

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 17, 2013

The Whitley County Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, June 17, 2013 at 1:00pm in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Commissioners in attendance were Chairman George Schrumpf, Vice Chair Don Amber and Tom Rethlake. Also in attendance were Auditor Jennifer McGuire, Pam Smith, Dan Sigler, Michael Barton, Stephen Ratcliff, Scott Wagner, Scott Jones, Kathy Shively, Julie Jensen-Kelley, Paula Worden, Nicole Trier, Otto Boschet, Matt Rentschler, Bill Smith, Joan Null, Katie Wagner and Brett Myers.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY: County Attorney Dan Sigler had reviewed a Torte Claim against the County and responded to Travelers the County insurance with his findings. Sigler updated the Commissioners in regards to the data usage for recording fees from the Recorder's office and that the company LPS Real Estate Solution Data was billed for \$18,654 but is refusing to pay at this time. Recorder April Whetstone is still working with the vendor, Fidlar, to correct this process. Attorney Sigler has reviewed the new Humane Resource changes to the County policy manual for use of Social Media.

IN THE MATTER OF TROY CENTER UPDATE: Paula Worden, Julie Jensen-Kelley and Nicole Trier presented an update on the Troy Center for the end of the school year. Nicole passed out handouts showing that there were 43 students enrolled and the total number of credits earned through the facility was 162. She also stated that 7 of the students graduated successfully and 4 of them are already enrolled in college. The guidance counselor Michelle Bennett has been a huge support service for the facility. The main focus of the program is to modify the service to fit the needs of the students by increasing the attendance and allowing the student to work at their own pace. Commissioner Rethlake "Thanked" the group for the outstanding program and efforts with education, also recommending the \$25,000 appropriation to continue for the 2014 budget from the Commissioner's CAGIT budget to the Chairman.

IN THE MATTER OF VOICE RECORDERS: Scott Jones, Kathy Shively and Matt Rentschler came before the Commissioners with their information on purchasing a new Voice Recorder System for the County. The two quotes came from DSS for \$27,850 and J & K for \$20,799, since the equipment was comparable and J & K is local they are requesting to go with J & K for the installation and maintenance program of the Voice Recording System. The cost will be covered with a three way split of Sheriff, Prosecutor and 9-1-1 funds. A motion by Amber to approve the expenditure, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE WELL VARIANCE: Scott Wagner- Health Department and Stephen Ratcliff from Buescher Homes presented aerial views to request a Well Variance for property located at 833 Spear Road in Columbia City owned by Joe Cochran. The set -back does not meet the County's restrictions so approval will have to be granted by the Commissioner's to allow the variance. After discussion and an acknowledgement that the well would still be accessible to be installed with the renovations and serviced in the future a motion by Amber to allow the Variance, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote. In other business Wagner stated he was working with Attorney Sigler to finish up the Junk and Trash Ordinance with the language that was requested and would present in the next Commissioner meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: Minutes from the previous meeting were unavailable and will be reviewed next meeting for approval. The claims disbursements for June 17, 2013 were reviewed by Commissioner Schrumpf, after discussion a motion by Amber to approve the claims, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY HIGHWAY: Michael Barton gave an update for the County Highway stating the work on Lincolnway was complete and temporary striping and center lines were applied. The new truck will be built July 10 and delivered the next week. The new back hoe will be here next week. The sealing program has started on County Road 400 North. Barton will be meeting with Hartman from Allen County next week and will have papers to sign for the Commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF UTILITY PERMIT: A utility permit was presented from Frontier Communications for approval to bore under County Road 825 E from an existing pedestal on to a private drive, after discussion a motion by Rethlake to approve, seconded by Amber and carried to allow the project with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS SHELTER: Commissioner Rethlake presented three quotes to complete the 20 X 24 shelter building at Community Corrections. They were Schwartz \$9752.00, T & L Construction for \$8720 and Cooper Construction for \$15,860, this project has already been appropriated out of the CEDIT funding for 2013 and the work will be completed.

IN OTHER BUSINESS: The Commissioners will work on the 2014 budgets for be presented to the County Council for approval next month. Discussion on the current funding for the Human Society and the last two months of charges were reviewed. The May vehicle inventory was presented from the Sheriff’s department. In the monthly report from the Veteran Service officer is was stated that the VSO office in each County will be required to have a full-time officer but two part-time personnel would be ok, this will have to be covered in the 2014 budget changes. Commissioner Amber will be attending an ADA State meeting on July 24, 2013. The Commissioners will look for a back-up for Scott Jones position in the 9-1-1 functions.

The regular meeting was adjourned.

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George Schrumpf, Chairman

Don Amber, Vice Chairman

Tom Rethlake

Attest: _____
Jennifer McGuire
Auditor