

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 6, 2020

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 6, 2020 at 1:00 PM in the Commissioners' Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Commissioners in attendance were Chairman George Schrumpf, Vice Chairman Thomas Western and Commissioner Don Amber. Others in attendance were Attorney Matt Shipman, Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Commissioner's Assistant Jennifer Shinabery, Chief Deputy Auditor Tiffany Forrester, Michael Johnston from Garmong Construction, Becky Salaway from Whitley County Council on Aging, Dave Raypole, Doug Dukes from Elevatus, Cheryl Wagers from Stable Acres, Josh Goodman from RQAW, Janelle Schmitt from the Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Gatton, Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester, Theresa Green, Sonya Emerick, Mary Hartman from the Peabody Public Library, County Treasurer Laurell Schroeder, Mark Cullnane from the Planning Department, Denita Patrick from Stable Acres and Joan Null.

Chairman Schrumpf opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Commissioner Schrumpf nominated Commissioner Don Amber for Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Western and passed with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Amber nominated Thomas Western for Vice Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: Attorney Shipman had nothing to report to the Commissioners at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF THE RIVER ROAD ORDINANCE: Attorney Shipman has reviewed the River Road ordinance and given it his approval. The ordinance is to restrict truck traffic on West River Road between South State Road 105 and South 900 West and South 900 West between West State Road 14 and West River Road. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-01 for River Road, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE NEW DISPATCH POSITION: Sheriff Gatton and Janelle Schmitt were present to request the approval of a new dispatch position. Janelle explained to the Commissioners that with the workload that the dispatch center has and the amount of PTO time needed to be covered to allow employees to take time off, an additional person is needed. Janelle only allows two people off at a time. The hope with an additional dispatch position is to have three people there all the time on second shift because it is the busiest shift. The base salary amount for the position is \$43,835.00. Commissioner Schrumpf made a motion for a favorable pass to Council for the Dispatch position, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE OAK CREEK SECTION 3 SECONDARY PLAT: Mark Cullnane from the Planning and Building Department presented the Oak Creek Section 3 Secondary plat to the Commissioners for approval. The Plan Commission has already given their approval for the plat. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the plat, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2020 CAPITAL GRANT APPROVAL: Becky Salaway from Whitley County Council on Aging came before the Commissioners to request approval of a purchase order for her capital grant. This purchase order is for a van for Council on Aging and the van will be titled in the Commissioner's name. Commissioner Schrumpf made a motion to approve the purchase order and for the Chairman to sign, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester informed the Commissioners that he is beginning to work on his annual report for the Highway. He is also working on the Community Crossings grant application and the awards for the grant will be announced at the end of March or beginning of April. He will need the Commissioners to sign a financial commitment letter for this grant. Brandon informed the Commissioners that they will be reconstructing a bridge this year so it will be closed for a period of time. The bridge being replaced is the wood bridge on County Road 500 West that goes over the Eel River.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SES LANDFILL COST ESTIMATE: The Indiana Department of Environmental Management is mandating that the County install three gas monitoring points, soil borings will be completed and gas vents will be installed for the landfill. The approximate cost to the County to bring the landfill into compliance with IDEM's regulations will be \$10,380.00. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the cost estimate and to come out of the County General Commissioner's budget, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2020 BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS: After reviewing the Commissioner board assignments, Commissioner Schrumpf made a motion for the assignments to stay the same for 2020, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote. In regard to Commissioner Appointments, they will remain the same as well except Mike Hippenhammer has since replaced Gary Gordon for the Alcoholic Beverage Board for 2020.

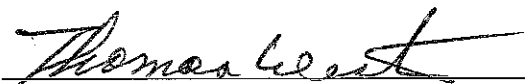
IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: After reviewing the payroll claims, Commissioner Schrumpf made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote. The claim distributions from December 16, 2019 through January 6, 2020 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Schrumpf made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote. The minutes from the December 16, 2019 meeting were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 3/0 vote.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Amber adjourned the meeting at 1:45 PM.

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Don Amber, Chairman



Thomas Western, Vice Chairman



George Schrumpf, Commissioner

Attest: 
Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor