

**WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**November 5, 2013**

The Whitley County Council met in a regular session on Tuesday November 5, 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, Bill Overdeer, John Barrett and Paula Reimers. Glen LaRue was absent. Also in attendance were Auditor Jen McGuire, George Schrumpf, Alan Tio, Loren Kravig, Brian More – Mircopulse, Melissa Taylor, Debbie Beers- County Clerk, Cindy Barnett, Christie Barkley – Post & Mail, Michael Barton and Mary Hartman.

Chairman Western brought the meeting to order and conducted the Pledge. At this time the normal County Council meeting was recessed to conduct a Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing was advertised in the Post & Mail prior to October 25, 2013 stating a Resolution of Noncompliance for Micropulse, Inc. concerning the installation of manufacturing and IT equipment was installed prior to approval for tax abatement. No one from the public was present for comments so at this time the Public Hearing was closed. The regular County Council meeting was reconvened.

**IN THE MATTER OF NONCOMPLIANCE RESOLUTION:** Alan Tio- EDC, Loren Kravig- Region III-A and Brian More from Micropulse explained the reason for filing a Resolution granting a waiver of noncompliance. The entire project previously approved by the Council cost more than the original approved SB-1 amounts but the actual machinery has already been installed at the manufacturing location. So to increase the amount to be abated a new resolution needs to be filed to complete the paperwork correctly. After discussion a motion by Bayman, to approve Resolution #2013-21 for the Waiver of Noncompliance was made, seconded by Overdeer and carried with a 6/0 vote from the Council. Next a new Resolution approving the entire project was presented with a new Statement of Benefits that revised the cost for the entire project. A motion to approve Resolution #2013-22 for Micropulse was made by Barrett, seconded by Wheeler and carried with a 6/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE:** Chad Burch from Phillips Financial explained the County's Health Insurance Plan and changes for the 2014 year. He reviewed premiums, employee contributions, deductibles and co-pay changes. Due to the changes in the Health Care Reform no significant changes can be made to the plan that would cause the Health plan to lose its "Grandfather" status. The overall increase for the County is right at 3.2%. Council member Reimers "Thanked" Patton Cox from AGA and Chad for helping keep the plan in the "Grandfather" status and not incurring large increases. Also discussed was the change in part-time positions and the number of hours worked for insurance eligibility.

**IN THE MATTER OF HAVA GRANT:** Debbie Beers, County Clerk, presented a news release showing Whitley County was approved for \$5986.35 in a HAVA (Help America Vote Act) Grant that will upgrade accessibility at polling locations. The funds will be used to install parking pads, cones, handicap signs, thresholds, ramps and door levers at county polling locations. The Grant is a reimbursable Grant and Debbie wanted the Council's blessing for the expenditures that would be paid by the County and then reimbursed by the Grant. After discussion of the two locations receiving updates this year a motion to allow the expenditures was made by Overdeer, seconded by Reimers and carried with 6/0 vote of approval.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE EXTENSION OFFICE:** Cindy Barnett came before the Council to update them and "Thank" them for the new half time educator. The position will be shared with Noble County and the position will work with County Ag and Natural Resources. The position is now posted with the Purdue Administrators and will be filled at the first of the year.

**IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the October 8, 2013 meeting were reviewed, the first paragraph approving the Ordinance for the County Budget needs to have 2013- "20" for Ordinance number. A motion to approve with the change was made by Reimers, seconded by Overdeer and carried with a 6/0 vote.

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

- The new position in the Maintenance department has been reviewed by the Personnel Committee but will not be filled at this time.
- Review has started with the coverage of an IT position in Whitley County?? do we want to Contract again with an outside vendor or create a new position
- CREDIT Plan for 2014/2015 may want to include some funding for the Troy Center and look at Lease Program for the Dispatch equipment upgrade cost.

- The Community Corrections building has damage to the walls from the heating/cooling units leaking into the interior walls from a design flaw. Receiving three quotes for the project
- Looking at steps towards the jail population and the need to expand.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE 2014 SALARY ORDINANCE:** Auditor McGuire presented the 2014 Whitley County Salary Ordinance for the Council to approve. After discussion of the changes for 2014 stating the Job Classification Plan adopted in 2002 was still being implemented but the Council allowed a 2% increase to all full-time wages in 2014 and increased the maximum part-time wage to \$17.00 per hour. Attachments are be the wage totals for each Fund and the breakdown of payout for each position. After discussion a motion by Bayman to approve the Ordinance #2013-23 was made, seconded by Wheeler and carried with a 6/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF LONGEVITY PAY 2013:** Auditor McGuire wanted the County Council's approval to pay the 2013 Longevity pay on Monday November 18, 2013. This date is outside the County Policy Manual and requires approval by the Council. A motion by Overdeer to allow the pay date of Monday November 18, 2013, seconded by Barrett and carried with a 6/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS:** Two transfers from the Circuit Court #136 department were requested

#30005 Pauper Transcripts \$1000 to #2000 Supplies \$1000  
 #30005 Pauper Transcripts \$1500 to #27000 Law Books \$1500

A motion by Bayman to approve the transfers for Circuit Court, seconded by Reimers and carried with a 6/0 vote.

A request from the Auditor's office #102

#37000 Equip & Program Mte \$4000 to #11700 Part-Time Wages \$4000

A motion by Overdeer to approve the transfer, seconded by Bayman and carried with a 6/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITONAL APPROPRIATIONS:** A request for Additional Appropriations from the #2100 Supplemental Adult Probation was requested in the amount of \$35,000 to cover #30012 Other Services. After discussion of the Fund having enough money but needs appropriation approved for the increase to the budget a motion by Reimers to all the Additional, seconded by Barrett and carried with a 6/0 vote. Another Request for Additional Appropriation to increase their 2013 Budget came from the Prosecutor's Infraction Deferral Fund #2506. The amount requested is \$50,000. The increase would pay for video conferencing and new cameras for the deputy's cars. A motion to allow the Additional was made by Barrett, seconded by Wheeler and carried with a 6/0 vote.

**IN OTHER BUSINESS:** The decision on the change in Sheriff Department Pension was tabled until the December meeting pending further review.

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

## WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

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Thomas Western, Chairman

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Kim Wheeler, Vice Chairman

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Jim Bayman

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Glen LaRue

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John Barrett

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William N. Overdeer

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Paula G. Reimers

Attest:

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Jennifer McGuire, Auditor