

**WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 20, 2009**

The Whitley County Council met in special session on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 in the Commissioner’s Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. In attendance were Chairman Tom Western, Vice Chairman Kim Wheeler, James Bayman, Glen LaRue, John Barrett, William Overdeer and James E. Banks. Also present was Auditor Linda Gerig, Clerk Cindy Doolittle, Ray Whiting, Sheriff Mark Hodges, Treasurer Lisa Richmond and County Attorney Dan Sigler. Chairman Western called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF MICROVOTE: Cindy Doolittle and Ray Whiting were present to discuss the possibility of contracting with Microvote for the 2010 elections. The cost for this service is \$26,200. Overdeer moved, seconded by LaRue to allow the 2010 proposed election budget to be increased. The motion carried 7/0.

IN THE MATTER OF HIRING FREEZE: Sheriff Mark Hodges was present to seek approval to hire a replacement for the recently vacated Confinement Officer position. After discussion, Bayman moved, seconded by Overdeer, to allow the vacate position to be filled. The motion carried 7/0.

IN THE MATER OF HUMANE SOCIETY AGREEMENT: County Attorney Dan Sigler reported that the committee had met on negotiating the remainder of the current contract with the Humane Society. Good progress was made and the next meeting will be held in November. Sigler’s recommendation to council members was to prorate the contract and pay \$5,000 to fund the last two months of 2009. A letter will be sent before October 31, 2009 to the Society cancelling the contract in place. After further discussion, Wheeler moved, seconded by Banks, to pay \$5000 to the Humane Society. The motion passed 6/1 with Bayman casting the No vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2010 BUDGET: James Bayman moved, seconded by William Overdeer, to waive the second reading of the 2010 budget and to adopt the same as presented. The motion passed 7/0.

There being for further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned.

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Thomas Western, Chairman

John Barrett

Kim Wheeler, Vice Chairman

William Overdeer

James Bayman

James E. Banks

Glen LaRue

Attest:

Linda J. Gerig, Auditor