

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 15, 2021

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 15, 2021, at 1:00 PM in the Commissioner's Meeting Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center.

Commissioners in attendance were Chair George Schrumpf, Vice Chair Theresa Green and Commissioner Chad Banks. Others in attendance were Commissioner's Assistant Cami Hippenhammer, Auditor Tiffany Deakins, Chief Deputy Auditor Tamela Tinchler, Planning Director Nathan Bilger, EDC President Dale Buuck, Council member Tim Kumfer, Madalyn Sade-Bartl and Lisa Kensur from the Churubusco Redevelopment Commission, John Woodmansee from Purdue Extension, Mary Hartman from the Peabody Public Library, Nicki Venable, Jeff Schroeder from BW Construction, Scott Lee, Beth Johnson and Josh Goodin.

Chair Schrumpf opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Shipman informed the Commissioners that he had nothing to discuss other than a few items that are already on the agenda.

TITLE IV TRANSITION PLAN: The County has had Attorney Shipman review this as well as another attorney that specializes in employee law. Both agree that it is good to sign off on. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the request as presented, with a second by Commissioner Banks and carried with a 3/0 vote.

COUNCIL ON AGING UPDATE/VOUCHER: Leslie Blakely the new Executive Director for Council on Aging was present to give an update and present the quarterly voucher. The voucher totals \$181,362.00. Leslie gave some numbers for years and total trips and wanted to let the Commissioners know that they are trending up after COVID. Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve the invoice allowing for Commissioner Schrumpf to sign, second by Commissioner Green. Passing with a 3/0 vote.

EXTENSION OFFICE CONTRACT: John Woodmansee was present to speak on behalf of the 2022 contractual service with the county. There was a 3% increase to the amount from 2021, this is the Counties contract to agree to pay \$113,350 to Purdue Extension for salaries and supplies for 2022. Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve the contract as presented, second by Green, passing with a 3/0 vote.

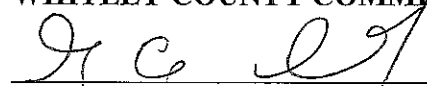
PLAT APPROVAL AND CHURUBUSCO TIF: Planning Director Nathan Bilger presented 6 plats for approval. Faulkner Resort is a 2-lot plat located near 700 East between 900-1000 South, the Plan Commission approved this plat. Commissioner Banks made a motion to accept, with a second by Green, passing with a 3/0 vote. Duggan's Country View is a 2-lot plat located off of 150 North, the Plan Commission has approved the plat. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve, with a second by Banks, carrying with a 3/0 vote. Emerick Estates is a 1 lot plat on 500 East that has been approved by the Plan Commission. Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve the plat, with a second by Green and carrying with a 3/0 vote. Farber Estates is a 2-lot plat located off of West Lincolnway and Schuman Road. The Plan Commission approved the plat, Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the plat, with a second by Banks, carrying with a 3/0 vote. The last plat presented was the Luke & Taylor Subdivision which is a 1 lot plat off of Old Trail Road, the Plan Commission did also approve the plat. Commissioner Banks made a motion to accept with a second by Green, carrying with a 3/0 vote. Planning Director Nathan Bilger also presented some information from the Churubusco Redevelopment Commission that has a list of parcels and a Resolution to establish a TIF area. The Whitley County Redevelopment did give this a favorable recommendation. The Commissioners did not have enough time to review the documents but did say that they are for this. Commissioner Green made a motion to table until the December 6 meeting, Banks seconded and carried with a 3/0 vote.


JAIL UPDATE: Commissioner Green gave an update on where the Commissioners are with the new jail project and what their next steps are. Commissioner Green introduced Jeff Schroeder from BW Construction who has over 35 years' experience with this type of project. Commissioner Green made a motion to allow the Commissioners to enter into negotiations for a contractual agreement. Commissioner Banks seconded, passing with a 3/0 vote.

MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The claim distributions from November 2, 2021, through November 15, 2021, were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Banks and passed with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Banks and carried with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioners reviewed the October 25, 2021, executive session meeting minutes. Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Green and passed with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioners reviewed the October 26, 2021, executive session meeting minutes. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Banks and passed with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioners reviewed the November 1, 2021, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Banks and passed with a 3/0 vote.

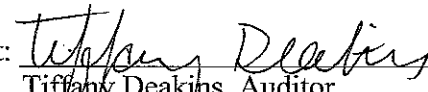
There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chair Schrumpf adjourned the meeting at 1:35 PM.

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Chair George Schrumpf


Vice Chair Theresa Green


Commissioner Chad Banks

Attest: 
Tiffany Deakins, Auditor