

**WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 6, 2010**

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 6, 2010 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. In attendance were Chairman Michael D. Schrader and Member Tom Rethlake. Vice Chairman Don Amber was absent. Also in attendance for all or part of the meeting were Auditor Linda Gerig, County Coordinator Amy Crickmore, Highway Supervisor Michael Barton, County Engineer Brandon Forrester, Dave Nicols, Rick Bailer, Adam Denning, Jason Conrad, Greg Salesman, Dan Chiles, Mike Maggart, Neil Wolfgang and Kim Coffield. Chairman Schrader called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF 2011 ANNUAL HIGHWAY SUPPLY BIDS: As advertised, according to Indiana Code, Annual Highway Supply Bids were received at 10:00 a.m. by the Whitley County Commissioners. The bids were opened and read aloud for the benefit of those in attendance. The bids were turned over to the highway supervisor and quotes to the engineer for consideration. The bids will be awarded December 20, 2010.

The Commissioner's Meeting was recessed at 10:45 a.m. to reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Michael D. Schrader reconvened the December 6, 2010 Commissioner's Meeting at 1:00 p.m. In attendance were Member Tom Rethlake, County Auditor Linda Gerig, County Coordinator Amy Crickmore, County Attorney Dan Sigler, E-911 Director Scott Jones, Planning Director David Sewell, County Recorder Rosemary Brown, Sheriff Mark Hodges, Deputy Marc Gatton, EMA Director Cathy Broxon-Ball, Jim Becher, George Schruppf, Todd Nichols, Otto Boschet, Post and Mail reporter Phil Smith, Matt Showalter, Adam Hurley, Mark Mynhier and Brian Heck.

IN THE MATTER OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND VENDOR CLAIMS: The minutes of November 15 and the vendor claims for December 6, 2010 were approved as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: Dan Sigler was present to update the Board of Commissioners on law suits on the records that have been closed: Danielle Miller appeal case, Douglas Dyson, Sickafoose vs. County Council and Bob Heaton Junk and Trash Ordinance Violation. During Sigler's report, Matt Showalter of Region III-A, presented Resolution No. 2010-29, A Resolution of the Whitley County Commissioners Authorizing and Reinforcing the Effective Date of the Drug-Free Workplace Policy. After further consideration, Rethlake moved, seconded by Schrader, moved to approve the Resolution and allow the chairman to sign on behalf of the entire Board. The motion carried 2/0. (See Resolution No. 2010-29 on file in the auditor's office)

IN THE MATTER OF 800 MHZ VOTER (REPEATER): E-911 Director Scott Jones was present to discuss the need for an 800MHz Voter (Repeater) for the South Whitley Area. A quote was presented in the amount of \$13,441.99. The Voter will be installed on the Ag Plus buildings located in South Whitley. Jones discussed funding and stated that this is an allowable expense from E-911 funds. After further discussion of the matter, Rethlake moved seconded by Schrader, to allow the purchase of the Voter from E-911 funds. The motion passed 2/0.

IN THE MATTER OF UTILITY PERMIT REQUESTS: The following Right-of-Way Permits were approved: Frontier Communications for utility work on the north side of County Road 600 North; Frontier Communications for utility work on County Road 150 North, West of North Johnson Road; Duke Energy for utility work at 9726 W 550 South.

IN THE MATTER OF WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE: Planning Director David Sewell was present to ask guidance from the commissioners regarding the Windy Energy Ordinance that needs to be created. The Plan Department is currently working with a consultant on updating the County Comprehensive Plan and Sewell stated that wind energy should be included in the updated plan. Sewell asked if he could obtain a quote from the consultant to include the wind energy. The matter was tabled until the full Board of Commissioners could be present to discuss the matter.

IN THE MATTER OF WIND ENERGY GROUP: Brian Heck was present representing the Whitley County Concerned Citizens, Inc. He stated that his clients are concerned about the process that will develop any ordinance concerning wind energy. Mr. Heck stated possible scenarios to the Board for consideration.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW SIGNAGE: Amy Crickmore presented quotes for new signage for building directories and offices. Rethlake moved, seconded by Schrader, to accept the quote from Indiana Stamp in the amount of \$437.61 and to be paid from the commissioner budget. The vote was 2/0 in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF RECORDER REQUEST: County Recorder Rosemary Brown was present to discuss an internet issue within her office in regards to electronic documents maintained in her office and future e-recording. Brown asked that a dedicated line be installed for her office by Mediacom at a cost of \$140/month. Chairman Schrader will take a favorable recommendation to county council.

IN THE MATTER OF HVAC MAINTENANCE CONTRACT AT JAIL: Sheriff Mark Hodges was present to discuss the jail's HVAC Maintenance Contract. The agreement would be effect from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012. The agreement price is \$6,492 per year paid in quarterly installments of \$1,623. Rethlake moved, seconded by Schrader, to accept the contract as presented. The motion carried 2/0.

IN THE MATTER OF EMA DIRECTOR: Cathy Broxon-Ball was present to discuss the updated Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. Rethlake moved, seconded by Schrader, to accept and sign the Plan. The motion carried 2/0. The Sub-Grant Agreement for the 2010 EMA Performance Grant was presented for acceptance. The amount of the grant is \$3,750 to be used to upgrade EOC equipment. Schrader moved, seconded by Rethlake, to accept and sign the Sub-Grant Agreement.

IN THE MATTER OF IT REQUEST: Jim Becher was present to discuss a recent power outage and damage done to equipment at the courthouse. As part of the damage, the backup system was destroyed. Becher presented a quote to replace the system in the courthouse. Becher will return on December 20, 2010 to discuss his 2011 contract for IT services with the county.

IN THE MATTER OF TRI LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION: Todd Nichols was present to open communications between the commissioners and the Tri Lakes Property Owners regarding the recent of acquisition of DNR property by the county. No decisions were made.

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

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Michael D. Schrader, Chairman

Absent

Don Amber, Vice Chairman

Tom Rethlake

Attest:

Linda J. Gerig, Auditor