

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 19, 2010

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 19, 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 was Auditor Linda Gerig, County Coordinator Amy Crickmore, County Attorney Dan Sigler, Sheriff Mark Hodges, EMA Director Cathy Broxon-Ball, Sheriff Mark Hodges, Alan Tio, Chad Burch and Post and Mail reporter Chris Meyers. Chairman Schrader called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

IN THE MATTER OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND VENDOR CLAIMS: The minutes of April 5 and the vendor payables for April 19, 2010 were approved as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: Dan Sigler presented Affidavits on April 5 pertaining to abandoned railroad right-of-way. The County has no interest in the right-of-way and as stated in the original deed of October 10, 1871, should revert back to adjoining property owners. Rethlake moved, seconded by Amber, to accept and sign the Affidavits as presented. The motion carried 3/0. Sigler spoke of a law suit, Freeman vs Dominion LLC, that he will be responding to.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY COORDINATOR REPORT: Amy Crickmore presented requests to use county property from Compassionate Friends on August 14, 2010 for a Walk to Remember and for the Government Center to be used as a polling location on May 4, 2010. Motions to approve were made by Vice Chairman Amber and seconded by Rethlake. The motions carried 3/0. Discussion was held on cell phone providers. Amber moved, seconded by Rethlake, to accept the proposal from AT&T at a cost of \$1,383.61/month. Following more discussion, Amber withdrew his motion and Rethlake withdrew his second. The matter will be discussed again with further clarification on May 3, 2010.

IN THE MATTER OF SUBGRANT AGREEMENT: EMA Director Cathy Broxon-Ball was present with a subgrant agreement for fifty-percent reimbursement of salaries for the period of October 2008 to September 2009 in the amount of \$21,094.18. Rethlake moved, seconded by Amber, to accept the Agreement and sign accordingly. The motion carried 3/0.

IN THE MATTER OF WHITLEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA NO. 2: Alan Tio was present with Resolution No. 2010-08 Whitley County Government Board of Commissioners Regarding The Establishment Of The Whitley County Government Economic Development Area No. 2. The Whitley County Redevelopment Commission is in the process of establishing Area No. 2 and per state statute the Board of Commissioners must approve the expansion of the current Economic Development Area. After discussion, Rethlake moved, seconded by Amber, to approve Resolution No. 2010-08. The motion carried 3/0. (See Resolution No. 2010-08 on file in the auditor's office)

IN THE MATTER OF INMATE HEALTH SERVICES: Sheriff Mark Hodges was present with an Amendment to the Agreement for Inmate Health Services. The Agreement is being amended from 30 hours of nurse services per week to 25 hours of nurse services per week. This will result in a \$7,000 savings per year. Amber moved, seconded by Rethlake, to accept and sign the Amendment. The motion carried 3/0.

IN THE MATTER OF MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: Auditor Linda Gerig presented an invoice to the Indiana Department of Transportation for stimulus money for the Senior Center. The amount of the invoice was \$14,343.93 and will be used to purchase new computers and software for use with the Center's transit program. Rethlake moved, seconded by Amber, to allow Chairman Schrader to sign the invoice. The motion carried 3/0.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS: Vice Chairman Amber reported on the repairs being made on the interior courthouse stairs. He also stated that crowd control barriers have been purchased for use for absentee voting and other needs that may come along. Tom Rethlake reported on an Economic Development Corporation meeting that he attended.

IN THE MATTER OF INTERIM REPORT ON HEALTH INSURANCE: Chad Burch of Phillips Financial was present to update the Board on the county's health insurance. The county employees continue to use the plan wisely and Burch feels that any communication problems from the past have been cleared up. The rest of the meeting involved reviewing figures from the interim report.

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