

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

January 3, 2017

The Whitley County Council met in regular session at 8:00 am on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Members in attendance were Chairman John Barrett, Vice Chairman William Overdeer, James Bayman, Glen LaRue, Kim Wheeler, Thor Hodges and Chad Banks. Others in attendance were Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Commissioner George Schruppf, Paula Worden from Community Corrections, Chief Probation Officer Amy Motter, Adam Hurley from J & K Communications, Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester, Julie Jensen-Kelley from Community Corrections, Jody Hollenbaugh from the Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Gatton, Jason Spencer from the Sheriff's Department, Rachael Rosfeld from the Post & Mail and EDC President Jon Myers.

Chairman John Barrett called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Council Chairman Barrett nominated Thor Hodges for Chairman, seconded by Bayman and passed with a 6/0 vote with Hodges abstaining. Council member Bayman made a motion to nominate Chad Banks for Vice Chairman, seconded by Wheeler and passed with a 6/0 vote with Banks abstaining.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2018/2019 GRANT APPLICATION: Paula Worden, Julie Jensen-Kelley and Amy Motter presented their 2018/2019 grant application to the Council. For this grant application, they are requesting additional grant funds to support the Veterans Treatment Coordinator position and an additional full-time Residential Work Release Shift Supervisor. The grant for the initial start-up of the Veterans Treatment Court was for the first two years of programming. An additional full-time Residential Work Release Shift Supervisor will allow for more consistency in shift supervision. Paula and Julie gave the Council a home detention and work release report along with the average daily population for both. In regard to the grant for Probation, Amy is requesting that the Department of Correction continue to fund the Probation Officer and Field Officer positions that she has along with their benefits.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONFINEMENT OFFICERS, IT AND EMPLOYEE PAY: Adam Hurley from J & K Communications made a presentation to the Council in regard to an upgrade for the radio system due to an issue. Adam is presenting a solution to the Council with a quote of what it will cost the County. The total cost of the upgrade is \$27,890.69. This would entail adding a site out at the water tower on 600 East and US 30 to help cover the East 30 Corridor. He would also upgrade the backbone so it is an IP backbone rather than an analog. This change would benefit police and fire departments. The Commissioners gave a favorable pass to Council to approve funding for the project. Council member Overdeer made a motion to fund the project out of County General, seconded by Barrett with discussion. Council member Hodges stated that he is in favor of the project but not in favor of funding the project out of County General. After discussion, the motion to fund the project out of County General failed with a 2/5 vote with Hodges, Banks, Wheeler, Bayman and LaRue voting against. Council member Banks made a motion to fund the project out of CEDIT and rescinded his motion because the Commissioners need to approve the project for CEDIT first before the Council can approve it. Council member Barrett made a motion to approve the funding out of CEDIT upon the approval of CEDIT funds from the Commissioners to move forward with the project, seconded by LaRue and passed with a 7/0 vote. In regard to the confinement officers, per the State the County is not in compliance and the jail is currently short 12 confinement officers. Sheriff Gatton is requesting to hire three new confinement officers this year and then continue to hire for the next four to five years until the County meets the State's requirements and we become compliant. Sheriff Gatton stated that Public Safety LOIT can sustain two confinement officers. In order to be in compliance as well, there needs to be five officers per shift and now there are only three or four. Commissioner Schruppf stated that he will be requesting an extension to allow the County to be in compliance with the State. Council member Banks made a motion to approve two new confinement officers at this time, seconded by Barrett and carried with a 7/0 vote. In regard to the salary ordinance amendments for the positions, Council member Bayman made a motion to approve the salary ordinance amendments, seconded by Banks and passed with a 7/0 vote. In regard to employee pay, Jody Hollenbaugh's position is still not factored at this time by Mr. Frizzell at MDF HR Consulting. Sheriff Gatton informed the Council that he will need to put out a request for proposal to get some IT and computer work done as soon as possible.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BOARD APPOINTMENTS: In regard to board appointments, there were a few changes for the Council. Council member Hodges was appointed for the Planning Commission instead of Chad Banks. In regard to the Redevelopment Commission, Council member Wheeler and Overdeer were both interested in serving on the Commission. Chairman Hodges called for a vote to keep Overdeer on the Redevelopment Commission. Council member Overdeer and Barrett voted to keep Overdeer on the Commission and Hodges, Banks, Bayman and LaRue voted to appoint Wheeler to the Commission with Wheeler abstaining. Glen LaRue

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William Overdeer, Vice Chairman

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Kim Wheeler

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Glen LaRue

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James Bayman

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Thor Hodges

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Chad Banks

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Attest:
Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS:

was appointed to the Senior Citizen Center instead of John Barrett. Bill Overdeer was appointed to the EDC board instead of Chad Banks and the Council decided to no longer have the EDC Committee.

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| | | | \$115.50 |
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The Circuit Court encumbered remaining funds from these remaining line items for 2017. These transfers need done in order to the encumbrances to be placed in the correct accounts to pay the bills the encumbrance was needed for. Council member Overdeer made a motion to approve the transfers, seconded by LaRue and passed with a 7/0 vote.

IN OTHER BUSINESS: Auditor Schinbeckler presented a salary ordinance amendment to make a correction in the Public Safety LOT fund and the County General fund for the jail. The Council approved the funding for Sergeants in each fund and the funds were appropriated but not placed in the correct account because the Sheriff's Department did not know who they were going to hire as Sergeants during the budget process. Council member Overdeer made a motion to approve the salary ordinance amendment for these positions, seconded by Bayman and passed with a 7/0 vote. The revised 2018 meeting schedule was given to the Council in order for there to be a packet information deadline date on the schedule as well. Council member Bayman made a motion to approve the revised 2018 meeting schedule, seconded by Banks and carried with a 7/0 vote.

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

- Commissioner Schrumptf informed the Council that there were some changes to the PTO policy and the Commissioners approved the changes at their meeting on Tuesday.
- He informed the Council that there is a Jail Task Force meeting on January 10, 2018 in regard to the confinement officers and becoming compliant with the State requirements.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES: The minutes from the December 5, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Council member LaRue made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction. The correction was under the Commissioner's report. It stated that a motion passed with a 3/0 vote and it should have been a 7/0 vote. With this correction, Overdeer seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 AM.