

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
July 20, 2009

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday July 20, 2009 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Commissioners in attendance were Chairman Tom Rethlake, Vice Chairman Michael D. Schrader and Don Amber. Also in attendance for all or part of the meeting were Auditor Linda Gerig, County Coordinator Amy Crickmore, County Attorney Dan Sigler, Richard Smith, Curt Irvén, Gene Donaghy, Highway Director Michael Barton, Amy Carpenter and TJ Hemlinger. Chairman Rethlake called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The minutes of July 2 and July 6 and vendor claims for July 20, 2009 were approved as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: Dan Sigler reported that the Whitley County School Corporation has agreed to the Interlocal Agreement for the fuel facility except for renegotiating the fuel surcharge each year. After discussing the matter, Sigler was instructed to respond by changing the term of the agreement from five years to three years and keep the surcharge at \$.5/gallon of fuel for the three-year period. Sigler reported that due to the State changing CEDIT monies to monthly distributions, he is redrafting the agreement with the Economic Development Corporation.

IN THE MATTER OF PARK 30 BUSINESS CENTER: Gene Donaghy presented the Secondary Plat for Park 30 Business Center, Section IV for approval of the commissioners. Discussion was held pertaining to the need for a Performance Bond for Progress Court located in Park 30 Business Center. The Whitley County Redevelopment Commission will be paying for the construction of the road. Schrader moved, seconded by Amber, to wave the Performance Bond. The motion passed 3/0. Donaghy explained that Embarq has a fiber optic connection in the right-of-way very near Progress Court. The equipment does not need to be moved at present, but it could in the future. Donaghy asked if the equipment was left in place for now, would the County pay to have it relocated in the future. County Attorney Sigler was asked to prepare an agreement with Embarq stating that the county would be responsible for the costs if relocation was necessary in the future.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY REPORT: Michael Barton was present with a road progress report. To date 45 miles of sealing is complete. Barton presented calculations of further road repairs and funds to support those repairs. Discussion was held on the possibility of Federal Funds being available for road projects. Barton explained that in order for the county to receive these funds, the county must designate an Employee in Responsible Charge or Project Manager. The LPA Guidance Document training is open for registration and Barton inquired if approval would be granted to him to take the training. Approval was given by the Board.

IN THE MATTER OF PROPERTY INSURANCE: Quotes were received in June for property/liability insurance from Silveus Insurance and Star Insurance. After reviewing the quotes, Silveus Insurance had not quoted all areas needed. The most responsive quote was from Star Insurance although the carrier would switch from Cincinnati Insurance to Traveler's Insurance. Amber moved, seconded by Schrader, to renew with Star Insurance as the agent and Traveler's as the actual carrier. The motion passed 3/0. Also, with regards to the property insurance, Auditor Gerig presented an invoice from Star Insurance for the General Liability coverage for the Solid Waste District. Traveler's does not carry General Liability for the District. Gerig was instructed to invoice the District for the amount due on the invoice.

IN THE MATTER OF HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL: Proposals were received from AGA/Monumental and Humana health insurance carriers. Amy Carpenter of Apex, agent for Humana, was present for this discussion. At this point in time, the Board feels staying with AGA/Monumental would be the best for the county. Amber moved, seconded by Schrader, to continue with AGA/Monumental and to renew for 2010. The motion passed 3/0.

IN THE MATTER OF MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: Commissioner Amber has made arrangements for the October 5, 2009 commissioner meeting to be held at the Churubusco Town Hall at 1:00 p.m. Auditor Gerig reported that the September 8, 2009 commissioner meeting will be held at the South Whitley Library at 1:00 p.m. Amber met with Merri Frankle in File Management regarding the need for more roller shelves. Frankle rearranged areas to accommodate the more frequently used books which did away with the need for new shelving and saved the county \$8,000. Chairman Rethlake reported that the ATM machine located in the Government Center will be moved to the Whitley County Courthouse. It has not been beneficial for Star Bank to have the machine located in the Government Center. A dedicated phone line will need to be added at the courthouse to accommodate the ATM.

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

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Tom Rethlake Chairman

Michael D. Schrader Vice Chairman

Don Amber Member

Attest:

Linda J. Gerig, Auditor