

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

August 14, 2017

The Whitley County Council met in regular session at 2:00 pm on Monday, August 14, 2017 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Members in attendance were Chairman John Barrett, Vice Chairman William Overdeer, James Bayman, Glen LaRue, Kim Wheeler, Thor Hodges and Chad Banks. Others in attendance were Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Commissioner Thomas Western, Commissioner Don Amber, Commissioner George Schrumpf, Chief Probation Officer Amy Motter, EMA Director Amy Biggs, County Coordinator Pamela Smith, Maintenance Supervisor Mark Sturtevant, Nadean Lamle from Soil & Water, Janelle Schmitt from the Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Marc Gatton, Sean Martin and Jody Hollenbaugh from the Sheriff's Department, County Clerk Debbie Beers, Cindy Doolittle, County Recorder April Whetstone, County Assessor Rita Sauders, County Treasurer Laurell Schroeder, Dr. Lisa Hatcher, Angela Campbell from the Engineer's Office, Scott Wagner from the Health Department, Dani Tippmann from the Museum, Planning Director Nathan Bilger and Deb Schrader from Superior Court.

Chairman John Barrett called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2018 BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Circuit Court:

1000.11106.000.0136	Judges Supplement	Reduced \$2,000.00
1000.12702.000.0136	Pauper Attorney	Reduced \$15,000.00
1000.34700.000.0136	Technology	Reduced \$4,000.00

Judge Rentschler send the Council members a letter for each line item they reduced.

Superior Court:

1000.36005.000.0137	Exams Medical	Reduced \$7,500.00
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Judge Fahl sent the Council members an email for the line item they reduced.

Probation:

1000.11601.000.0143	Probation Officer (3)	Reduced \$6,958.00
1000.11803.000.0143	Probation Officer (4)	Reduced \$1,040.00

Chief Probation Officer Amy Motter stated that the Council must follow the 2018 minimum salary schedule for Probation Officers set by the Judicial Conference of Indiana.

Health:

1159.11616.000.0214	Food Sanitarian	Reduced \$41,912.00
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Scott Wagner from the Health Department stated that there is not enough coverage in the Health Department so they are requesting a full-time sanitarian. They have to close the office during lunch hours due to the lack of coverage and they would prefer not to do that. The Council decided to leave the Food Sanitarian in the Health Department budget after speaking with Scott.

Clerk:

Clerk Debbie Beers stated that she would be willing to cut the line item 1000.32003.000.0122 because the upgrades that she put into the budget do not need to be completed until 2020. The Council cut the line item from \$67,000.00 to \$39,500.00. Debbie also mentioned that she would rather allow comp time than to have an overtime budget in elections.

Emergency Management:

1000.11600.000.0146	Deputy (1)	Reduced \$15,223.00
1000.21000.000.0146	Operating Supplies	Reduced \$8,700.00

The Council decided to leave the Deputy (1) position for now as part-time. In regard to Operating Supplies, the EMA Office needs new office equipment. EMA Director Amy Biggs presented a picture of the office furniture to the Council to show them the poor shape it currently is in. Amy contacted Hinen Printing and they dropped their price to \$5,500.00 so now she is requesting the Operating Supplies line item to be \$9,500.00. The Council approved the \$9,500.00 for the Operating Supplies.

E911:

1222.12103.000.1222	Dispatcher (1)	Reduced \$3,000.00
1222.34000.000.1222	Telephone	Reduced \$2,500.00

1224.38001.000.1222 IT Services Reduced \$6,500.00

The Council decided to not reduce the Dispatcher (1) pay by \$3,000.00 so the total appropriation will be \$45,861.00. The telephone and IT services line items were left with the reductions.

Sheriff:

1000.24000.000.0105 Uniforms Reduced \$5,000.00
1000.38001.000.0105 IT Services Reduced \$10,000.00

Sheriff Gatton stated that these reductions were acceptable.

Jail:

1000.24000.000.0132 Uniforms Reduced \$2,500.00
1000.37004.000.0132 Equip Repair & Maint Reduced \$20,000.00

Sheriff Gatton stated that these reductions were acceptable.

Planning:

1000.11101.000.0124 Director Reduced \$7,803.00

Planning Director Nathan Bilger stated that the factoring for his actual position per the Personnel Committee is \$58,262.00. The Council stated that they do not want to make any further decisions on salaries at this time.

Commissioners:

1000.17300.000.0130 Group Insurance Reduced \$49,000.00
1000.17400.000.0130 Unemployment Comp Reduced \$4,000.00
1000.20000.000.0130 Supplies Reduced \$5,000.00
1000.21001.000.0130 Computer Supplies Reduced \$5,000.00
1000.30009.000.0130 Legal Services Reduced \$50,000.00
1000.31001.000.0130 Consultant/Engineering Reduced \$5,000.00
1000.37006.000.0130 Equip Maint/Lease Reduced \$28,600.00

The Commissioners accepted the cuts the Council recommended.

Highway:

1176.11109.000.0201 Council questioning how many additional truck drivers
1176.11201.000.0201 Supervisor Reduced \$52,644.00
1176.11302.000.0201 Office Asst Reduced \$38,438.00

The Council questioned the number of Highway Truck drivers Brandon was requesting. Brandon stated that for the 2018 budget he is requesting 11 truck drivers and 6 operators and they currently have 10 truck drivers and 6 operators. Council member Overdeer made a motion to approve the additional truck driver, the motion died for lack of a second. In regard to the Supervisor position, Chairman Barrett asked if there was a motion to approve the Supervisor position and no motion was made. In regard to the Office Assistant, Brandon stated that the position is not needed at this time because the State Statute that he would have needed the position for has been put on hold.

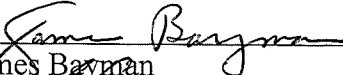
IN OTHER BUSINESS: Maintenance Supervisor Mark Sturtevant informed the Council that a compressor for the Government Center stopped working. He received two estimates for a new compressor with a five year warranty. The two quotes were from WSM Mechanical and Havel. The total for WSM was \$14,010.00 and then if the County would like to purchase a five year warranty it would add \$1,134.00 to the cost. The total for Havel was \$17,631.00 and the warranty would be an additional \$2,100.00. Mark informed the Council that the compressor that needs replaced is three years old and that is why he recommends the County purchasing the five year warranty. Council member Overdeer made a motion to purchase the compressor out of the Maintenance budget. There is not sufficient funds to pay the compressor out of the Maintenance budget so Overdeer withdrew his motion. Council member Bayman made a motion to approve the estimate from WSM Mechanical and to purchase the five year warranty out of Cumulative Capital Development, seconded by Wheeler and passed with a 3/0 vote. Sheriff Gatton noted that his Chief Deputy needs to be making 80% of his salary according to the Ordinance 2002-10 so he believes it should be \$84,634.40 for 2017. In regard to salaries, the Council made no decisions at this time and would like to wait to make any decisions until after the DLGF budget review workshop.

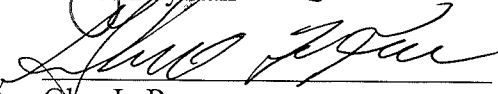
There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.


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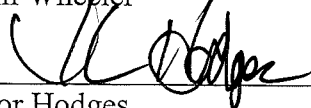

John Barrett, Chairman


William Overdeer, Vice Chairman


James Bayman

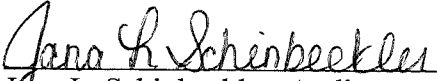

Glen LaRue


Kim Wheeler


Thor Hodges


Chad Banks

Attest:


Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor

