

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

August 2, 2016

The Whitley County Council met in regular session at 8:00 am on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 in the Commissioner’s Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Kim Wheeler, Vice Chairman Jim Bayman, Tom Western, Glen LaRue, Bill Overdeer and John Barrett. Absent was Council member Paula Reimers. Also in attendance were Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, County Coordinator Pam Smith, EDC President Jon Myers, Dwight Busche and Karen Harpel from Impact CNC, Judge Heuer, Mary Hartman from the Peabody Public Library, Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester, Scott Wagner from the Health Department, Recorder April Whetstone and Planning Director Nathan Bilger.

Chairman Wheeler called the regular Council meeting to order.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:

Circuit Court:			
1000.12706.000.0136	CHINS Public Defender		\$5,000
1000.12702.000.0136	Pauper Attorney		\$5,000
2507.59000.000.0000	Supplemental Public		\$4,600
Highway:			
1176.41001.000.0201	Equipment		\$160,000

Judge Heuer presented three additional appropriation requests to the Council. Council member Bayman made a motion to approve the request for \$5,000 for the CHINS Public Defender but not the \$5,000 for the Pauper Attorney line item. The motion was seconded by Western and passed with a 6/0 vote. In regard to the Supplemental Public additional appropriation request Council member Barrett made a motion to approve the request for \$4,600, seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 6/0 vote. The additional appropriation request from the Highway Department was reviewed by the Council. The additional appropriation would be to purchase the second truck in full that was bought by the Highway Department. The Commissioners gave a favorable pass to Council for this request. Council member Bayman made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Western and carried with a 6/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS:

Circuit Court:			
1000.30005.000.0136	Pauper Transcript	1000.12706.000.0136 CHINS	\$3,000
1000.35000.000.0136	Printing	1000.12706.000.0136 CHINS	\$2,600

Council member Barrett made a motion to approve both transfer requests for Circuit Court, seconded by Western and passed with a 6/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF A LOCAL COMPANY EXPANSION: EDC President Jon Myers presented a request to the Council on behalf of Impact CNC for an expansion. The proposal is to add \$1.2M in real estate improvements and \$2,007,000 in new machinery and IT equipment. The company is requesting a tax abatement for both the real estate improvements and the new machinery and equipment in addition to \$50,000 from the County’s on-site/off-site fund. The cost benefit analysis for the County is positive and they plan to add ten (10) new jobs to their current location. This request was presented to the Commissioners as well and they gave a favorable pass to Council. Council member LaRue made a motion to approve the request for Real Property Resolution 2016-09 and Personal Property Resolution 2016-10, seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 6/0 vote. Council member LaRue amended his motion for it to be a ten year abatement, seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 6/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES: The minutes from the July 6, 2016 were reviewed. Council member Western made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by LaRue and passed with a 6/0 vote.


COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Commissioner Schrumpf gave a report from the Commissioners meeting:

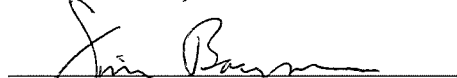
- Commissioner Schrumpf stated the Commissioners gave a favorable pass for the Fidler contract for the Recorder's Office and the CityForce contract for Planning and Building and the Health Department.
- The Commissioners are requesting the Council to appropriate \$5,000 for the US 30 Coalition. The coalition is made up of six different Counties: Allen, Whitley, Kosciusko, Marshall, Starke and Porter. For the last year, they have put a group together with INDOT and State Officials on the US 30 freeway project. They are creating plans for the freeway so the plans are consistent from Allen to Porter County. The City is paying \$5,000 and the County is being asked to pay \$5,000. The County has been proactive with this project and is almost ready to present the plan to the public. There have been some modifications to the original plan and it will be about a ten year project. Council member Bayman made a motion to approve \$5,000 to the US 30 Coalition to be paid out of LOIT, if not allowable, then it is to be paid out of CEDIT. The motion was seconded by LaRue and passed with a 6/0 vote.
- The City is looking into building an aquatics facility and hopes to receive grant funds from the State for it. The facility has been approved but the State is no longer giving a 50/50 match, it will be an 80/20 match. The project will cost around \$3.5 million.
- Commissioner Schrumpf informed the Council that the County has paid around \$175,000 towards the medical loan the County has with STAR bank.
- Commissioner Schrumpf also informed the Council that they made a favorable pass to Council to approve the time management system by the company, The Right Stuff. The cost is \$67,200 for the initial setup and it would be \$27,000 as a yearly cost after the first year. The Council stated that they would consider it for the 2017 budget.

IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS: County Recorder April Whetstone informed the Council of the Fidler contract that the Commissioners gave their approval on. The County Attorney also approved the contract. The funding would be from the Recorder's Perpetuation fund. Council member Overdeer made a motion to approve the funding out of the perpetuation fund, seconded by LaRue and passed with a 6/0 vote. Scott Wagner from the Health Department presented the final contract with CityForce for the permitting database for the Health Department and Planning Department. The Health Department's portion will be paid for by a grant and the Planning Department will need to appropriate their portion of the payment in their budget. The permits issued for septic and wells are down this year. The County Attorney has approved the CityForce contract and the only change is that it is a six month prepayment but if it terminates before the sixth months, the County will receive their funds back from CityForce.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

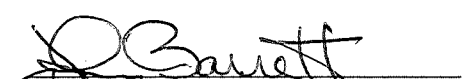
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Kim Wheeler, Chairman

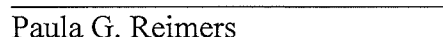

Jim Bayman, Vice Chairman


Thomas Western


Glen LaRue


John Barrett


William Overdeer


Paula G. Reimers

Attest:


Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor