

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

August 7, 2018

The Whitley County Council met in regular session at 8:00 am on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Thor Hodges, Kim Wheeler, James Bayman, Glen LaRue, John Barrett and William Overdeer. Absent was Vice Chairman Chad Banks. Others in attendance were Commissioner George Schrupf, Abbi Ogden and Sandi Gray from the Whitley County Humane Society, County Assessor Kim Erdly, Janelle Schmitt from the Sheriff Department, Edward Scott from Emergency Management, Sheriff Marcus Gatton, Mary Hartman from the Peabody Public Library, Mackenzie DeGroot from the Post & Mail, Jason Spencer from the Sheriff's Department and Congressman Jim Banks.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE HUMANE SOCIETY UPDATE: President of the Humane Society Board, Sandi Gray, was present to give a Humane Society update on the system upgrades, donations, programs and specific hoarder cases they have had within the last year. Sandi also introduced the new Director Abbi Ogden to the Council.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST: The Council reviewed the additional appropriation request:

Whereas, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget, now therefore Section 1. Be it ordained (resolved) by the Whitley County Council of Whitley County, Indiana that for the expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to laws governing the same:

Reassessment:

1224.11600.000.0234	Deputy	\$1,589.00
1224.35600.000.0234	Contracted Services	\$77,150.00

The additional appropriation for the Deputy is due to not enough monies being appropriate to pay this Deputy the correct pay. The additional appropriation for Contracted Services is the result of the Assessor's Office switching vendors for their software. Council member Bayman made a motion to approve the additional appropriation request, seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 6/0 vote.

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


- Commissioner Schrupf informed the Council that he had a meeting with the liability insurance company and they recommended that the County has an appraisal done on all of the County buildings. The insurance company recommended this to ensure that none of the buildings are being underinsured. The proposal that he received was from Deyo/Stone Associates for \$3,200.00. Schrupf recommended that this proposal be paid out of Cumulative Capital Development. Council member Wheeler asked why the insurance company is not responsible to pay for this rather than the County. Commissioner Schrupf stated that he would check with the insurance company and report back to the Council.
- Commissioner Schrupf also informed the Council that the Commissioners are recommending a 3% increase to all employees for 2019.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES: The Council did not review or approve the July 3, 2018 minutes at this time.

IN OTHER BUSINESS: Whitley County Sheriff Gatton was present to present a check that was received for a squad car that hit a deer on July 7, 2018 from the insurance company in the amount of \$13,293. Gatton requested a favorable pass from the Commissioners to go to Council to request the monies from the check be put into the Sheriff's account to be used towards the new squad cars being purchased. The Commissioners gave a favorable pass to Council for this request. Council member Barrett made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Overdeer and carried with a 6/0 vote. Auditor Jana Schinbeckler informed the Council that the budget workshop for the County with the Department of Local Government Finance will be Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 10:30 AM. Schinbeckler also informed the Council that due to there being 27 payrolls in calendar year 2018, the first payroll of the year finished 2017 salary ordinance which makes the by-weekly for that pay higher than the rest of the year since it was for 26 pays. This creates a shortage for specific positions budgets for 2018. Council member Bayman made a motion to Schinbeckler to go to each department and get a transfer from them for the shortage, seconded by Barrett and carried with a 6/0 vote.

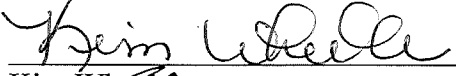
There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 AM.

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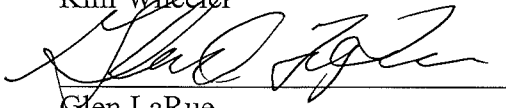


Thor Hodges, Chairman

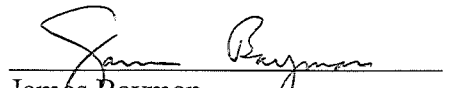
Chad Banks, Vice Chairman




Kim Wheeler




Glen LaRue



James Bayman

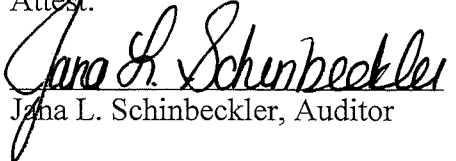


John Barrett



William Overdeer

Attest:



Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor