

**WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 20, 2010**

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 20, 2010 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Members 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, Highway Supervisor Michael Barton, County Engineer Brandon Forrester, Lori Shipman, George Schrumpf, Jen McGuire, George Crum, Bill Koch and Otto Boschet. Chairman Schrader called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

IN THE MATTER OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND VENDOR CLAIMS: The minutes of December 6, 2010 and the vendor claims for December 20, 2010 were approved as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: Dan Sigler reported on a law suit filed by Todd and Heather Reid for damages received from the City of Columbia City installing storm water drains. The claim will be filed with the insurance carrier. A Resolution authorizing Community Development Block Grant Planning Grant application submission and local match commitment was presented. The Resolution authorizes the submittal of the Planning Grant Application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. The application asks for funding to conduct a feasibility study of sewer and drinking water services for Coesse and grant administration. After further discussion, Amber moved, seconded by Rethlake, to accept the Resolution and to allow Chairman Schrader to sign on behalf of the full Board. The motion carried 3/0. Commissioner Rethlake inquired about the liability involved if county highway trucks would assist a school bus stuck in the snow. Sigler stated that he would confer with the School Board Attorney on an agreement that would cover the liability issue.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY 2011 CONTRACT: Commissioner Rethlake moved to contract with Dan Sigler for legal services for the county for 2011. The motion was seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0. The terms of the Contract shall be from January 1 through December 31, 2011 at a fee of \$170.00/hour.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY BIDS: Michael Barton and Brandon Forrester were present to discuss the bids and quotes received December 6, 2010 for annual highway supplies. Barton and Forrester made their recommendations pertaining to both. After further discussion, Rethlake moved to accept the recommendations made on the quotes. The motion was seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote. Amber moved to approve recommendations made for annual bids. The motion was seconded by Rethlake and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY COORDINATOR REPORT: Amy Crickmore presented requests for use of county property. The Art Festival on September 10, 2011 and the Chamber of Commerce Fire & Ice Winter Fest on January 22 and January 23, 2011. Both requests were approved.

IN THE MATTER OF IT SERVICES: Discussion was held on proposals for technology support for 2011. This matter is tabled until January 3, 2011.

IN THE MATTER OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS: The Commissioners are required to appoint three members to the Redevelopment Commission for 2011. Amber moved, seconded by Rethlake, to reappoint Tom Rethlake, Michael Schrader and Frank Kessler. The motion carried 3/0. Douglas Graft was reappointed to the Columbia City Plan Commission by a motion from Rethlake and seconded by Amber. The motion carried 3/0.

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

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Michael D. Schrader, Chairman

Don Amber, Vice Chairman

Tom Rethlake

Attest: _____

