

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

February 4, 2020

The Whitley County Council met in regular session at 8:00 am on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Chad Banks, Thomas Warner, Timothy Kumfer, Thor Hodges, and William Overdeer. Absent was Councilman Wheeler and Councilman Barrett. Others in attendance were Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Chief Deputy Auditor Tiffany Forrester, Commissioner's Assistant Jennifer Shinabery, Chief Probation Officer Amy Motter, Janelle Schmitt from the Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Gatton, Kelley Sheiss, Maintenance Director Mark Sturtevant, County Assessor Kim Erdly, Theresa Green, Community Corrections Director Paula Worden, Dani Tippmann from the Historical Museum, Jim Christie, Planning Director Nathan Bilger and Jason Spencer from the Sheriff's Department.

Chairman Chad Banks called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE GRANT OPPORTUNITY: Sheriff Gatton was present to inform the Council of a grant opportunity that he would like to pursue. The grant is the COPS Hiring Program which can be used for the hiring of new officers or rehire of officers. The grant provides 75% of the approved entry-level salaries and fringe benefits of each newly hired and/or rehired full-time officer, up to \$125,000 per officer position, over a three year grant period. The application deadline for the grant is March 11, 2020. Councilman Kumfer made a motion to allow Sheriff Gatton to apply for the grant, seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 5/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2020 PROJECTS: Maintenance Director Mark Sturtevant was present to request the funding of his 2020 projects that he would like to complete.

Jail:	22 Bradley Lavatory Valves	\$40,000.00
	Reseal and Strip Parking Lot	\$2,900.00
Courthouse:	North Sidewalk	\$46,500.00
	South Sidewalk	\$30,500.00
	South Steps	\$4,000.00
	Exterior Metal Restoration	\$113,079.00
	South Exterior Elevation Restoration	\$88,715.00
Annex:	Replace Concrete Apron	\$10,000.00
	Exterior Masonry Restoration	\$25,000.00
Gov Center:	Reseal and Strip Parking Lot	\$4,000.00

The total amount for all the projects is \$364,694.00. Mark informed the Council that \$175,000 of the projects will already be funded by the Maintenance budget but he needs funding for the remaining balance of \$189,694.00. Councilman Hodges made a motion to approve the remaining balance of \$189,694.00 out of Cumulative Capital Development, seconded by Warner and passed with a 5/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: County Assessor Kim Erdly was present to give Council the calendars for the year of deadlines that her office has to meet from the Department of Local Government Finance. Her office is currently working on personal property and balancing the mobile homes because they need to roll the values to the Auditor's Office soon.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST FOR THE MUSEUM: Dani Tippmann from the Historical Museum informed the Council that she had an emergency at the Museum with the furnace in the basement. The technician that looked at the furnace found a failed heat exchanger in the furnace. This type of problem can cause carbon monoxide in the building which is a serious problem. She went ahead and replaced the furnace and is now requesting an additional appropriation to cover the cost of the new furnace.

Museum:

1000.36004.000.0144	Building Maintenance	\$3,150.00
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Councilman Hodges made a motion to approve the additional appropriation request for the Museum, seconded by Overdeer and carried with a 5/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEALTH TRANSFER REQUESTS: Scott Wagner from the Health Department was present to request transfers within his grant fund. The transfers are to cover the cost of the increase for the Immunization Clinic's part time employee.

Health:

1168.20000.000.0313 Office Supplies	1168.11314.000.0313 Clerk	\$500.00
1168.25000.000.0313 Medical Supplies	1168.11314.000.0313 Clerk	\$700.00
1168.33003.000.0313 Travel & Mileage	1168.11314.000.0313 Clerk	\$250.00
1168.32000.000.0313 Postage	1168.11314.000.0313 Clerk	\$250.00

1168.37004.000.0313 Equipment & Repair	1168.11314.000.0313 Clerk	\$300.00
1168.39004.000.0313 Conference & Mtgs	1168.11314.000.0313 Clerk	\$250.00
1168.37001.000.0313 Training & Education	1168.11314.000.0313 Clerk	\$50.00

Councilman Warner made a motion to approve the transfer requests for the Health Department, seconded by Kumfer and passed with a 5/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE JDAI TRANSFER REQUEST: Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Lindsey Grossnickle was present to request a transfer for her JDAI grant funds. This is for a project the JDAI program is currently working on.

JDAI:

8111.30000.000.8211 Professional Svcs	8111.20000.000.8211 Supplies	\$7,500
8111.30000.000.8211 Professional Svcs	8111.40000.000.8211 Capital	\$9,500

Councilman Hodges made a motion to approve the JDAI transfer request, seconded by Warner and passed with a 5/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:

County General: Probation

1000.11318.000.0143	Field Crew Officer	\$1,200
1000.11508.000.0143	Probation Officer	\$1,200

Chief Probation Officer Amy Motter stated that she is asking for additional appropriations for two of her grant funded positions because the grant will not fund the \$1,200 cost of living increase. Councilman Hodges made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Kumfer and passed with a 5/0 vote.

