

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

June 4, 2013

The Whitley County Council met in a regular session on Tuesday June 4, 2013 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Tom Western, Kim Wheeler, Jim Bayman, Glen LaRue, Bill Overdeer, John Barrett and Paula Reimers. Also in attendance were Auditor Jen McGuire, Pam Smith, George Schrumpf, Michael Barton, Alan Tio, Sheriff Hodges, Brandon Forrester, Brett Myers and Otto Boschet.

Chairman Western brought the meeting to order.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES: The County Council minutes from the regular May 7, 2013 were reviewed, a motion by Reimers to approve as presented, seconded by LaRue and carried with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Michael Barton, Highway Supervisor, presented a Request for Additional Appropriations out of the Highway Fund #1176 to purchase a new backhoe. He has received three quotes; they want to go with a three year purchase plan with the first payment of \$25,000 at the time of purchase, \$30,000 in January 2014 budget and then the final payment of \$30,000 in January 2015. After discussion a motion by Bayman to approve the Additional, seconded by Overdeer and carried with a 7/0 vote from the Council. The application of calcium chloride Summer program will start next week and the work on Lincolnway West will be completed next week if the weather remains good.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY RADIOS: Sheriff Hodges made a presentation to the Council in regards to switching the hand held radios for the Sheriff's department from the current 800 MHz back to the VHF system. There is too much radio traffic on the current systems and when an emergency like the storm last summer during Old Settlers or the Winter Storm of 2011 occurs they cannot work properly. There will be six tower sights throughout Whitley County and J & K will work with the Sheriff's department on testing for coverage before the purchase occurs in late July or August. The entire cost is estimated at round \$40,000 to \$50,000 with half being funded from Commissary and the other the Sheriff is requesting out of CEDIT.

IN THE MATTER OF 2013 PAY 2014 ABATEMENTS: Auditor McGuire presented an Excel spreadsheet showing all the current Real Estate and Personal Property Abatements and ERA's throughout the County. After discussion of removing three Real Estate Abatements for 2013 which includes Steve Reiff, Inc., WJS Holding, LLC and MKB, LLC and two Personal Property ERA's for Dynamic Composite and Precimid a motion by Overdeer to allow the remaining, seconded by LaRue and carried with a 7/0 vote to sign the CF-1's for all approved Abatements and ERA's. Chairman Western will sign all the forms in the Auditor's office to return copies back to the companies.

IN THE MATTER OF WHEEL TAX/SURTAX 2014: A final review of the revised Ordinance #2013-03 for Whitley County Wheel Tax/Surtax charges was discussed. The new legislation did not require that you implemented the 50% charge of \$12.50 to distribute the increase of MVH funding for July 1, 2013. After discussion a motion by LaRue to leave the current charges for 2013 was made, seconded by Reimers and carried with a 7/0 vote by Council.

IN THE MATTER OF CEDIT APPROPRIATIONS: Commissioner Schrumpf presented two requests for CEDIT appropriations to the Council out of the On Site/Off Site appropriation. The first request is for Blue M Medical which supplies instrumentation to the orthopedic industry the request is for \$25,000. After discussion of the location and number of employees a motion to approve was made by Wheeler, seconded by Reimers and approved with a 7/0 vote. The second request was for InWelligent Healthcare in the amount of \$100,000 to be paid out in phases to purchase a building in Churubusco for their corporate headquarters creating 50 full time positions and 5 part time positions. This company will work with hospitals and healthcare systems to design staff and operate integrative care clinics specializing in complementary and alternative medicine services. After discussion a motion by Barrett to approve the appropriation, seconded by Overdeer and carried with a 6/1 vote with Bayman casing the Nay vote.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Commissioner Chairman Schrumpf gave a report from the Commissioners meeting

- Sheriff Hodges requesting changes to hand held radios
- Bowen Center annual request being reviewed
- Report of County Health Insurance and impact on Budget for 2014
- Two Ordinances for Health Department – Junk and Trash & Septic
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IN THE MATTER OF 2014 BUDGETS: Form #1 was been distributed to the Department Heads to be completed by June 21, 2013. The Budget binders will be distributed to the Council members in their July 2, 2013 meeting to review and the meeting with individual Department Heads will be Tuesday July 23, 2013 all day. The publication dates will be August 21st and the 28th, 2013, September 4, 2013 will be the Public Hearings and Non-Binding Reviews and then the Adoption is slated for the October 8, 2013 meeting.

IN OTHER BUSINESS: The paperwork was signed for the Salary Ordinance moving a Court employee from Part-Time to Full-time position approval was done in the May 7, 2013 meeting. A copy of the forecasted Indiana State Budget by Larry DeBoer was given to each Council member for review. Councilman Bayman wants the department to look at personal use of County vehicles for take home cars. The State called County Council meeting will be Saturday June 29, 2013 in Plainfield, Indiana. The ratio study was approve by State and Form #11 (Notification of Assessed Values) will be mailed out this Summer.

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

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Thomas Western, Chairman

Kim Wheeler, Vice Chairman

Jim Bayman

Glen LaRue

John Barrett

William N. Overdeer

Paula G. Reimers

Attest:

Jennifer McGuire, Auditor