

# WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

January 8, 2019

The Whitley County Council met in regular session at 8:00 am on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 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, Kim Wheeler, Thomas Warner, Timothy Kumfer, John Barrett and William Overdeer. Others in attendance were Commissioner George Schrupf, Human Resource Director/County Coordinator Angela Campbell, Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Human Resource Assistant/Payroll Assistant Tiffany Forrester, Chelsea Boulrisse from IN Whitley County, Brandon Forrester County Engineer, Amy Biggs Whitley County EMA, Sheriff Gatton, Judge Fahl Superior Court, Paula Worden from Community Corrections, Jason Spencer and Todd Cook from Sheriff's Department, Nathan Bilger from Planning and Building, County Assessor Kim Erdly, Mary Hartman from Peabody Public Library, Cindy Doolittle and Debbie Beers from the Clerk's Office and County Treasurer Laurell Schroeder.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Council member Barrett made a motion to keep officers as they are, with Councilman Thor Hodges as Chairman and Chad Banks and Vice Chairman, seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 7/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE NEW DEPUTY POSITION:** Sheriff Marc Gatton presented a need for a new Deputy position. Jason Spencer presented more information of the savings for the county. He explained the calculated hourly wages and the savings of \$50,000 in wages with the position being filled by a person that would not need the 16 week academy because of already being certified. Sheriff Gatton stated why they are needing a new position which is mostly due to the increased workload not only at the Jail but also with the courts. The new position would be \$53,183 annually plus benefits. Sheriff Gatton proceeded to explain that the LOIT budget can sustain another Deputy and they will be able to pay the new proposed salary out of the LOIT budget. Commissioners voted on a favorable pass to Council for this request. Council member Wheeler made a motion to table the request until the February Council meeting, asking Sheriff Gatton to speak to his candidates to keep them informed on the decision to table the request until February. Council member Banks seconded the request and passed with a 7/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ENCUMBRANCE REQUEST BY JUDGE FAHL:** Judge Fahl started with giving additional information in the matter of the need for a new Deputy, and his courts need of this additional deputy. Judge Fahl presented a request to Council to encumber funds to be put in 2019 budget to supplies.

*County General:*

1000.12602.000.0137	Petit Jury	\$4,000.00
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Council member Barrett made a motion to approve Judge Fahl's request to encumber funds to the supplies account, seconded by Overdeer with a 7/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND REDUCTION REQUEST:** Cindy Doolittle brought forth a matter regarding CSI computer systems not following through with the quote that was provided and they need to have additional funds in the amount of \$6,578.00 for the computer system as well as a salary no longer being paid out of the Clerk Incentive fund in the amount of \$11,145.00. Cindy stated that they will be moving forward with using Odyssey (State program) for the new computer system taking place in May. They are basically free compared to CSI. Cindy will be requesting a refund of the unused months with CSI and will work with Attorney Shipman to recover these funds.

*County General: Additional Appropriations*

1000.11600.000.0101	Deputy (1)	\$11,145.00
1000.37000.000.0101	Equip & Prog Maint	\$6,578.00

*Clerk Incentive: Appropriation Reduction*

8899.11600.000.0665	Deputy (1)	\$11,145.00
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Council member Barrett made a motion to approve the Clerks additional appropriations and reduction request, seconded by Council member Kumfer and passed with a 7/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ENCUMBRANCE REQUEST:** Amy Biggs from the EMA department had a request to encumber funds for operating supplies in the amount of \$8,000 to be brought forth in the 2019 budget.

*County General: Encumbrance*

1000.21000.000.0146	Operating Supplies	\$8,000.00
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Council member Kumfer made a motion to approve the request to encumber funds to the 2019 budget, seconded by Council member Banks and passed with a 7/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF ENCUMBRANCE AND ADDITIONAL/REDUCTIONS APPROPRIATION REQUEST:** County Engineer Brandon Forrester presented an additional appropriation and reduction request to the Council regarding funds needing moved from one fund to another.

*Local Roads & Streets: Additional*

1169.22200.000.0217	Tires & Tubes	\$20,000.00
1169.22300.000.0217	Garage Supplies	\$120,000.00
1169.26001.000.0217	Road Signs	\$15,000.00
1169.27200.000.0217	Calcium Chloride	\$45,000.00
1169.41001.000.0217	Equipment	\$320,000.00
1169.41100.000.0217	Garage Equipment	\$5,000.00

*Local Roads & Streets: Reductions*

1169.21200.000.0217	Road Improvements	\$450,000.00
1169.21700.000.0217	Cold Mat/Wedging	\$60,000.00
1169.21800.000.0217	Pavement Markings	\$25,000.00

*Motor Vehicle Highway: Additional*

1176.21002.000.0176	Stone & Gravel	\$100,000.00
1176.21200.000.0176	Road Improvements	\$100,000.00
1176.21800.000.0176	Pavement Markings	\$25,000.00
1176.23001.000.0176	Bituminous	\$300,000.00

*Motor Vehicle Highway: Reductions*

1176.22200.000.0176	Tires & Tubes	\$20,000.00
1176.22300.000.0176	Garage Supplies	\$120,000.00
1176.23001.000.0176	Bituminous	\$44,492.00
1176.26001.000.0176	Road Signs	\$15,000.00
1176.27200.000.0176	Calcium Chloride	\$45,000.00
1176.41001.000.0176	Equipment	\$320,000.00
1176.41100.000.0176	Garage Equipment	\$5,000.00

Council member Barrett made a motion to approve the requests for additional appropriations and reductions, seconded by Council member Overdeer passing with a 7/0 vote.