County General: Community Corrections

1000.11210.000.0315	Case Manager	\$6,476.88
1000.11317.000.0315	Case Manager	\$5,358.10
1000.12605.000.0315	Shift Supervisor	\$2,693.10
1000.12408.000.0315	Residential WR Shift Supervisor	\$2,693.10
1000.12207.000.0315	Residential WR Shift Supervisor	\$2,693.10
1000.11101.000.0315	Director	\$3,755.46
1000.11217.000.0315	Pretrial Services Coordinator	\$1,200.00
1000.11213.000.0315	Veterans Treatment Ct Coordinator	\$5,475.02
1000.12301.000.0315	Case Manager	\$6,476.88
1000.12112.000.0315	Senior Case Manager	\$8,154.06
1000.11113.000.0315	Home Detention Supervisor	\$4,172.12
1000.11199.000.0315	Intake Employment Coordinator	\$3,356.88
1000.11512.000.0315	Deputy Director	\$1,200.00
1000.11404.000.0315	Office Manager	\$1,200.00
1000.11327.000.0315	Senior Shift Supervisor	\$6,998.04
1000.12013.000.0315	Administrator	\$6,714.98
1000.12203.000.0315	Field Officer	\$4,187.96
1000.12204.000.0315	Shift Supervisor	\$2,693.10
1000.12403.000.0315	Shift Supervisor	\$2,693.10
1000.12603.000.0315	Shift Supervisor	\$2,693.10
1000.12407.000.0315	Data Analyst	\$2,925.73

Community Corrections Director Paula Worden informed the Council that her grant funds will not be able to fund the external midpoint and the \$1,200 cost of living increase that was approved by Council. She is requesting the external midpoint and the cost of living increase be appropriated in County General. Councilman Warner made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Overdeer and carried with a 5/0 vote.

County General: Chief Deputies & Part Time Treasurer

1000.10010.000.0101	Deputy Clerk	\$324.00
1000.10020.000.0102	Deputy Auditor	\$1,200.00
1000.10030.000.0103	Deputy Treasurer	\$333.00
1000.11700.000.0103	Part Time	\$13,500.00
1000.10040.000.0104	Deputy Recorder	\$332.00
1000.10090.000.0109	Deputy Assessor	\$1,020.00

Councilman Kumfer made a motion to approve the Chief Deputy additional appropriations and the additional appropriator for the part time employee in the Treasurer's Office, seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 5/0 vote.

Cumulative Capital Development:

1138.42004.000.0256	Sheriff Vehicles	\$15,000.00
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Councilman Hodges made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Warner and carried with a 5/0 vote.

Statewide E911:

1222.12107.000.1222

Dispatcher

\$45,035.00

Councilman Hodges made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for the additional Dispatcher, seconded by Warner and passed with a 5/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Amber gave a report from the Commissioner meeting:

- The Commissioners are requesting the approval of a resolution from the Council to confirm their interest to purchase real estate and appoint appraisers. This resolution allows the Commissioners to move forward on appraising the property located at North Armstrong Drive, Columbia City and allow them to have an appraisal completed on the property. This does not allow the Commissioners to approve the property without prior approval from the Council. Councilman Kumfer made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-01, seconded by Hodges and assed with a 5/0 vote. Commissioner Amber stated that it will be approximately \$3,000 for the appraisal and it will be funded from the Commissioner's budget.
- Commissioner Amber informed the Council that the Commissioners have done proclamations for the Columbia City FFA team and the Churubusco FFA team for winning national titles.
- The Commissioners approved a capital asset policy, Ordinance 2020-02, to allow the Auditor to report the County's capital assets properly.
- Commissioner Amber also announced that there will be an ADA public meeting for Whitley County to be entirely ADA compliance. The meeting will take place in the Commissioner's meeting room on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.
- Planning Director Nathan Bilger requested the Commissioners favorable pass to Council for an SDS quote to update the video system in the basement in Meetings Rooms A & B. The Commissioners gave a favorable pass to Council for Nathan to request the funds. Councilman Overdeer made a motion to take the funding from County General, after discussion he withdrew his motion. Councilman Hodges made a motion to take the \$6,290.28 for the upgrades out of Cumulative Capital Development, seconded by Warner and passed with a 5/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES: The Council reviewed the January 7, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Councilman Hodges made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Kumfer and carried with a 5/0 vote.

IN OTHER BUSINESS: Scott Wagner from the Health Department gave the Council an update on the Miami Village project regarding JDAI. Councilman Hodges also asked for a moment for his stepfather, Wayne Dolbear, who was a Vietnam vet and served his country with honor.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Banks adjourned the meeting at 9:15 AM.

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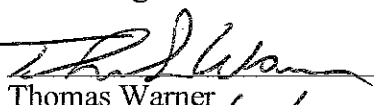
Chad Banks, Chairman



Kim Wheeler, Vice Chairman



Thor Hodges



Thomas Warner

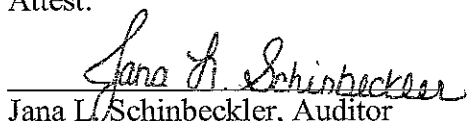


Timothy Kumfer

John Barrett

William Overdeer

Attest:



Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor