

**WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 4, 2010**

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday October 4, 2010 at the Churubusco Town Hall, Churubusco Indiana. In attendance were Chairman Michael D. Schrader, Vice Chairman Don Amber and Tom Rethlake. Also in attendance for all or part of the meeting were Auditor Linda Gerig, County Attorney Dan Sigler, County Coordinator Amy Crickmore, Highway Supervisor Michael Barton, Jim Becher, John Barrett, David Koenig, Matt Showalter, Alan Tio, Leslie Rentschler, Tracey Peterson, Cindy Barnett and Post and 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 September 20 were approved with noted correction regarding the vehicle of the highway director being given to the assistant foreman. The minutes stated it was being given to the mechanic. The vendor claims were approved as presented.

Chairman Schrader recessed the commissioner's meeting in order to hold a public hearing as advertised per the Indiana Open Door Law.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING: Matt Showalter from Region III-A was present to conduct a public hearing prior to the submission of a grant application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Discussion was held on the matter. Chairman Schrader called for other public comments on the matter. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

Chairman Schrader reconvened the commissioner's meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF CEDF GRANT APPLICATION: Matt Showalter from Region III-A presented Resolution No. 2010-22 for discussion. Metal Traders, Inc. will be applying for a CEDF Grant from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs to purchase manufacturing equipment. The Resolution states that the Whitley County Commissioners will commit the requisite local funds in the amount of \$74,250 contingent upon receipt of funding from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Whitley County Redevelopment will fund \$3,000 and Triad Metal International will fund \$71,250. Amber moved, seconded by Rethlake, to pass Resolution No. 2010-22 and allow Chairman Schrader to sign on behalf of the full Board. The motion carried 3/0.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: Dan Sigler was present to summarize issues he is working on for the county. The Walkup death case at the jail has been closed and favored the County. Sigler continues to work on a damage suit from NIPSCO.

IN THE MATTER OF MAXIMUS AGREEMENT: Auditor Gerig presented an Agreement from Maximus, Inc. for 2011. The Agreement sets out the responsibilities of Maximus to prepare, review and assist in the preparation of Whitley County's cost allocation plan. Since 1997, Maximus has helped Whitley County recover more than \$450,000. After further discussion of the Agreement, Rethlake moved, seconded by Amber, to enter into a three-year commitment at a cost of \$5300/year. The motion carried 3/0.

IN THE MATTER OF UTILITY PERMIT REQUEST: A utility permit was presented from NIPSCO, but was tabled due to pending litigation on a damage suit filed by NIPSCO.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY COORDINATOR REPORT: Amy Crickmore presented a short-term disability request in the amount of \$900. Rethlake moved, seconded by Schrader. The motion passed. Amber abstained from the vote.

IN THE MATTER OF IT REQUEST: Jim Becher of Microage Networks, Inc. was present to discuss his fourth quarter request for new computers, etc. The quote will be discussed at the County Council meeting on October 5, 2010. Becher was asked to compile a yearly replacement schedule for computers, etc. for 2011.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOURCE CENTER: Cindy Barnett of Purdue Extension and Tracy Peterson of the Literacy Council were present to explain that office space has been found at the Extension Office for the Resource Center. The Center hopes to be up and running by November 1, 2010. After discussion of the matter, Rethlake moved, seconded by Amber, to allow the space at the Extension Office to be used for the Resource Center. The motion carried 3/0.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Supervisor Michael Barton was present to discuss the process of resurfacing the milled roads within the county next spring.

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

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Michael D. Schrader, Chairman

Don Amber, Vice Chairman

Tom Rethlake, Member

Attest:

Linda J. Gerig, Auditor