

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 18, 2010

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 18, 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. Also in attendance for all or part of the meeting were Auditor Linda Gerig, County Coordinator Amy Crickmore, County Attorney Dan Sigler, Michael Barton, Cathy Broxon-Ball, Charles Acheson, Angela Adams, Dan Weigold, Tom LaRue, Jeremy Hammel, Bradley Gebert, Nathan Wilz and Post and Mail reporter Phil Smith. Chairman Schrader called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

IN THE MATTER OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND VENDOR CLAIMS: The minutes of October 4 and the vendor claims for October 18, 2010 were approved as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Dan Sigler was present to report on county matters that he is working on. The law suit filed by Michael Goble against Whitley County has been dismissed. In regards to an ongoing NIPSCO claim, Sigler will send another letter to their attorney.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: The 2011 meeting dates provided by Whitley County Community Corrections was presented for approval. Rethlake moved, seconded by Amber, to approve the dates as presented. The motion carried 3/0.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY COORDINATOR REPORT: Amy Crickmore presented a request for the placement of a large tent on the courthouse lawn for the Veteran's Marathon to be held November 12 & 13. Rethlake moved, seconded by Amber, to approve the request. The motion carried 3/0.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY REPORT: Michael Barton and citizen Charles Acheson were present to discuss the possible placement of informational sign(s) at county road 700 East and State Road 14. The signs would inform large trucks in route to SDI that there is no access to SDI from 700 East. The trucks attempting to use that route now are knocking down signs and and fencing when making the turn. Michael Barton stated that the highway department could make and install the signs. The commissioners approved of the signs.

IN THE MATTER OF OPEN BURN BAN: EMA Director Cathy Broxon-Ball, along with some area fire chiefs, was present to have the commissioners sign a Declaration of Limited Local Disaster Emergency Open Burn Ban. Discussion was held on the matter and it was noted that if weather conditions improve, the ban can be lifted. Conditions are too dry and the fire departments are responding to numerous grass/field fires. Rethlake moved, seconded by Amber, to sign the Declaration. The motion carried 3/0. Broxon-Ball asked that Randy Waldeck be considered for an appointment to the District Planning Council for the Indiana Homeland Security District 3. John Barrett currently serves in that capacity, but has asked to be removed. Rethlake moved, seconded by Amber, to approve the appointment of Waldeck. The motion carried 3/0.

IN THE MATTER OF GIS INFORMATION: County Assessor Angela Adams and GIS Coordinator Dan Weigold were present to ask permission to place property records (PDF Format) on the GIS Website. Schneider Corporation, hosts of the website, would charge an additional \$50/month for adding the information. The monthly charge is funded with CEDIT funds, so Adams and Weigold were seeking permission to fund the additional cost. Amber moved, seconded by Rethlake, to allow for the additional cost. The motion passed 3/0.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENTS: Tom Rethlake, Doug Fahl and Kent Hoffman were reappointed to the Economic Development Commission with a motion from Amber and seconded by Schrader. The vote was 3/0.

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

Attest:

Linda J. Gerig, Auditor