Brandon presented a need to encumber funds from 2018 to the 2019 budget for the Cumulative Bridge fund and the Motor Vehicle Highway fund.

*Cumulative Bridge: Encumbrance*

1135.39600.000.0203	Bridge Replacement	\$587,200.00
1135.31004.000.0203	Bridge Repair	\$65,500.00

*Motor Vehicle Highway: Encumbrance*

1176.41001.000.0203	Equipment	\$45,650.00
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Council member Barrett made a motion to approve the encumbrance request, seconded by Council member Overdeer passing with a 7/0 vote. Brandon also shared a new directive from the State Board of Accounts that was received December 20, 2018 for a new sub-fund to be implemented.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ENCUMBRANCE REQUEST:** Nathan Bilger from planning/building requested to carry funds forward for professional services in the amount of \$4,254.10 to cover the needs from court cases that can still be appealed.

*County General: Encumbrance*

1000.30000.000.0124 Professional Services \$4,254.10

Council Member Wheeler made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Member Warner, passing with a 7/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ENCUMBRANCE REQUEST:** Jana Schinbeckler Whitley County Auditor presented on behalf of the Prosecutors office for their need to encumber funds for a conference they attended in 2018 with the credit card statement not being paid until 2019.

*County General: Encumbrances*

1000.37001.000.0147	Training	\$129.00
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1000.37001.000.0108	Training	\$417.69
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Council Member Barrett made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Member Banks, passing with a 7/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ENCUMBRANCE REQUEST:** Jana Schinbeckler Whitley County Auditor presented on behalf of the Circuit Court for their need to encumber funds to cover supplies, attorney fees and public defender services.

*County General: Encumbrances*

1000.30011.000.0136	Public Defender Services	\$346.52
1000.12706.000.0136	CHINS Pauper Attorney	\$529.63
1000.20000.000.0136	Supplies	\$5,136.75

Council Member Kumfer made motion to approve the encumbrance, seconded by Council Member Overdeer, passing with a 7/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE 2019 SALARY ORDINANCE RE-APPROVAL:** County Auditor Jana Schinbeckler presented an updated copy of the salary ordinance. Council Member Banks made a motion to approve the salary ordinance per Ordinance 2019-01, seconded by Council Member Wheeler and passed with a 7/0 vote.

**APPOINTMENTS/CHANGES:** In regard to the 2019 Council Board/Committee Assignments, the changes were as follows: Timothy Kumfer was assigned to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, Thomas Warner was assigned to the Emergency Management Board, Chad Banks was the second assignment to the Joint Advisory Board, Timothy Kumfer was assigned to the Senior Citizen Center, John Barrett was assigned to the Pretrial Services Program and Thor Hodges was assigned to the Solid Waste Board.

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

- Commissioner Schrupf reported that DCS offered a proposal to lease the Annex Building, where the Extension office is located. He informed them that this will be a 6-8 month project. The lease would bring in \$6,000 per month for the building. Commissioner also stated that utilities average around \$900 per month for the building and we would still need to maintain the cleaning of the building.
- The main concern he is working on is the jail and overcrowding issues. They are working towards a population of 50 in the Jail instead of needing to build a new Jail.
- Working on renewal of health insurance, gathering quotes.
- Council was presented with a packet that was provided by the Director of Dispatch asking for \$1,000,000.00. The Commissioners are not ready to do anything at this point but wanted the Council to be aware. He also informed them that the County and City are looking to combine dispatches.
- The study group for combining the both dispatches will begin in March.

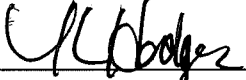
**IN THE MATTER OF 2018 SALARY COMPENSATION:** Jana Schinbeckler presented the 2018 salary compensation to the Council to be published for the public. Council Member Barrett made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Member Warner and passed with a 7/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES:** The Council reviewed the December 4, 2018 regular meeting minutes. Council member Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Barrett and passed with a 5/0 vote with Council member Kumfer and Warner abstaining.

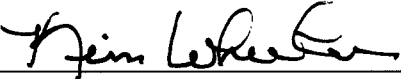
**IN OTHER BUSINESS:** Scott Wagner introduced Carly LaRue as new health educator for the Health Department. Angie updated the Council on the progress with WIS for the first round drafts being sent out for the new job descriptions and they need to be returned to her by Wednesday, January 16, 2019.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Hodges adjourned the meeting at 9:50 am.

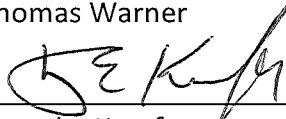
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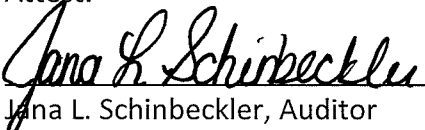
  
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Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor