

## WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

December 4, 2012

The Whitley County Council met in a regular session on Tuesday December 4, 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 and Paula Reimers. Tom Western was absent. Also in attendance were Auditor Jen McGuire, Coordinator Pam Smith, Don Amber, Otto Boschert Jr, Renee Wozniak, Sharon Bear, Gene Rohrer Bill Kautz, Loren Kravig, Lindsay Pease, Sandi Gray, Stacey Martin, Sandy Grube, Laura Underwood, Stacey Keily, Emily Deutsch, Kathy Shively, Sean Martin, Marcus Gatton, Mark Hodges, Brett Myers and Stanley Crum.

Chairman Barrett brought the meeting to order.

**IN THE MATTER OF SDI TAX ABATEMENT:** Bill Kautz from SDI presented a request for tax abatement for both Real Estate and Personal Property for the rail expansion showing job creation and growth. A favorable recommendation for a ten year abatement on the RE and PP from the Redevelopment Commission was presented by Alan Tio for the project. After discussion a motion to pass the Resolution # 2012-13 from the Council was made by Overdeer, seconded by Reimers and carried with a 5/0 vote with Bayman abstaining.

**IN THE MATTER VSO PART-TIME HELP:** Gene Rohrer, Veteran Service Officer, came back before the Council with his request for an increase for Part-Time Employee in the 2013 budget. This would extend the hours and help with the increased computer work needed to process VA forms on line. Reimers wants the staffing re-evaluated in next year's budget cycle. A motion to allow the \$7800 increase for an average of 15 additional hours a week at \$10.00 for 26 biweekly pays this will be an hourly position made by LaRue, seconded by Overdeer and carried with a 5/1 vote with Bayman casting the nay.

**IN THE MATTER OF SOUTH WHITLEY LIBRARY:** Renee Wozniak from the South Whitley Library reported that the advertising for Additional Appropriations and the second appraisal for the purchase of ground for the library at 207 Front Street in South Whitley had been completed. They are now back before the Council for approval on the land purchase which is outside the County Growth Quotient. After discussion a motion to allow the \$60,000 Additional appropriation was made by Bayman, seconded by Overdeer and carried with a 6/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF HUMANE SHELTER:** Lindsay Pease from the Humane Shelter wants to know why the County Council will not fund the shelter. Discussion on the number of animals brought to the shelter from the County. What the funding would be used for as far as services at the shelter. Representatives from the Sheriff's department spoke on behalf of how they use the shelter for stray animals throughout the County. Kathy Shively reported that over the year 121 dog's at large calls and 182 animal complaints went through 911 services. After discussion Reimers made a motion to work with the agency and get a cost per use basis for budgeting and what all was involved per animal cost, the motion was seconded by Overdeer and carried with a 4/2 vote. Discussion continued on where the County would fund the service and they also want to see the Humane Shelters budget.

**IN THE MATTER MINUTES:** Minutes Council meeting November 7, 2012 were reviewed, a motion to approve as submitted was made by LaRue, seconded by Bayman and carried for approval with a 6/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF LIBRARY APPOINTMENT:** A request from Council to appoint someone to the Peabody Public Library was requested to replace John Myers starting in May 2013 and is ineligible to serve another term. Auditor McGuire spoke with Mary Hartman from the library and suggested Dr. Michael Mawhorter or Susie Riecke, after discussion Reimers made a motion to appoint Dr. Michael Mawhorter, seconded by Overdeer and carried with a 6/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:** Fund #1216 Auditor's Ineligible Deduction amount requested \$5000 going to \$2000 Part Time Wages #1000.11700.000.102, \$1000 Travel & Training \$1000 and \$2000 Misc. (extra postage 1% State Fund mandated and mailings). After discussion of the number of Homestead Verifications still not filed a motion by Overdeer seconded by Wheeler and carried for approval from Council with a 6/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS:** To clean of year end 2012 two Request of Transfer Funds within a Department Budget were presented one from the Sheriff's Department and one from the Jail.

