

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

November 7, 2012

The Whitley County Council met in a regular session on Wednesday November 7, 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 Pam Smith, Don Amber, Otto Boschet Jr, George Schrumpf, Brianne Eichman, Patty Weybright, Renee Wozniak, Sharon Bear, Randy Holler and Gene Rohrer.

Chairman Barrett wanted to compliment the Whitley County Clerk's office for the excellent job they did for the Election last night.

IN THE MATTER VSO PART-TIME HELP: Gene Rohrer, Veteran Service Officer, came before the Council to request some additional funding for Part-Time help in 2013. This would be 15 hours a week and the wages would be \$10.00. Mr. Rohrer wants to cover the hours of 9-3pm daily in the office starting January 1, 2013. The foot traffic and follow up on appointments have been over whelming for just a part time person. A motion by Western, seconded by Overdeer to table the subject until an actual amount could be established and then review in the December Council meeting, the vote carried 6/1 with Bayman casting the nay vote.

IN THE MATTER OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: Jorell Tucker, Solid Waste District, updated the Council on the formality of the Interlocal Agreement between the Solid Waste District and Whitley County. The entire Agreement is going to be re-evaluated by the County Attorney regarding the clarification on the need of a Joint Board. At this time the County Commissioners have tabled the matter and nothing can be done by the Council until the Commissioners make a motion on behalf of the binding Agreement between the Districts.

IN THE MATTER OF SOUTH WHITLEY LIBRARY: Renee Wozniak presented an Additional Appropriation to the County Council. The new procedure is due to the HEA 1072 change in procedures July 1, 2012. If the public library wants to make expenditure outside the AVGQ of the County they must have the County Councils blessing for the Additional. At this time the appraisal is only \$52,500 and they are waiting on the second appraisal to lock in the price of the property for purchase. If they do not close by the end of the year they would like to encumber the Additional appropriation for 2013. After discussion it was given a "Straw" vote that the Council would approve the Additional when all the advertising and paperwork was put in order the process to be completed.

IN THE MATTER MINUTES: Minutes Council meeting October 2, 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 PEABODY LIBRARY APPOINTMENT: A letter from the Director of Peabody Library Mary Hartman came before the Council to make them aware that their appointment of Jonathan Myers will expire effective May 5, 2013 and they will need to replace him because he is ineligible to serve another term. After discussion Auditor McGuire will get a list of recommendations from the library on who they would want appointed to the Board.

IN THE MATTER OF 2013 SALARY ORDINANCE: Auditor McGuire presented the Whitley County Salary Ordinance for 2013 Ordinance #2012-15. After discussion of the Funds listed from the different departments for wages being appropriated for 2013 a motion to approve Salary Ordinance #2012-15 was made by Reimers, seconded by Overdeer and carried 5/2 for approval with Bayman and Wheeler casting the nay votes.

IN THE MATTER OF CREDIT PAYMENT: The payment of the second half CREDIT appropriation to the Whitley County EDC was presented for payment from Project #1 of the two year CREDIT Plan. After discussion of the different options to present the CREDIT for Council approval before the expenditures a motion by Bayman to pay the \$76,754.25 to EDC for July 2012 through December 2012 for budgeting purposes, seconded by LaRue and carried with a 7/0 vote from Council.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Commissioner Chairman Don Amber gave a quick report from the Commissioners meeting

- Ordinance Violations for Junk & Trash and Meth from the Health Dept

- Updating the Restaurant Food Ordinance for the Health Board
- Letter of Authorization with Thomas Reuters to process the Tax bills 2013
- Reappointment of Grace Lotter and Dr. Dickmeyer to the Health Board
- Longevity Payout for 2012 will be disbursed November 19,2012
- Reviewing natural gas cost saving with Border Energy
- IDEM permits for SDI and Huntertown Waste Water with Eel Drain
- Replacing car for the Bldg & Planning Department
- Recommend VSO additional part-time help for Veterans
- Update of the DNR property at Tri Lakes, Fish Hatchery and Camp Samaritan

IN THE MATTER OF HAVEL CLAIM: Commissioner Amber presented the final bill from Havel for the new boilers and chillers placed in the Courthouse. It was previously scheduled to pay the final bill out of CEDIT fund in the 2013 year. Since there are funds available still in the 2012 CEDIT plan he would like to move the payment of the Havel invoice for \$77314.00 to be disbursed now. After discussion a motion by Western to allow the payment, seconded by Overdeer and carried with a 6/1 vote with Wheeler casting the nay vote to wait 60 days on the payment until sure everything is working properly with the equipment.

IN THE MATTER OF COMP TIME 2012: Pam Smith gave an update on the Comp Time accrued by County employees and the amount it would cost to pay out Comp before the new 2013 wages came into effect with the increases. After discussion of the supervisors keeping a good eye on the amounts, and that it is easier to maintain the smaller distributions, a motion was made by Reimers to payout the comp amounts with the current wages, seconded by Western and carried with a 7/0 vote by Council.

IN OTHER MATTER: Auditor McGuire presented the 2012 pay 2013 Budget Status Map showing that Whitley County will have on time billing for 2013. Discussion of the 1700 Homesteads not verified yet and what impact it will have on the CNAV throughout the County if removed when calculating taxes in the Spring for collection.

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

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John Barrett, Chairman

James Bayman, Vice Chairman

Kim Wheeler

Glen LaRue

Thomas E. Western

William N. Overdeer

Paula G. Reimers

Attest:

Jennifer McGuire, Auditor