

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 1, 2010

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 1, 2010 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. In attendance were Chairman Michael D. Schrader, Vice Chairman Don Amber and Tom Rethlake, Member. Also in attendance for all or part of the meeting were Auditor Linda Gerig, County Coordinator Amy Crickmore, County Attorney Dan Sigler, John Barrett, Alan Tio, Highway Supervisor Michael Barton, County Clerk Cindy Doolittle, Debbie Beers, Glen Eschenbacher, Charles Acheson and Post & Mail reporter Chris Meyers. Chairman Schrader called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

IN THE MATTER OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND VENDOR CLAIMS: The minutes of February 16 and the vendor claims for March 1 were approved as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: Dan Sigler reported on the status of the EMS Contract and asked the Board how to proceed. The new contract follows the current contract except for an increase in the Administrative Fee to \$16,000/month. After further discussion, Rethlake moved to proceed with the new contract including the \$16,000 Administrative Fee. The motion was seconded by Chairman Schrader and carried with 2/0 vote. Vice Chairman Amber abstained from the vote. Sigler reported there are currently two Torte Claims being processed by the County's insurance carrier. The cancellation of a contract with Serv-All Recycling was discussed. Sigler states that it would be costly to cancel the contract at this time according to the contract's cancellation policy. He would suggest not renewing at the next renewal date of May 2011.

IN THE MATTER OF REVOLVING LOAN: Alan Tio of the Whitley County Economic Development Corporation was present to explain that county council had approved \$50,000 of CEDIT funds to be deposited with Region III-A to be used in a Revolving Loan Program. A review process of applicants is in place and the final release of funds would be contingent on county approval. Tio explained that a contract is being prepared between Region III-A and Whitley County Council.

IN THE MATTER OF MAXIMUS CONTRACT: Clerk Cindy Doolittle and Glen Eschenbacher were present to ask that the Board consider a contract with Maximus Consulting Services, Inc. to assist in recovering costs incurred by the clerk's office in collecting child support payments. The monthly fee for preparing the claims is \$650 and billed quarterly. The Federal Government allows participating agencies to go back two years and revise previously submitted billings. Maximus will revise the billings at a lump sum fee of \$4,000 or the amount that is recovered, whichever is less. After further discussion, Vice Chairman Amber moved, seconded by Rethlake, to accept the contract with Maximus Consulting Services, Inc. for \$640/month. The motion carried 3/0.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION: Clerk Cindy Doolittle explained that the CSI Computer program now allows for electronic recording of judgments. Doolittle explained that by resolution, the county can stop using hard copy judgment books and rely on electronic recording. Resolution No. 2010-02 was presented for consideration. Rethlake moved, seconded by Vice Chairman Amber, to approve and sign Resolution No. 2010-02.

IN THE MATTER OF 911 FUNDS: Director Scott Jones reported on a meeting he recently attended outlining legislation that was in place, but did not pass. Jones feels the legislation will come back and could cause revenues losses for the county. The main concern is eliminating the Indiana Wireless 911 Board and creating a board to oversee all 911 fees. Revenue is being lost due to elimination of land lines. If a state board is created, Jones feels that the county will loose control of 911 dollars.

IN THE MATTER OF MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: Chairman Michael Schrader reported that the courthouse windows have been measured and ordered. Delivery is due in May with a five-week installation time anticipated. The new phone system for the county will be installed over the Easter weekend. SDS Communications is currently checking for unused lines, etc. A request has been received from the President of the Economic Development Corporation to be added to the county's health insurance policy. There are currently two employees and they would reimburse the expense to the county. Rethlake moved, seconded by Amber, to allow the request for coverage. The motion carried 3/0. Conversations are being held with AT&T and Verizon concerning cell phone contracts. No decisions have been made and the matter will be discussed again on March 15, 2010.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY REPORT: Director Michael Barton was present to update the Board on Jobs Bill Project Proposals by Beam, Longest and Neff, Consultants, for road projects. Barton is also preparing the 2010 Road Plan and is planning a public meeting in April to discuss it.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY COORDINATOR: Amy Crickmore requested permission to attend a Crisis Management Course. Amber moved, seconded by Rethlake, to approve the request and pay the \$10 registration fee. The motion carried 3/0.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: Auditor Gerig presented Ordinance No. 2005-04 and explained that when the Ordinance was approved, incorrect directional points were put on the survey, making the legal description backwards. The Ordinance was for a Petition to Vacate a Public Right-Of-Way in Flowers First Addition. Ordinance No. 2010-04 was presented correcting the legal description. Rethlake moved, seconded by Amber, to approve Ordinance No. 2010-04. The motion carried 3/0. (See Ordinance No. 2010-04 on file in the Auditor's Office)

There being for further public comment or business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Michael D. Schrader, Chairman

Don Amber, Vice Chairman

Tom Rethlake, Member

Attest:

Linda J. Gerig, Auditor