

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 1, 2016

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 1, 2016 at 1:00 pm in the Commissioners' Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Commissioners in attendance were Chairman George Schrumpf, Vice Chairman Don Amber, and Tom Rethlake. Others in attendance were Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, County Coordinator Pamela Smith, Nick Rupert from the Post and Mail, Leslee Derbeck from STAR, Heidi Darley from STAR, Stanley Crum, Scott Wagner from the Health Department, Clerk Debbie Beers, Recorder April Whetstone, Viv Sade from Churubusco News, and Highway Director Michael Barton.

Chairman Schrumpf opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: In regard to the Whitehead case, Attorney Sigler has had discussions with the Sheriff.

IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDFILL ISSUES: Scott Wagner from the Health Department discussed landfill issues with the Commissioners. Scott presented a Restrictive Covenant to the Commissioners that Attorney Sigler had read, reviewed, and approved. The Restrictive Covenant outlines the use for the landfill, the size of the landfill, etc. The County is determining the amount of material in the landfill as well. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the Restrictive Covenant, seconded by Rethlake, and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Highway Director Michael Barton is having dirt hauled to the landfill per the request of the Commissioners. He informed the Commissioners that there is a meeting coming up for County Line Road in regard to the roundabout. Chip and seal season starts anywhere between June 1, 2016 and June 15, 2016. Michael is going to speak with the Council to request an additional appropriation to purchase the new highway trucks. In regard to the fuel facility, everything is back up and running.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY COORDINATOR: County Coordinator Pamela Smith presented a request to use County facilities to the Commissioners. The request is for the Columbia City Main Street Association for Big G's 3 on 3 basketball tournament. The event is from Friday, June 18, 2016 to Saturday, June 19, 2016 on the Courthouse Square. Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Amber, and passed with a 3/0 vote. Pam announced that the Whitley County Government Weigh In for Whitley County employees starts on February 4, 2016 and runs through April 21, 2016. The County is in competition with the City. Carnivore Fitness, Anytime Fitness, and the YMCA have donated prizes for the winners of each week. There is a supplies drive for the Lighthouse. County employees will be asked to donate items during the month of February. Whitley County United Way is ordering a bison to display for Indiana's Bicentennial. Parkview is going to purchase the bison and it will first be located at the Courthouse. They would like to move it throughout the County to each of the towns. Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to approve the bison to sit at the Courthouse, seconded by Amber, and passed with a 3/0 vote.

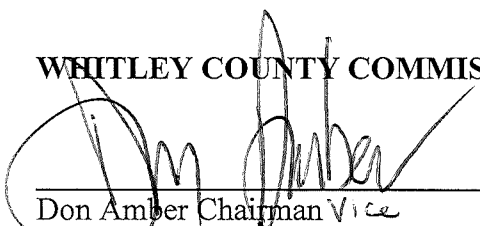
IN A MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The minutes from the January 19, 2016 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Amber, Commissioner Rethlake seconded the motion and passed with a 3/0 vote. The claim distributions were reviewed by the Commissioners. A motion to approve the claims was made by Commissioner Amber, seconded by Commissioner Rethlake, and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN OTHER BUSINESS: In regard to the EMA Advisory Board member for Larwill, Commissioner Rethlake recommended that the Commissioners appoint Ron Glassley to the position. Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to appoint Ron Glassley as the Larwill representative for the EMA Board, seconded by Amber, and passed with a 3/0 vote.

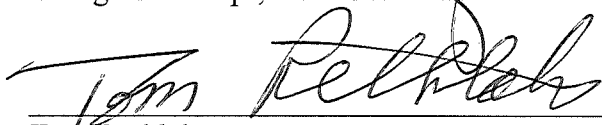
Commissioner Rethlake also reported that there has still not been any work completed for the accident on Road 300 E. It has been nine weeks since the accident. Rethlake spoke with the Michael Barton and asked if he could get in contact with the State Highway Department to see if they could clean up the accident. Commissioner Rethlake asked about the survey that was sent out by email to department heads and employees. Commissioner Schrumpf stated that the survey is through "Survey Monkey" and the personnel committee made the decision to send it out. Commissioner Amber informed the Commissioners that Whitley County WIC has been audited by WIC State. Amber stated that he believes it is an administrative problem and there were some errors made when the budget was turned in to the State. WIC is not a County function and the Auditor's office must be involved due to sending claims down to the State to get reimbursed for expenses. The Auditor's from State WIC are sending the rest of the funding to fulfill their contract for fiscal year 2015. Commissioner Schrumpf stated that dispatch needs a new CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) because the current CAD system will no longer be supported at the end of the year. The new CAD system would be from Spillman Technologies and would cost \$362,345.00. Due to the cost of the CAD system, Commissioner Schrumpf recommended to potentially combine dispatch with the City. There was a study completed in 2005 and at the time, the combined dispatch was not ideal. Schrumpf also recommended that there be a committee created to discuss the potential for combining the City and County Dispatch. Commissioner Schrumpf reported that the Commissioners will hold an executive session on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 8:00 AM for personnel reasons. Commissioner Schrumpf also stated that the US 30 Coalition had a meeting and he is asking that Whitley County pay \$5,000 to the US 30 Coalition. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the \$5,000 pay to the US 30 Coalition from CEDIT, seconded by Rethlake, and passed with a 3/0 vote. In regard to Preferred IT issues, Commissioner Schrumpf has asked departments to rate the services and found that there is nothing highly critical. The Commissioners are trying to be proactive with issues that may arise and they are separating out the Sheriff's department to lower costs. So far, they have been able to get up to \$2,000 in savings for the County for IT Services. The EMA department also has ten computers that they are no longer using that the County could sell. Commissioner Schrumpf stated that after he is done negotiating the contract with Preferred IT, he hopes to cut around \$25,000. Paula Worden requested the Commissioners approve her advisory board members. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the Community Corrections Advisory Board members, seconded by Rethlake, and passed with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Rethlake reported that there are currently 61 people at the Work Release Facility.

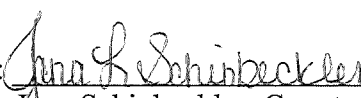
There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Schrumpf adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm.

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Don Amber Chairman Vice


George Schrumpf, Vice Chairman


Tom Rethlake

Attest: 
Jana Schinbeckler, County Auditor