

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

February 6, 2017

The Whitley County Council met in regular session at 8:00 am on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Thor Hodges, Vice Chairman Chad Banks, James Bayman, Glen LaRue, Kim Wheeler, William Overdeer. Absent was Council member John Barrett. Others in attendance were Chief Deputy Auditor Tamela Hamilton, County Coordinator/Human Resource Director Angela Campbell, Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester, County Assessor Kim Erdly, Tim Kumfer, Barbara Hohenstein and Planning Director Nathan Bilger.

Chairman Thor Hodges called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHIEF DEPUTY AND DEPUTY PAY: County Assessor Kim Erdly is requesting that the current Deputy position in the Assessor's office be brought up to the COMOT II base salary of \$37,378.00. This would bring the Deputy salary up to match the salary of the Deputies in the Clerk and Auditor's Office. The Assessor's office is required to hold State Certifications. Indiana law states a Deputy Assessor shall hold the Indiana Level I and II Indiana Assessor-Appraiser Certifications. The Deputy salary has not been address for several years with the exception of the annual salary increases given by the County. Along with the experience of holding this Deputy position, a lot of the work this Deputy does involves the State mandated Cyclical Re-assessment, which has created a lot more work for this position in the Assessor's Office. The Deputy position is being paid from the Reassessment budget and is currently at a salary of \$35,730.00. The salary ordinance amendment for this position to be paid \$1,649.00 more per year was presented to the Council. The Council asked if this position had been re-factored and it has not been yet. Council member Overdeer made a motion to approve the request and there was discussion. Council member Bayman stated that he is in favor of this but he has hesitation to approve it because he wants to wait until the Personnel Committee is in place. Council member Overdeer withdrew his motion until the Personnel Committee is put into place. The decision was tabled and the raise can be given retroactive when a decision is made. The second request was to hire another Deputy on February 12, 2018 and Kim is requesting to have a temporary Deputy position created for the Assessor's Office. She will take over as Chief Deputy as soon as she receives her certifications. Kim is not requesting for additional funds, it would just be a position created temporarily and the Chief Deputy funds would be transferred to this Deputy position until the new person could be paid out of the Chief Deputy line item. Council member Bayman made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Wheeler and passed with a 6/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE RDC APPOINTMENTS: Planning Director Nathan Bilger presented a few appointment sheets to the Council. The appointments are for the Redevelopment Commission and the Redevelopment Commission is made up of five voting members, two of which are appointment by the Council and three are appointed by the Commissioners. They all serve one year terms and the two individuals that are appointed by the Council are Kim Wheeler and James Argerbright. Nathan stated that this is a housekeeping item and the forms are more of a formality. The Council signed the appointment forms appointing Kim Wheeler and James Argerbright to the Redevelopment Commission.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: The Council feels that the Personnel Committee should be a five member Committee made up of a few Council members, a Commissioner and the Auditor. Kim Wheeler, Thor Hodges and Chad Banks would like to be the members of the Council on the Personnel Committee. The final members of the Committee are Kim Wheeler, Chad Banks, Thor Hodges, Commissioner George Schrupf and Auditor Jana Schinbeckler.

IN THE MATTER OF THE UPDATED UмбаUGH FORM OF AGREEMENT: The Council reviewed the updated form of agreement for Umbaugh. Council member Banks made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by LaRue and passed with a 6/0 vote.

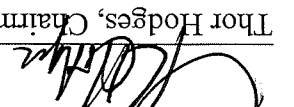
COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Commissioner Schrupf gave a report from the Commissioners meeting:

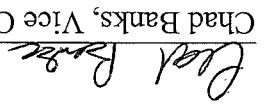
- Commissioner Schrupf informed the Council that Regional IIIA is requesting that the Commissioners appoint someone to their Board even though Whitley County is no longer part of Region IIIA. The Commissioners decided not to appoint someone to the Region IIIA Board at this time.
- In regard to the County Health Trust fund, Commissioner Schrupf reported the fund is up to \$323,000 and he would like approval from the Council to be able to take the \$100,000 that is available from CEDIT and \$150,000 from the Trust fund to pay off the Health insurance loan that the County has. The Commissioners have already given a favorable pass to Council. The Council came to the consensus to approve this request.
- Commissioner Schrupf reported that he will bring their 2018 CEDIT plan to the Council at their next meeting for their approval.

- Commissioner Schrumpf informed the Council that the Jail Task Force is still addressing the overcrowding issue at the jail.

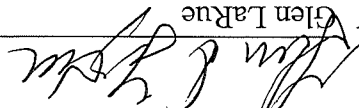
IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES: The minutes from the January 3, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Council member LaRue made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Overdeer and carried with a 6/0 vote. There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

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Thor Hodges, Chairman

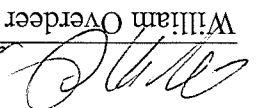

Chad Banks, Vice Chairman

Kim Wheeler

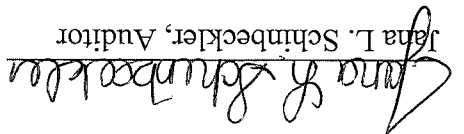

Glen LaRue

James Bayman

John Barrett


William Overdeer

Attest:


Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor