

**MEMORANDUM OF THE
CODE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 2, 2018 3:00 P.M.**

Brad Wolfe welcomed the attendees.

The meeting began with a presentation from Scott Wagner of the Health Department. He answered questions from the members and explained the role of his department. He explained the classification of an impaired waterway. He explained the challenges the county faces with clay tiles, failing septic systems, and enforcing strict regulations. He discussed the reasons behind the majority of complaints received from the community. He explained the NRCS office provides a good resource to aid in erosion control. He also mentioned the Tippecanoe Watershed Foundation is considering ways to keep fowl off of the lake shores. He stated that IDEM has good regulations, but are challenged with limited resources.

Mr. Bilger shared a document comparing 5 counties, including Whitley, regarding current codes on CFOs. This document accompanied another document showing 4 different framework options - with pros and cons, which he also reviewed.

Mr. O'Connell shared some employment statistics shared in the February 2018 edition of the Columbia City High School Eagle Eye Newsletter.

Mr. Murphy shared information he gathered during his research on the topic of Transportation.

Mr. Werstler shared his research on economics.

Mr. Bilger shared research that gave the number of farms as well as the number of various animals in the county from 1910 to 2012.

There was some discussion on local farm expansions versus foreign investments and whether additional research on this topic would be valuable.

There was some discussion on the benefits of having stricter regulations compared to neighboring counties. Mr. Wolfe explained he had put together a comparison of some of the surrounding counties.

Mr. Eshelman said he had research regarding Hamilton County, but was not able to share it at the time.

Ms. Studebaker shared some thoughts she had written out.

Any document or information referred to in this memorandum was posted on the Whitley County website on the Code Development Committee page.

The meeting concluded at 4:30 p.m.

Attendance
February 2, 2018

Committee Members

1. Brad Wolfe
2. Doug Wright
3. Emily Studebaker
4. Brooks Langeloh
5. Joan Null
6. Stanley Crum
7. Mark Johnson
8. Rita Harness
9. Jeff Johnson
10. John O'Connell
11. Patrick Murphy
12. Cory Schipper
13. Pete Eshelman
14. Liz Deckard

Other Attendees

1. Alayne Johnson
2. Barb Hohenstein
3. Paul Mills
4. Betty Mills
5. Sue Sorgenfrie
6. Denise Heckman
7. Joe Lopez
8. Susan Laurence
9. Brent Emerick
10. Lucas Wright
11. D. Hinslea
12. Matt Shipman
13. George Schrumph
14. Tom Western

Others may have been in attendance, but did not sign the attendance sheet.

Staff Members

1. Nathan Bilger
2. Jennifer Shinabery
3. Scott Wagner