

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
February 19, 2013

The Whitley County Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Commissioners in attendance were Chairman George Schrumpf, Don Amber and Tom Rethlake. Auditor Jennifer McGuire and County Attorney Dan Sigler were absent. Also in attendance were Pam Smith, Otto Boschet Jr, Katie Wagner- Churubusco News, Michael Barton, Lindsey Hively, Shawn Beard, Joan Null, Stanley Crum, Henry Janda and Frank Hoffman.

Chairman Schrumpf called the meeting to order.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Michael Barton, Highway Supervisor, reported to the Commissioners that the specifications for the purchase of the new highway truck were ready and that they were requesting a single axle truck. Sealed bids may be submitted until 11:00 am on March 18, 2013 and will be opened at the Commissioner's meeting then at 1pm. Since the cost for the highway truck is less, Barton would like to request a power washer from the CEDIT fund, Commissioner Rethlake stated that would have to go before County Council for approval at this time only the purchase of the truck has been approved. The phone system at the Highway office and garage has been updated and everyone is pleased with the work by SDS Communications. The highway had an extra television that was being used for training on viewing DVDs, it was moved to the main office and now the security camera is working at the fueling station. Barton is going to purchase a new larger flat screen for training videos in the highway break room.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY LINE INTERSECTION: Michael Barton discussed with the Commissioners the Liberty Mills and 900 South intersection project. Matters discussed were the split in payments if Whitley County funds the project, what percent of cost should be Allen County and who should choose the engineering consultant firm for the overall project. Allen County has chosen a consultant and Whitley County wants to have another consultant if the project is to be completed.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: Minutes from the February 4, 2013 Commissioner were reviewed, Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to approve as submitted, seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote. Claims for February 19, 2013 disbursements were reviewed by Commissioner Schrumpf, the only claim discussed was the mileage claim for the County Coroner. He will be notified of the County policy on reimbursement for mileage and make adjustments. A motion to approve claims was made by Amber, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR USE OF COUNTY FACILITIES: Pam Smith, County Coordinator, submitted two request for use of the County facilities. First was a request for August 3, 2013 at the Courthouse lawn and Gazebo for the Junior Achievement Car Show from 6am until 3pm. After discussion a motion to allow was made by Amber, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote. The next request was for August 10, 2013 from the Compassionate Friends/DeMoney Grimes Funeral Home for a Walk to Remember, a two mile walk through the city that will start and end at the Courthouse lawn and gazebo. The time is from 7:30am until 9am Saturday morning. A motion by Rethlake to approve the requests, seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Schrumpf discussed the current Contracts with the City on the fire hydrants. The County’s concern for the decrease in distribution from State in the Excise tax over the last ten years to support the Cum Bridge Funding and who should be contact for a reason of the change. Discussion from the public regarding taxation process. Still waiting on the State for the deeds or ownership of the Camp Samaritan and Fish Hatchery properties at Tri Lakes.

With no further business or comments from the public the meeting was adjourned.

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George Schrumpf, Chairman

Don Amber, Vice Chairman

Tom Rethlake

Attest: _____
Jennifer McGuire
Auditor