

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

April 2, 2019

The Whitley County Council met in regular session at 8:00 am on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Members in attendance were Vice Chairman Chad Banks, Kim Wheeler, Thomas Warner, Timothy Kumfer, John Barrett and William Overdeer. Chairman Thor Hodges was absent. Others in attendance were Commissioners George Schrupf and Tom Western, Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Deputy Auditor Tiffany Forrester, Maintenance Supervisor Mark Sturtevant, Kyle Peppler from the Maintenance Department, Judge Fahl, Judge Rentschler, Jill Snyder from Whitley DFI, EDC President Jon Myers, Mista Lauber from the Bowen Center, Mary Hartman from the Peabody Public Library, Director of the South Whitley Community Public Library Vicki Builta, Cindy Barnett from the Extension Office, Randy Culbertson and Randy Holler from the South Whitley Community Public Library.

Vice Chairman Chad Banks called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS: Judge Rentschler and Judge Fahl were present to request additional appropriations for their budgets. The Judges explained that the State is making it mandatory for all Courts and Clerk's Offices to change to the Odyssey Court Management system. With this change, the State is providing new computers for all of the employees in those offices but they are not providing the software update that is needed. Therefore, they are requesting for the additional appropriation of funds for each Court for this software because they are each required to have a license.

Circuit Court:

1000.347100.000.0136 Technology \$3,675.00

Superior Court:

1000.34700.000.0137 Technology \$3,675.00

Council member Barrett made a motion to approve the additional appropriation requests for both Judges, seconded by Kumfer and passed with a 6/0 vote. The Council also discussed the video teleconferencing software that they need to have hearings for prisoners. This allows them to have the hearings without transporting them to and from the Courthouse from the Jail. Commissioner Schrupf stated that there are funds available in CEDIT to cover the video teleconferencing software needed for the Courts. Council member Overdeer made a motion to approve the project for CEDIT funds, seconded by Wheeler and carried with a 6/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE WHITLEY COUNTY DFI GRANT REQUESTS: Jill Snyder presented the Whitley County Drug Free Indiana 2018 request for grant funding to the Council. The total amount requested is \$34,933.40 which is split up into four categories. The four categories are prevention/education, treatment/intervention, criminal justice services and administrative costs. Council member Barrett made a motion to approve the DFI grant funds, seconded by Wheeler and passed with a 6/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FACILITY PROJECT REPORT: Mark Sturtevant from the Maintenance Department was present to review the facility projects for 2019 with the Council. The first request Mark had was for the elevators in the Government Center and Jail. Due to the State having a new inspector, the County has received elevator violations that need to be fixed immediately. In order to fix the Government Center violations, the total is \$2,024.00 which is to replace the control panels in the elevators. In order to fix the Jail violations it is \$15,818.00 which includes a traveling cable for \$13,115.00 and rust remediation for \$2,703.00 giving a total of \$17,842.00. Council stated that the funds for the elevator repairs need to come out of Mark's County General budget and if he needs additional appropriations, they requested that he come back later in the year.

In regard to the 2019 facility projects, Mark's top priority projects are:

Jail:

44 Bradley Lavatory Valves: \$76,780

HVAC Software Upgrade: \$25,000

Courthouse:

Remainder of 4 Heat Pumps: \$35,000

East Steps: \$7,100

North Sidewalk: \$45,750

South Sidewalk: \$29,400

South Steps: \$2,980

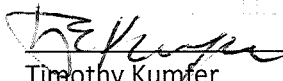
Government Center:

Boiler Restoration: \$20,000

Work Release:

Masonry Restoration (Water Damage): \$13,094

Mark discussed each individual project with the Council and they reviewed all of the projects. After discussion, Council member Kumfer made a motion for Mark to complete the HVAC software upgrade, the sidewalk and step updates, boiler



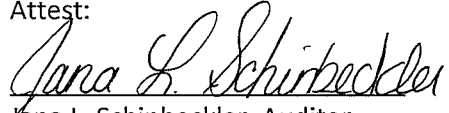
Timothy Kumfer

John Barrett



William Overdeer

Attest:



Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor

