

**WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**January 4, 2012**

The Whitley County Council met in a regular session on Wednesday January 4, 2012 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, William Overdeer and Paula Reimers, Tom Western was absent. Also in attendance were Auditor Jen McGuire, Coordinator Amy Crickmore, Otto Boschet Jr, George Schrumpf, Alan Tio, Nancy Prickett, Jim Becher, Jim Atz, Don Amber, Dan Sands, Chad Whetstone and Jerry Busche

Chairman Wheeler called the meeting to Order.

**IN THE MATTER OF NEW OFFICERS:** The election of new officers for County Council was performed. Newly elected Chairman will be John Barrett and newly elected Vice Chair is Jim Bayman for 2012. Seats were exchanged and the meeting continued.

**IN THE MATTER MINUTES:** Minutes from the Council meeting Dec 6, 2011 were reviewed, a motion to approve as submitted was made by Reimers, seconded by LaRue and carried for approval with a 6/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER IMPACT ABATEMENT:** Alan Tio, from EDC made introductions of Jim Atz, new director for the Region III A and Jerry Busche from Impact CNC. Impact CNC, LLC will be a new machining company investing \$6 million initially into the project and creating over 100 jobs over the next five years. Mr. Busche feels production will be in full swing by the third quarter of this year. After discussion Resolution #2012-02 approving the deductions to assessed valuation for Real and Personal property were approved for a ten year abatement on the project. Also included was the two year abatement for acquisition of a vacant structure that will be purchased and renovated in the Gateway Park. A motion to approve both were made by Overdeer, seconded by Bayman and carried with a 6/0 vote on the entire project.

**IN THE MATTER OF SOLSTICE MEDICAL:** Dan Sands from Solstice Medical was present to update the Council on the contract with the Department of Veteran Affairs. This was the second phase in the incentive award \$25,000 for Solstice to received funding from the EDC Investment Board. Dan explained that things were moving along faster than anticipated and looks for more med cabinets to be distributed nationally at over 152 facilities by mid year.

**IN THE MATTER WHITLEY COUNTY DRUG FREE:** Nancy Prickett made her annually presentation before the Council on the distribution of funds for Drug Free Indiana. The funds available for 2012 were \$39,424.57 were disbursed to four categories Prevention/Education, Treatment, Justice and Administration cost. After discussion council gave their blessing for the project and feel it serves a good purpose to the community.

**IN THE MATTER COUNTY COMPUTERS 2012:** Jim Becher, IT for the County, presented his quarterly request. He handed out an update on the three year program for fixed maintenance that is scheduled for the County. A motion to approve the request was made by Wheeler, seconded by Reimers and carried with a 6/0 vote. Next discussion was the use of two current IT companies being used by the County and what each company does to support the different departments and software throughout the entire County. Jim will present his annual Contract that will need to be signed and approved by the Commissioners at their next meeting. Council also requested that a report be given when budgets are being processed for the 2013 year.

**IN THE APPROPRIATIONS 2011:** A request to transfer Funds with Department budget for the Jail, Janitor \$3,350, Longevity \$1,550, Vacation Buy Out \$1,000, Part time Jail \$700, Jailer 11 Salary \$1197 transferred to Meals \$7797.00. Next was Sheriff Department transfer Technology \$750 to Uniforms \$750, Telephone \$16,000 and Garage \$7350 to Gas \$23,350. And finally Sheriff a Reduction to appropriation of funds for Communications \$5000, Garage \$3000, Part Time Sheriff \$4,000 to Jail Meals \$12,000. After discussion of looking at these accounts again for the 2013 budget and what Appropriations need adjusted a motion to approve was made by Reimers, seconded by Overdeer and carried with a 6/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER APPOINTMENTS & BOARDS FOR 2012:** Bill Overdeer was appointed to the Region III-A Board of Directors. Kim Wheeler will remain as the Council member for the EMS Oversight Committee. Paula Reimers will be the Council appointment for the Plan Commission. Jim Bayman and Kim Wheeler will be the Council members for the Advisory Board. The Council’s appointment for the Board of Zoning Appeals will be William Klein, a motion to approve was made by Bayman, seconded by Overdeer and carried with a 4/2 vote, nay votes were LaRue and Wheeler. All other appointments will remain the same, a motion to approve all was made by Overdeer, seconded by Reimers and carried for approval with a 6/0 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 final distribution of tax settlement.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT:** New Commissioner Chairman Amber gave the Commissioner’s report,

- Jim Becher reports for 2012 and Contract Agreement
- Highway looking at what affect Wind Ordinance will have on roads and do study
- Resigned annually contracts with SRI for Commissioner Certificate Sale and County Tax Sale for 2012
- Wind Ordinance will be discussed at Planning & Building Meeting on January 17, 2012

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

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John Barrett, Chairman

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James Bayman, Vice Chairman

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Kim Wheeler

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Glen LaRue

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Thomas E. Western

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William N. Overdeer

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Paula G. Reimers

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Jennifer McGuire, Auditor