

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

February 5, 2019

The Whitley County Council met in regular session at 8:00 am on Tuesday, February 5, 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 and William Overdeer. Absent was Council member John Barrett. 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, Sheriff Gatton, Jason Spencer from the Sheriff's Department, Vicki Builta from the South Whitley Public Library, Rachael Rosfeld from the Post & Mail, Planning Director Nathan Bilger 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 NEW DEPUTY POSITION: Sheriff Gatton was present to request an additional Sheriff Deputy. He provided a packet to the Council members prior to the meeting with information regarding this request. Auditor Schinbeckler stated the current cash balance of the Public Safety LOIT fund is \$738,622.42 and there will be surplus funds remaining at the end of the year if Council approves this request. Council member Overdeer made a motion to approve the request for additional funds for another Deputy, seconded by Kumfer and passed with a 6/0 vote. Council member Banks made a motion to approve the salary ordinance amendment for the additional Deputy, amending Ordinance 2019-01, seconded by Warner and carried with a 6/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REQUESTS: Commissioner Schrupf stated that he is postponing his request until the March Council meeting because he does not have all of the needed information to formally present the request at this time. Auditor Schinbeckler made a request to the Council for the Payroll Assistant position in the Auditor's Office to be full time. Auditor Schinbeckler has taken over File Management and the Department will now be open full time to the public. Schinbeckler is requesting an additional \$18,365.00 in her budget to cover the full time employee. Essentially, this request will not cost the County any additional money due to the individual already being full time, just split between the Auditor's Office and Human Resources. Council member Kumfer made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 6/0 vote.

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

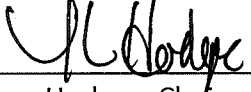
- Commissioner Schrupf reported to the Council that the Commissioners approved a contract with the Department of Child Services to rent the Annex building from the County. The County will have to spend \$120,000 in renovations for the building but it is a ten year contract and the Department of Child Services will pay \$6,000 per month for rent which amounts to \$720,000.00. Commissioner Schrupf does have an idea of where the Extension Office will move but nothing is final at this point in time. Schrupf is asking the Council to consider to fund the \$120,000 upgrades for the Annex building. Council member Banks made a motion for the cost for the renovations to be taken out of Cumulative Capital Development, seconded by Wheeler and passed with a 6/0 vote.
- Commissioner Schrupf informed the Council that he will be coming before them at their March meeting to ask for their consideration of adoption for the Local Jail Income tax. The rate the Commissioners will be requesting is the same rate as Cedit, 0.2 %.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES: The Council reviewed the January 8, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Council member Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Kumfer and passed with a 6/0 vote.

IN OTHER BUSINESS: Planning Director Nathan Bilger informed the Council that there have been several inquiries about their appointment to the County BZA. The Council did not make any appointments at this time. Auditor Schinbeckler presented a transfer request to Council for the File Management Clerk's wages effective February 10, 2019. Council member Kumfer made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Banks and passed with a 6/0 vote. Chairman Hodges stated that the Council needs to put an effective date on the Auditor's additional full time position. Council member Overdeer made a motion to approve this request effective February 10, 2019, seconded by Banks and carried with a 6/0 vote.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Hodges adjourned the meeting at 8:43 am.

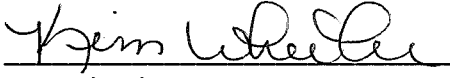
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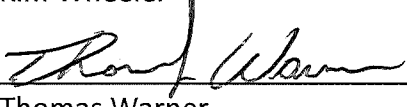
Thor Hodges, Chairman



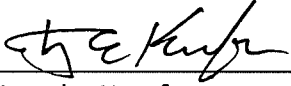
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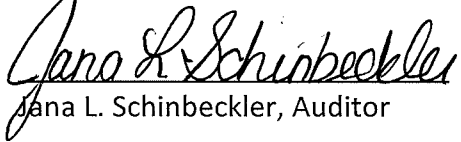
Timothy Kumfer

John Barrett



William Overdeer

Attest:



Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor