sue Lopshire to the South Whitley Library Board for her second term of four years. The term will end July 6, 2016. Sue is the Secretary to the Library board and expressed your desire to continue to serve. A motion to allow the appointment was made by Schrumpf, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF VOTING LOCATIONS: The list of polling locations for the November 6, 2012 general election was reviewed by the Commissioners. After discussion a motion to approve the locations and publish in the paper was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN OTHER BUSINESS: Auditor McGuire presented both the County Holiday Calendar and the 4/2 Calendar for 2013 for approval. At this time the Commissioners want to table this and get feedback on what other county and municipalities are allowing for Holidays. Next was the Payroll Schedule for 2013 and the Accounts Payable Schedule for 2013 after discussion a motion to approve was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote. Request to use the Courthouse square for October 4, 2012 by the Indiana Springs Middle School for Historical etching, a motion to approve was made by Rethlake, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote.

A special note to all the October 15, 2012 will be held at the Churubusco High School Auditorium start time is and the public is still welcome to attend.

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