

**WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL
JANUARY 6, 2009**

The Whitley County Council met Tuesday January 6, 2009 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. In attendance were Chairman Thomas Western, Vice Chairman Kim Wheeler, James Bayman, Glen LaRue, John Barrett, William Overdeer and Jim Banks. Also in attendance for all or part of the meeting was Auditor Linda Gerig, County Coordinator Amy Crickmore, Tom Rethlake, Michael D. Schrader, Don Amber, GIS Coordinator Dan Weigold, Youth Improvement Coordinator Nikki Trier, Community Corrections Coordinator Paula Worden, County Sanitarian Scott Wagner and Post and Mail reporter TJ Hemlinger. Chairman Western called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: The minutes of December 22, 2008 were approved as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS: William Overdeer nominated Thomas Western for Chairman and James Bayman seconded the motion. The motion passed 7/0. James Bayman moved to elect Kim Wheeler as Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by John Barrett and passed 7/0.

IN THE MATTER OF YOUTH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: Coordinator Nikki Trier updated the council members on the status of the Youth Improvement Program (YIC). Participants in the program are referred by probation officers and judges. A Capital Campaign has started to raise funds for purchase of a building to house the program. They are currently located at the First Church of God, but the program is expanding and needs more space. Commissioner Rethlake spoke in support of purchasing a building if funding comes in.

IN THE MATTER OF GPS UNIT: Sanitarian Scott Wagner was present to discuss the replacement of his handheld GPS Unit that is used to locate wells and septic systems. The unit can no longer be updated. Wagner was instructed to obtain a firm quote for replacement.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST: GIS Coordinator Dan Weigold was present to make the following request:

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE

Whereas, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget; now, therefore: Sec. 1. Be it ordained (resolved) by the Whitley County Council of Whitley County, Indiana that for the expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to laws governing the same:

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Amt Requested</u>	<u>Amt Appropriated</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
CEDIT	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	-7-	-0-	-0-
433-000-59000.02		Motion: Bayman	Second: Overdeer		

This ordinance adopted on this 6th day of January, 2009.

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Thomas Western –signed	John Barrett – signed
Kim Wheeler – signed	William Overdeer – signed
James Bayman – signed	Jim Banks – signed
Glen LaRue – signed	Attest: Linda J. Gerig, Auditor – signed

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORT: Tom Rethlake reported on topics discussed at the January 5th commissioner meeting.

- Change forthcoming in August increasing the amount paid by employees.
- Representative of the Eel River Task Force was present asking status of four parcels in Smith and Union Townships that could be obtained by the county from the State of Indiana.
- Drug Free Indiana 2009 Annual Budget approved
- 2009 Committee Assignments
- 3-Year Road Plan has been requested from the Highway Supervisor
- Fuel Facility Agreement with WCCS is be worked on.
- Donna Tom was reappointed to the Churubusco Plan Commission

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

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Thomas Western, Chairman

Kim Wheeler, Vice Chairman

James Bayman

Glen LaRue

John Barrett

William Overdeer

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Attest:

Linda J. Gerig, Auditor