

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 1, 2019

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 1, 2019 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. Member absent was Vice Chairman Thomas Western. Others in attendance were Attorney Matt Shipman, Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Human Resource Director/County Coordinator Angela Campbell, Commissioner's Assistant Jennifer Shinabery, Chief Deputy Auditor Tiffany Forrester, Theresa Green, Rozena Heintzelman, Johan Bernard, David Raypole, Kevin Kellermeyer, Kurt Carlson from the Bowen Center, EDC President Jon Myers, Mista Lauber from the Bowen Center, Jaqueline Argumedo, Mark Sturtevant from the Maintenance Department, Paula Reimers from Community Corrections, Community Corrections Director Paula Worden, County Assessor Kim Erdly, Theresa Green, Superior Court Judge Fahl, Mary Hartman from the Peabody Public Library and Rob Ryan from the Bowen Center.

Chairman Schrumpf opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: Attorney Matt Shipman informed the Commissioners that there was an issue with the recording of a deed. Shipman and Auditor Schinbeckler worked through the issues and came to a resolution. Attorney Shipman also stated that he reviewed a Koorsen Fire & Security contract for Mark Sturtevant and he gives it his approval.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PRETRIAL SERVICES GRANT: Paula Reimers from Community Corrections, along with Judge Rentschler and Judge Fahl, were present to inform the Commissioners that they received a Pretrial Services grant. Whitley County was paid \$94,168.00 for this grant and the courts are asking to utilize the funds. They are requesting the funds to be used for a full time salary of \$43,500 plus benefits. Commissioner Amber made a favorable pass to Council for the courts to utilize the grant funds, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 2/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF PTABOA MEMBERS: County Assessor Kim Erdly was present to request the Commissioners to appoint two new board members. The two members Kim is requesting Jeff Walker and Treasa Sideris, which were recommended by the Democratic Party because they have to be the opposite political party of the Elected Official. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the appointments of Jeff Walker and Treasa Sideris, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 2/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EDC: EDC President Jon Myers informed the Commissioners that Red Star Manufacturing is having internet issues and would like to bring in fiber. They have already looked into the cost of bringing fiber for internet into their building. It would cost exactly \$16,792.00 to build out the infrastructure from the current network to take it over to Red Star Manufacturing. Jon is asking if the Commissioners are willing to use On Site/Off Site funds from CEDIT to build out the infrastructure to reach Red Star Manufacturing. Commissioner Amber stated that this is an economic issue and the County needs to support the businesses. Commissioner Amber then made a motion to approve the \$16,792.00 to come out of On Site/Off Site CEDIT funds, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 2/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BOWEN CENTER UPDATE: Kurt Carlson and Mista Lauber were present to give an update on the Bowen Center to the Commissioners. Kurt stated that the County contributed \$204,480 of County funds to assist in the Bowen Center's mission of providing quality, cost-effective services to Whitley County clients. Those dollars helped provide \$668,209 of free care to Whitley County residents. The Bowen Center's 48 Whitley County-based staff served 1,102 Whitley County residents. Those employees provided 37,869 services to those clients and families. Mista then shared a success story with the Commissioners and gave a list of all the services the Bowen Center provides, along with an After Care program.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The minutes from the June 17, 2019 regular Commissioner meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 2/0 vote. After reviewing the payroll claims, Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 2/0 vote. The claim distributions from June 17, 2019 through July 1, 2019 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 2/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS: Attorney Shipman presented a County Materiality Policy to the Commissioners. This is a requirement from the State for internal control procedures and standards. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the Materiality Policy per Resolution 2019-07, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 2/0 vote. Auditor Schinbeckler presented two additional appropriation to the Commissioners for their County General and CEDIT budgets. The request for County General in the amount of \$28,500 was due to a Worker's Compensation audit that was not planned or in the budget. The request for CEDIT in the amount of \$212,500 for On & Off Site Improvements was due to the Commissioners paying for a road improvement and the Redevelopment Commission reimbursing CEDIT. Commissioner Amber made a favorable pass to Council to approve both additional appropriation requests, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 2/0 vote. Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor

IN THE MATTER OF REQUESTS TO USE COUNTY FACILITIES: Commissioner’s Assistant Jennifer Shinabery stated there was one request to use County facilities. The request was from the Whitley County Community Christmas Committee. They would like to use the Courthouse on Friday, December 6th and Saturday, December 7th for the Whitley County Community Christmas Celebration. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 2/0 vote.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Schrumpf adjourned the meeting at 1:15 PM.


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George Schrumpf, Chairman

Thomas Western, Vice Chairman



Don Amber, Commissioner

Attest: 
Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor