WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 16, 2022

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 16, 2022, 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 Chad Banks, Commissioner Schrumpf and Vice Chair Theresa Baysinger. Others in attendance were Auditor Tiffany Deakins, Commissioners' Assistant Cami Hippenhammer, HR Director Jennifer Shinabery, Clerk Cindy Doolittle, Planning Director Nathan Bilger, Highway Director Katy Fry, Leslie Blakley from Whitley County Council on Aging, Mary Hartman, Jon Myers, Rob Schuman, Timothy Kumfer, James Argerbright, Todd Titus, Sonya Emerick, Dawn Taylor, and Joan Null.

Chair Banks opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Shipman stated that he has reviewed the agenda items and he sees no problems with them. He can address them more when they are brought up later in the meeting.

COUNCIL ON AGING GRANT AGREEMENT & VOUCHER: Leslie Blakley was present from the Whitley County Council on Aging to request the Commissioners sign the grant agreement documents for budget year 2023 as well as the Quarter 1 voucher and the ARPA voucher. Attorney Shipman has reviewed the documents and they are good to be approved and signed off on by Commissioners.

- Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-07 as presented, seconded by Schrumpf, passing with a 3/0 vote.
- Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve the Passthrough Agreement, seconded by Schrumpf, carrying with a 3/0 vote.
- Commissioner Schrumpf made a motion to approve the Certifications and Assurances Agreement, with a second by Baysinger, carrying with a 3/0 vote.
- Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve the Local Financial Assurances agreement, with a second by Schrumpf, carrying with a 3/0 vote.
- Commissioner Schrumpf made a motion to approve the Certificate of Use Agreement, with a second by Baysinger, carrying with a 3/0 vote.
- Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve the 2022 ARP Funds voucher in the amount of $53,916.00, with a second by Schrumpf, carrying with a 3/0 vote.
- Commissioner Schrumpf made a motion to approve the QTR 1 voucher in the amount of $73,325.00, with a second by Baysinger, carrying with a 3/0 vote.
- Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to allow for Commissioner Banks to e-sign the Amendment #1 grant agreement for the 2 new vehicles for 2021 when Leslie gets that from INDOT, with a second by Schrumpf, carrying with a 3/0 vote.

COMMUNITY CROSSINGS BID NOTICE: Highway Director Katy Fry was present to ask Commissioners to sign off on the Community Crossings notice to bidders. These will need to be submitted by bidders and will be opened at the June 20, 2022 Commissioner meeting. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve the request, with a second by Schrumpf, and carried with a 3/0 vote. Commissioners also mentioned that there may be a need for assistance with funding to help the Highway Department complete projects. The amount will be unknown until the bids are opened and reviewed. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to allow for CEDIT funds to be used to pay the difference for the Highway, with a second by Schrumpf, carrying a 3/0 vote.

DEPUTY CORONER CELL PHONE STIPEND: Commissioner Banks spoke on behalf of the Deputy Coroner needing a cell phone stipend. This position receives a lot of calls and the need for a cell phone stipend is warranted. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve, with a second by Schrumpf, passing with a 3/0 vote.

ORDINANCE FOR EXEMPTIONS: Health Director Scott Wagner was present to get Ordinance 2022-05 approved by Commissioners. This Ordinance is for Whitley County Sanitary Sewer. Commissioner Schrumpf made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-05, seconded by Baysinger and carried with a 3/0 vote. Scott gave Commissioners an update on COVID, he mentioned that the numbers for May are already higher than all of April.

PLAT APPROVAL: Planning Director Nathan Bilger presented the Eric Kesling Addition plat for approval. The Plan Commission approved this plat at their April meeting after a few requests to be followed. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve the plat as presented, with a second by Schrumpf, passing with a 3/0 vote.

TAX SALE AGREEMENTS: Auditor Tiffany Deakins presented Commissioners with the 2022 Tax Sale Agreements to be signed for SRI. Attorney Shipman has reviewed the documents and they are the same as last

year and recommends that the Commissioners sign. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve both agreements as presented, seconded by Schrumpf, carrying with a 3/0 vote.

DRIVING & VEHICLE USE POLICY: HR Director has not yet received this and is not ready for review at this time. Commissioners will table this until the next meeting.

PEABODY LIBRARY BOARD RE-APPOINTMENT: Mary Hartman from the Peabody Public Library was present to ask that Commissioners re-appoint Gregory Hockemeyer to his 4th and final 4 year appointment with the Library. Commissioner Schrumpf made a motion to approve the board re-appointment, seconded by Baysinger, and carried with a 3/0 vote.

MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The claim distributions from May 3, 2022, through May 16, 2022, were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Baysinger checked the accounts payable, and payroll claims and noted that there were no concerns. Baysinger made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Schrumpf made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, with a second by Baysinger and carried with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioners reviewed the regular meeting minutes from May 2, 2022. Commissioner Schrumpf made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second by Baysinger and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Baysinger wanted to let the public know what the Commissioners rough draft of a plan was for the ARPA funds that were awarded to Whitley County. The Commissioners plan to utilize the current jail as the new Community Corrections location and are setting aside 3 million dollars for the retrofit for that. They plan on using 1 million dollars for infrastructure, $500,000 on radios for the jail and the remaining balance to be used towards broadband.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chair Banks adjourned the meeting at 1:53 PM.

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Theresa Baysinger

Vice Chair Theresa Baysinger

Commissioner George Schrumpf

Attest: Tiffany Deakins

Tiffany Deakins, Auditor