

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL
July 3, 2012

The Whitley County Council met in a regular session on Tuesday July 3, 2012 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Members in attendance were Chairman John Barrett, Vice Chairman Jim Bayman, Kim Wheeler, Glen LaRue, Bill Overdeer, Paula Reimers and Tom Western. Also in attendance were Auditor Jen McGuire, Coordinator Amy Crickmore, Pam Smith, Don Amber, Otto Boschet Jr, Brianne Eichman and Francis Hoffman.

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to Order.

IN THE MATTER MINUTES: Minutes from the regular Council meeting June 5, 2012 were reviewed, a motion to approve as submitted was made by Western, seconded by Overdeer and carried for approval with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF LIBRARY APPOINTMENT: A resent letter requesting the appointment of Dennis Warnick to serve on the Peabody Public Library Board as a Trustee on behalf of the County Council. His term will expire September 7, 2012 and this will be his third term. After discussion a motion to approve appointment of Dennis Warnick was made by Overdeer, seconded by Western and carried with a 7/0 vote from Council.

IN THE MATTER COUNTY JAIL: Sheriff Hodges spoke to the Council on behalf of improvements that needed to be looked at the County Jail. At this time the lock mechanism that is over twenty-five years old is going to be need replaced. Hodges is still looking over the quotes that have come in but the cost should run about \$165,000-\$170,000 installed for all the necessary upgrades required. Discussion on the plumbing in the building and they are just being repaired as needed at this time. Discussion on the availability of any Grants for the Jail improvements was discussed and Sheriff Hodges will contact Lori Shipman.

IN THE MATTER ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: The republican caucus will take place next Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at the Peabody Library to replace the resignation of County Assessor Angela Heath. At that time with the changes in the salaries all comp time should be paid out at the old rate of pay and vacation and sick time will have to be paid out for the newly elected official.

IN THE MATTER OF MICROVOTE: Debbie Beers, County Election Clerk, reported back the cost of the MicroVote machines that were appropriated out of Cum Cap fund for the 2012 budget. Seventy-nine machines will be converted with black screens and white lettering so they can be read better by the voters. Only eight new Infinity machines will be purchased and two new printers all this cost will stay under the \$50,000 that the Council approved for appropriation.

OTHER BUSINESS: Auditor McGuire passed out the 2013 budget books for the Council members to review before the Department head meetings next Tuesday July 10, 2012. Discussion on the law changes that will be in effect for the July 1 date by the State. Thank you to Chairman John Barrett for attending the State called County Council meeting in Indianapolis over the weekend.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Commissioner Amber gave the Commissioner’s report,

- Wind Ordinance Update
- LOIT Rates pass out for the Northeast district
- Contract for County Group Health Insurance will remain with Phillips and AGA for 2013
- LabCorp Agreement effective August 1, 2012 for blood draws in the Immunization Dept
- Burn Ban for Whitley County in effect until July 9, 2012 then will be reviewed
- Emergency Radio issues during and after the storm
- Thank you to Northeastern REMC for their efforts after the storm

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

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

John Barrett, Chairman

James Bayman, Vice Chairman

Kim Wheeler

Glen LaRue

Thomas E. Western

William N. Overdeer

Paula G. Reimers

Attest:

Jennifer McGuire, Auditor