

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
May 20, 2013

The Whitley County Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, May 20, 2013 at 1pm in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Commissioners in attendance were Vice Chair Don Amber and Tom Rethlake. Chairman George Schrupf was absent. Also in attendance were Auditor Jennifer McGuire, Pam Smith, Dan Sigler, Michael Barton, Butch Sterner, Ed Myers, Stanley Crum, Brett Myers, Scott Jones, Bill Smith, Joan Null, Holly Hicks, Katie Wagner, Brandon Forrester and Otto Boschet.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY: County Attorney Dan Sigler is currently working with the Health Department to make amendments to two County Ordinances. The first change increases the acreage of a parcel for the current Junk & Trash Ordinance and the second is the Septic Ordinance to comply with the new State statute effective July 1, 2013. Both will be completed for the Commissioner's approval before implementing the changes.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY HIGHWAY: Michael Barton, Highway Supervisor, updated the Commissioners on the Summer Program at the Highway. The work on Lincolnway Road will be finished. Barton has met with Bill Hartman to work on plans for the road work on East County Line Road. The Highway will be accepting quotes for the new backhoe. The new funding amounts for the legislative change will start with distributions in August and September and will have an impact on the 2014 Highway Budget, Auditor McGuire will work with the Department for changes. The calcium chloride applications for 2013 will be done sometime in the next couple weeks, if anyone wants additional coverage they are directed to call GLC. The new County truck will be delivered in 2-3 weeks.

IN THE MATTER OF ENERGY SYSTEMS GROUP: Ed Myers had contacted Commissioner Schrupf to introduce his company's program that does an overview of operating cost for cities and counties. The saving programs are directed towards gas, electric and water usage. Energy Systems Group is a competitor of Havel who we are currently in contract with. Mr. Myers will leave his business card and if the need arises for quotes we will have his contact information.

IN THE MATTER OF 9-1-1 VOICE RECORDER: Scott Jones and Kathy Shively addressed the Commissioners to request a new 9-1-1 Voice Recorder. The equipment will cost around \$30,000 and will be compatible with the new 9-1-1 Next Generation equipment recently installed. The cost will be split between the 9-1-1, Sheriff's department and the Prosecutor's office for funding the purchase. The decision will be tabled until the June 3, 2013 Commissioner meeting when better quotes are presented from the vendors for actual cost. Jones reported the new equipment installed on April 30, 2013 was up and running. There were some additional cost but the bill will be split between the County and SDS from Frontier on a SIP (system information procedure) that was not figured into the original cost. The Northeast Consortium is looking at some standardized training for 9-1-1 dispatching that will be State wide; the program will run through Ivy Tech as continuing education classes and will cross train with all the Counties.

IN THE MATTER OF UTILITY PERMIT: A Utility Permit from Aaron Schoon, Impact CNC and Butch Sterner, SDS Communications, was presented to the Commissioner's for approval. Brandon Forrester, County Engineer, did not approve the request of a private utility being ran in the public easement. Forrester thinks this will cause trouble in the future for locating the fiber cable in the easement if it is not on the #811 Call Program. A new permit was presented to use a 30 foot easement under Governors Drive not using the easement along Williams. A motion to allow the permit if using the 30' easement at Governors was made by Amber, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 2/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: Minutes from the May 6, 2013 were approved as presented by Rethlake, seconded by Amber and carried with a 2/0 vote. The claim disbursements for May 20, 2013 were reviewed by Commissioners, after discussion a motion by Rethlake to approve the claims, seconded by Amber and carried with a 2/0 vote. Commissioner Amber sent a "Thank You" out to all the County employees for submitting a MapQuest for all mileage claims presented for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY COORDINATOR: Pam Smith, County Coordinator, let the Commissioner know the new County Policy Manual will be distributed in the next couple of weeks with the updates. The department heads will have their employees sign for the Acknowledgement Forms and return.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BOWEN CENTER: The annual request for appropriations letter from the Bowen Center was addressed in the Commissioner's meeting. The funding request for 2014 is in the amount of \$181,340. The information is going to be reviewed and presented to Council at Budget meetings. At this time Commissioner Amber tabled any decision until the June 3, 2013 meeting, seconded by Rethlake and carried with a 2/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF AUDITOR'S OFFICE: Auditor McGuire presented a Tax Sale Support Addendum from our vendor SRI. There will be an increase of \$5.00 per parcel charge for the 2013 Tax Sale. Treasurer Laurell Hodges and Auditor McGuire decided to pass this increase along to the delinquent tax payer and it will increase the parcel cost from \$140 to \$145. A motion by Rethlake to approve the increase for the Tax Sale parcels cost was made, seconded by Amber and carried with a 2/0 vote. The 2014 Budget Form #1's will be distributed to the Department Heads the last week in May to be returned to the Auditor's office by the end of June to start the new Budget year. The new Sex Offender Fee Ordinance has been advertised twice and the Sheriff's department is ready to implement the fee starting on June 1, 2013. The final quote from Mark Sturtevant in Maintenance was submitted to Travelers from the storm damage and a quote of \$10,764 to replace the compressor was submitted. The claim was reopened and we will know next week if it will be covered through insurance.

IN OTHER BUSINESS: Otto Boschett questioned the Commissioner's if there was any type of Grounding Rod on top of the buildings and if this would have helped the storm damage. The Commissioners will look into the question and check with Maintenance. Stanley Crum, the Commissioner's appointment to the Wood-Land & Lakes board has taken a position on the Land Committee. Commissioner Rethlake contacted the Legion for the upgrade to the American Flags that are purchased for Memorial Day, he was too late this year but they will look into changes next year and look at the cost increase. The monthly Sheriff's Department vehicle inventory report was submitted.

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Absent
George Schrupf, Chairman

Don Amber, Vice Chairman

Tom Rethlake

Attest: _____
Jennifer McGuire
Auditor