

**WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 8, 2009**

The Whitley County Council met in regular session on Tuesday December 8, 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 James E. Banks. Also in attendance for all or part of the meeting was Auditor Linda Gerig, Gene Heckman, Sheriff Mark Hodges, EMA Director Cathy Broxon-Ball, Chuck Jones, Museum Curator Dani Tippman, Highway Supervisor Michael Barton and Deanna Pogoreic of the Post and Mail newspaper. Chairman Western called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: The minutes November 3 shall be corrected to state that LaRue did not cast a No vote on the motion to have solid colored cars ordered for sheriff vehicles for 2010. The only No vote was from Kim Wheeler. The minutes of November 17 were approved as submitted.

IN THE MATTER OF COPY MACHINE REQUEST: Cathy Broxon-Ball requested permission to purchase a refurbished copy machine for the EMA Department. The original funding request was for cum cap funds, but after further discussion, Broxon-Ball was asked to use monies reimbursed from hazmat cleanups. An additional appropriation of those funds will be presented in January 2010.

IN THE MATTER OF MUSEUM FURNACE: Museum Curator Dani Tippman and Chuck Jones of the Whitley County Historical Society were present to discuss the replacement of one of the furnaces in the museum. Tippman had solicited quotes from five vendors, but received only two responses. Banks moved to accept the quote from Comfort Pro Heating and the motion was seconded by Bayman. During discussion, it was noted that more information was needed on the quotes. Bayman withdrew his second and Banks withdrew his motion. Commissioners were asked to look in to the possibility of the maintenance supervisor helping out in these matters or have someone who would have knowledge of what is actually needed when requesting quotes of this type.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER REQUESTS: Sheriff Mark Hodges and EMA Director Cathy Broxon-Ball were present to request the following transfer of funds within their respective budgets.

TRANSFER RESOLUTION

Whereas, certain emergencies have developed since the adoption of the existing annual budget, so that it is necessary to transfer funds that were appropriated to the annual budget; now, therefore to meet such emergencies: Section 1. Be it resolved by the County Council of Whitley County, Indiana, that for the expenses of said Whitley County, sums of money are hereby transferred as follows:

<u>Transfer From</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Volunteer Allowance	Equipment Repair	\$2500.00	-7-	-0-	-0-
Physicals	Equipment Repair	\$905.00	-7-	-0-	-0-
Gas	Salary Overtime	\$10000.00	-7-	-0-	-0-
Gas	Salary Part Time	\$5000.00	-7-	-0-	-0-
Garage	Salary Part Time	\$5000.00	-7-	-0-	-0-
Garage	Holiday Pay	\$10000.00	-7-	-0-	-0-
Medical	Salary Over Time	\$4000.00	-7-	-0-	-0-
Medical	Part Time Kitchen	\$1000.00	-7-	-0-	-0-
Medical	Utilities	\$20,000.00	-7-	-0-	-0-

Motion: Banks

Second: Barrett

This resolution adopted on this 8th day of December, 2009.

Whitley County Council

Thomas Western – signed

Kim Wheeler – signed

James Bayman- signed

Glen LaRue – signed

John Barrett – signed

William Overdeer – signed

James E. Banks – signed

Attest: Linda J. Gerig – signed

IN THE MATTER OF YOUTH IMPROVEMENT CENTER: Niki Trier was present to discuss transportation concerns that have come about since moving to the old Etna Troy School. More hours are needed for transporting students with the current number of vehicles. Trier is seeking a grant from the Whitley County Community Foundation for a small twenty passenger bus. With the current transportation problems, staff is being required to work more hours in order to be with the

students while others are being transported. She noted that it may be necessary to hire an additional instructor due to the extended hours. No action was taken on this matter.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Rethlake reported on the computer backup situation in the Government Center. He presented the quote received in the amount of \$3200 to replace the batteries. Overdeer moved, seconded by Bayman, to allow cum cap funds to fund the \$3200. The motion carried 7/0. A contract with Microage Networks, Inc. is being recommended by the commissioners for 500 hours at a rate of \$65.00/hr. This contract is for IT work and would be effective January 2010. Barrett moved, seconded by Bayman, to accept the contract. The motion carried 6/1 with Banks casting the No vote. Rethlake reported that Lori Shipman is working on a grant application for funding of the energy savings at the jail and windows for the courthouse. An income survey was completed for a possible grant for construction of a new EMS garage, but Whitley County does not qualify. The feasibility of doing another survey is being investigated. Notification was received from IDEM approving the sewer connection for the Equine Hospital. Sherry Johnson was reappointed to the Churubusco Library Board. Bill Auer, Kenneth Kerch and David Schilling were reappointed to four-year terms to the Whitley County Plan Commission. Bill Auer was also appointed to the Whitley County Board of Zoning Appeals. A request from the South Whitley Plan Commission for a reappointment was tabled until December 21, 2009. Bids for highway supplies were received and taken under advisement by Michael Barton. They will be awarded on December 21, 2009. Rethlake reported on the recently attended Commissioner Conference.

IN THE MATTER OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS: James Bayman moved, seconded by John Barrett, to reappoint William Overdeer and James Argerbright to the Whitley County Redevelopment Commission. The motion carried 7/0.

Thomas Western, Chairman

Kim Wheeler, Vice Chairman

James Bayman

Glen LaRue

John Barrett

William Overdeer

James E. Banks

Attest:

Linda J. Gerig, Auditor