From department #105 Sheriff:

105-100.34000 Telephone	\$14,000	105-100-22100 Gas	\$14,000
105-100-36001 Garage	\$11,000	105-100-22100 Gas	\$11,000
105-100-37004 Maintenance	\$2,000	105-100-24000 Uniforms	\$2,000

From department #132 Jail

132-100-11702 Vacation	\$2,000	132-100-39018 CC Meals	\$2,000
132-100-25000 Medical	\$3,000	132-100-39018 CC Meals	\$3,000
132-100-20002 Supplies	\$3,000	132-100-39018 CC Meals	\$3,000
132-100-25000 Medical	\$10,000	132-100-31003 Utilities	\$10,000

After discussion of the changes and needs for each department a motion to approve was made by Wheeler, seconded by LaRue and passed with a 6/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF JAIL IMPROVEMENTS:** Sheriff Hodges came before the Council with the request for completing the shower upgrades at the jail. Total cost for the project is \$26,745 and at this time half the funding would be from #1175 County Misdemeanant and the other half was asked for out of the CEDIT from the Commissioners. After discussion of the vendor Premier Coatings, Inc. out of Iowa, the age of the jail, warranty of the work and the inmate population increase Bayman made a motion to pay half the project out of #1138 Cum Cap not CEDIT and the other half from the Misdemeanant Fund, seconded by Wheeler and carried with a 6/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF VICTIM ASSISTANT GRANT:** Auditor McGuire presented a request for Additional Appropriations to clean up the County General account for wages on the Victim Assistant #1000.11610.000.108 from the Prosecutor's office. Half the wages for this position is from a State Grant and half the wages come from County General funding. The Grant does not run on the calendar year and has been in the negative since 2002 each year. With the final 4<sup>th</sup> quarter disbursement and this Additional it will clean up the fund for 2013. After discussion the Council directed Auditor McGuire to request the Funds from #2506 Infraction Deferral from the Prosecutor Matt Rentschler.

**IN THE MATTER HIGHWAY YEAR END TRANSFERS:** To clean up the appropriations from the #1176 Highway Fund for year end 2012 the following transfers were requested:

#11079 Sick Time	\$17,280	#25001 Fuel Station	\$17,280
#11509 Office OT	\$500	#25001 Fuel Station	\$500
#11510 Driver PT	\$7,000	#25001 Fuel Station	\$7,000
#21001 Computer	\$1,000	#25001 Fuel Station	\$1,000
#22300 Garage	\$3,345.65	#25001 Fuel Station	\$3,345.65
#31003 Utilities	\$7,000	#25001 Fuel Station	\$7,000
#34000 Telephone	\$1,000	#25001 Fuel Station	\$1,000
#35600 Cont. Serv.	\$7,000	#25001 Fuel Station	\$7,000
#35800 Drainage	\$6,500	#25001 Fuel Station	\$6,500
#36006 Radios	\$1,700	#25001 Fuel Station	\$1,700
#40000 Cap Imprv.	\$4,000	#25001 Fuel Station	\$4,000
#41001 Equipment	\$4,278	#25001 Fuel Station	\$4,278
#41100 Garage Eqp.	\$1,800	#25001 Fuel Station	\$1,800

After discussion a motion from Overdeer to allow the year end transfers, seconded by Reimers and carried with a 6/0 vote from the Council.

**IN MATTER OF EMS FUNDING:** The County Commissioner appropriation for the EMS Funding #1000.32503.000.130 in the amount of \$93,547.75 this over expended the account because it was from 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2011 before the contract with Parkview. After discussion a motion by Overdeer to pay the claim for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2011 from CEDIT, seconded by Wheeler and carried with a 6/0 vote.

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

- Attorney Sigler Pending Tort Claims and County Ordinance Violations
- Sheriff Hodges updated on jail shower project & security updates
- County Policy for Badges
- Rezoning for Plan Commission at CANI property
- Appointments to the Plan Commission 2013
- Interlocal Agreement with Solid Waste District
- Request for Board Appointments to be added to County Website
- CEDIT Plan workshop meeting
- Two Sheriff cars being sold outside County in an Auction
- YMCA membership Payroll deduction for County employees
- Attended Indiana Association of County Commissioners Conference
- Gathering Bids for Natural Gas usage at the County buildings

- Working on Contract agreement with Humane Shelter on a case by case basis with cap
- Requesting a Council member be present at each Commissioner meeting
- Thanked the Council for additional Part-time funding for the Veteran Service Dept.

**IN OTHER MATTER:** Annual Certifications of Elected Officials with County Contract Disclosure Policy and Annual Compliance with County Nepotism Policy were required from each Council member for 2013. Appointments from the Council for different County Boards will be addressed in the January Council meeting.

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

**WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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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

Attest:

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Jennifer McGuire, Auditor