

**WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**May 4, 2009**

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 4, 2009 in the Commissioner’s Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. In attendance were Chairman Tom Rethlake, Vice Chairman Michael D. Schrader and Don Amber. Also in attendance for all or part of the meeting was Auditor Linda Gerig, County Coordinator Amy Crickmore, County Attorney Dan Sigler, EMA Director Cathy Broxon-Ball, Sheriff Mark Hodges, Sanitarian Scott Wagner, Health Officer Dr. Lisa Hatcher, Health Nurse Heather Reid, Sandy Kohut, Dawn Ramsey, Tammy Nickolson, Jessica Price, Bill Feldheiser, Bobbie Holbrook, Pam Hestermann, Judy Johnson, Thomas O’Neill, Kimberly Taylor, Barbara Frye, Sara St. Clair, Kandy Gay, Paula Langeloh, Sara Cartwright, Sheri Woll, Scott Darley, Richard Bagan, Alan Tio, William Overdeer and Post and Mail reporter TJ Hemlinger. Chairman Rethlake called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND VENDOR PAYABLES:** The minutes of April 20 and the vendor payables for May 4, 2009 were approved as submitted.

**IN THE MATTER OF INFLUENZA H1N1 FLU VIRUS:** Cathy Broxon-Ball and Dr. Lisa Hatcher were present to explain the course of action for preventing and dealing with a pandemic. Cathy Broxon-Ball has completed Pandemic Countermeasures and presented the plans for signing. Amber moved, seconded by Schrader, to sign the plan. The motion passed 3/0. Broxon-Ball will meet with each county school nurse to explain the plan for schools.

**IN THE MATTER OF JAIL NURSE:** Sheriff Mark Hodges returned with updated statistics to further explain the need for added hours for the jail nurse as discussed on April 20, 2009. After discussion, Schrader moved, seconded by Amber, to take a favorable recommendation to county council supporting the additional time. The motion passed 3/0.

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER UPDATES:** Chairman Rethlake reported that a new agreement for the fuel facility is being worked on between the county and school corporation lawyers. The new employee handbooks will be distributed to department heads during the May 18<sup>th</sup> commissioner meeting. One of the Planning Department’s vehicles is having problems with the transmission and the department is requesting guidance on a solution to the problem. A quote was received from Wagner, Irwin & Scheele for a consultant to assist with cost of living increases that will be used during budget preparation. Schrader moved, seconded by Amber, to allow \$600 to be used for this purpose. The motion passed 3/0. Amy Crickmore is surveying surrounding counties regarding the employment of an IT person.

**IN THE MATTER OF CEDIT REQUEST:** Scott Darley and Richard Bagan were present to make a request for \$150,000 of CEDIT funds to be used by Bagan, Inc. for finishing building improvements and developing calibration process automation software. Bagan gave a presentation on his company’s processes and plans for expanding his business services. The commissioners will make a decision on or before June 1.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT:** Dan Sigler reported that he is working with Ben Gates, attorney for Whitley County Consolidated Schools, to compile a new fuel facility agreement. Sigler has also been working with Sanitarian Scott Wagner on amending the current Junk and Trash Ordinance and will present when completed.

**IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR:** Mike Barton was present to discuss cost-saving measures he is developing for that department. He also gave an update on the department for the spring and summer months.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Tom Rethlake, Chairman

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Michael D. Schrader, Vice Chairman

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Don Amber, Member

Attest:\_\_\_\_\_  
Linda J. Gerig, Auditor

