

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 17, 2018

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, September 17, 2018 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, Vice Chairman Don Amber and Commissioner Thomas Western. Others in attendance were County Attorney Matt Shipman, County Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, County Coordinator/HR Director Angela Campbell, Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester, Nina Rodocker, Barbara Hohenstein, Betty Mills, EDC President Jon Myers, David Cochran, Jennifer Hunter and Jason Barnes all from Purdue Fort Wayne, Bruce Stach, Debra Darr from Whitley County Council on Aging, Mackenzie DeGroot from the Post & Mail, Lola Schrumpf, Lana Beregsazi from BCS Management, Riley Hollenbaugh from the EDC, Mary Hartman from the Peabody Public Library, Randy Cokl from the Town of South Whitley, Planning Director Nathan Bilger, Julia Surber, Dale Hinslea, Sonya Emerick and Vincent Simmers.

Chairman Schrumpf opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: County Attorney Matt Shipman stated that he did not have any updates or anything to report at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF THE VOUCHER SIGNATURE TO ADD CAMERAS TO VEHICLES: Debra Darr from Whitley County Council on Aging presented a grant voucher for approval and a signature from the Commissioners. This is from their discretionary funds and it is to purchase surveillance cameras to put on their vehicles. They will be forward facing and rear facing. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the grant voucher for surveillance cameras and to allow the Chairman to sign, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COLLABORATIVE SYSTEM DESIGN: David Cochran, Jason Barnes and Jennifer Hunter were present to request to partner with Whitley County Government and the Whitley County Economic Development Corporation to develop a system design for how stakeholders will work together to foster economic growth throughout the County. The Center of Excellence in Systems and Engineering team facilitates a process to guide organizations and systems to work collaboratively to achieve intended outcomes. They are also willing to help the Commissioners write the comprehensive plan and help decide what our future should be. Purdue works with a lot of private companies but they are able to make County Government more efficient. Collectively, they would like us to meet and decide what we want to achieve and what needs to be done to achieve the vision. David, Jason and Jennifer stated that they would like the Commissioners to identify a smaller project to start with.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SOUTH WHITLEY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TIF DISTRICT: EDC President Jon Myers was present to discuss the creation of a South Whitley Redevelopment Commission TIF District. The South Whitley Redevelopment Commission was already established earlier this year and would like to have this TIF area established. There are six lots that they would like to include in the area. After some discussion with the Commissioners, such as the increment of those lots now going to the South Whitley Redevelopment Commission, Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the South Whitley TIF District per Resolution 2018-05, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester reported that the Commissioners approved the low bid for the salt barn construction at their special meeting. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the bid and for the Chairman to sign the acceptance of the bid, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote. Brandon reported that they do still have a place to store salt until the facility is complete. They will begin doing some clearing of the area and will begin the relocation of the sewer line. Brandon informed the Commissioners that the old chip spreader is on the Gov Deals site and hopes to sell it soon. In regard to department operations, they are currently doing pavement markings and striping. They will also continue to berm the edge of the roads and trimming to get ready for next season. The Community Crossings grant application deadline is September 28th and the County can receive up to \$1,500,000. Whitley County received \$670,000 during last year's grant cycle.

IN THE MATTER OF RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS: There were three right-of-way permits presented to the Commissioners. The Drainage Board approved all of the permit requests and Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester gave his approval as well. The first request was for North Wolf Road and Old Business 30. This request

is to provide Oaks Nursing home with Ethernet services. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote. The second request was for River Road in South Whitley. This is to replace existing materials that cannot be repaired. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote. The third request was for 650 West to provide new buried service wire to a location. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The minutes from the September 4, 2018 regular Commissioner meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioners reviewed the payroll claims. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote. The claim distributions from September 4, 2018 through September 17, 2018 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.

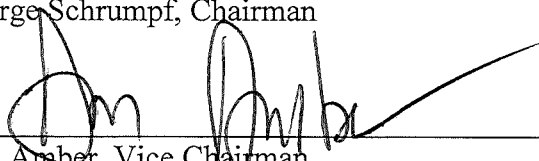
IN THE MATTER OF THE 2018 AMENDED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SCHEDULE: The Commissioners reviewed the 2018 amended accounts payable schedule due to the change in the claims process. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the amended schedule, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote.


IN OTHER BUSINESS: Scott Wagner from the Health Department presented an emergency order for an abandoned house at Goose Lake. The cost of the cleanup with be approximately \$3,650.00. The foreclosure process on the house is completed and the previous owners moved out in March. They need to completely clean the property and bait all of the mice that are infesting the house. Scott stated that there are no hazardous materials other than trash and mice. Commissioner Amber made a motion for the quote to clean up the property for \$3,650.00, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote. An individual from the public had a complaint about the solid waste management district. He stated that the workers are littering and leaving things they will not accept in individual's yards and in the road. Commissioner Amber informed him that the Solid Waste Board meeting again October 15th and asked for him to attend with his concerns. Commissioner Schrumpf received a request for approval of the meeting dates for Community Corrections. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the Community Corrections Advisory Board and Executive Committee meetings, seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Amber informed the Commissioners that he would still like to adopt an ordinance against blowing grass in the roadway and would like it to begin being discussed.

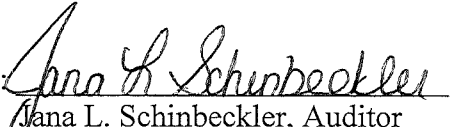
IN OLD BUSINESS: In regard to Ordinance 2009-08, Attorney Shipman or the Sheriff do not have any updates or anything to present at this time. Commissioner Amber made a motion to table until the next meeting, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Schrumpf adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm

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George Schrumpf, Chairman

Don Amber, Vice Chairman


Thomas Western

Attest: 
Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor