

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 18, 2017

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 18, 2017 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 and Commissioner Don Amber. Commissioner Thomas Western was absent. Others in attendance were County Attorney Matt Shipman, Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Nina Rodocker, Tyler Roebuck from IN Whitley County, Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester, County Clerk Debbie Beers, Mary Hartman from the Peabody Public Library, Planning Director Nathan Bilger, Jay Lockett from the Post & Mail, Joan Null and Barbara Hohenstein.

Chairman Schrumpf opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: Attorney Matt Shipman stated that he has reviewed the Extension Office contractual services agreement. The original agreement has not changed since 2015, the only change is the amount that the County is paying to Purdue for the Extension Office. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the contractual services agreement and for the Chairman to sign, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote. Attorney Shipman also gave an update on the InWelligent lawsuit to the Commissioners. This was the official last meeting for Attorney Dan Sigler for the County. Commissioner Schrumpf had a proclamation for Attorney Sigler stating that the week of December 18-23, 2017 is designated as the Honorable Dan Sigler week. Sigler presented a consulting contract to the Commissioners and Attorney Shipman. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the contract for Attorney Sigler with one amendment, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PLAT APPROVAL: Planning Director Nathan Bilger presented the Whitlow's Estate plat to the Commissioners. The Plan Commission has already reviewed the plat and given it their approval. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the plat, seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote. Nathan gave the Commissioners an update on steering committee for the zoning changes in regard to CAFOs and CFOs.

IN THE MATTER OF COMP TIME IN VOTER REGISTRATION/ELECTION DEPT: County Clerk Debbie Beers had a request for the Commissioners for an employee to donate their PTO time to another employee in her office. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the request for donation of PTO time and allow for the Chairman to sign the request, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote. In regard to the comp time in the Voter Registration/Election Department, Debbie stated that the two employees in the department accumulate around 150 hours of comp time during election years. They have always taken the comp time before the end of the year and it has never had to be paid out to them. She is requesting that the Commissioners approve the comp time for these two employees rather than pay them overtime. The Commissioners stated that the comp time accrued in 2018 must be used before December 31, 2018. Commissioner Amber made a motion to allow comp time for the Voter Registration/Election Department, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester presented the LPA INDOT contract to the Commissioners for bridge inspections. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve and sign the contract, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote. In regard to the Town of Churubusco's right-of-way permit that was approved at the last meeting, they are now taking bids on the job and some of the contractors were asking if the County would allow them to close the road. Brandon stated that if the County allows them to close the road, he would need a detail plan of the detour and notifications would need to be sent.

IN THE MATTER OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT REQUESTS: Two right-of-way permit requests were presented to the Commissioners. The first permit was from Century Link to bury the necessary cable on the east side of County Road South 600 East. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the Century Link permit, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote. The second permit request was from QC Communications for Mediacom to bury the necessary cable on 3536 E Lincolnway Road to provide service to this address. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN A MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The minutes from the December 4, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the minutes with one change. The change was under

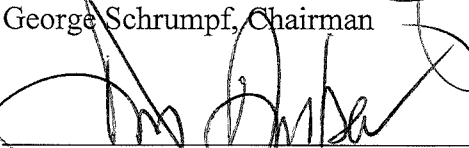
the right-of-way permit requests and it reads “Wester River Road” instead of “West River Road”. Commissioner Schrumpf seconded the motion with this change and passed with a 2/0 vote with Western abstaining. The Commissioners reviewed the payroll claims. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote. The claim distributions from December 4, 2017 through December 18, 2017 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote.


IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS: An appointment to the Churubusco Public Library Board was presented to the Commissioners. Library Director, Rachel Eyermann is requesting the appointment of Jana Hile to a term of four years so her term would expire December 2021. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve Jana Hile to the Churubusco Library Board, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioner’s 2018 meeting schedule was amended to include packet information deadlines for the meetings. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the amended 2018 meeting schedule, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote.


There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Schrumpf adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm.

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George Schrumpf, Chairman


Don Amber, Vice Chairman


Thomas Western

Attest: 
Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor