

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 17, 2020

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 17, 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 Don Amber, Vice Chairman Thomas Western and Commissioner George Schrumpt. Others in attendance were Attorney Matt Shipman, Commissioner's Assistant Jennifer Shinabery, Chief Deputy Auditor Tiffany Forrester, Sheriff Gatton, Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester, Julie Jensen-Kelly and Paula Worden from Community Corrections, Sonya Emerick, Denita Patrick, County Assessor Kim Erdly, Kelley Sheiss, Nate Arnold, Matt Frost from West Side Tractor, Kevin Knuth from RPM Machinery, Amanda Lawrence from SJCA Engineers, Matt Janes from B & W Equipment, Mary Hartman from Peabody Library, Cheryl Wagers and Joan Null

Chairman Amber opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 4-WHEELER BID OPENING: Five bids were opened and taken under advisement. Commissioner Western made a motion and a second from Schrumpt that Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester will review and report back. Passing with a 3/0 vote.

B & W Equipment: Doosan \$167,854.13

RPM Machinery: Case \$195,450

MacAllister: Cat \$226,146.47

West Side Tractor: John Deere \$189,600

Rudd: Volvo Loader \$179,423

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: Attorney Shipman stated that he reviewed and gave his approval for an agreement/contract with HomeWay for Community Corrections to change and update their phone system. Paula Worden and Sheriff Gatton then gave an overview of the changes that it would bring and the income that will be guaranteed for each of them. Community Corrections will be guaranteed at least \$2,000/monthly or 40%, whichever is greater. The jail will receive \$5,000/monthly guaranteed. These new phones will allow participants to video chat with their families as well as make phone calls. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the contract with a second by Schrumpt, passing with a 3/0 vote.

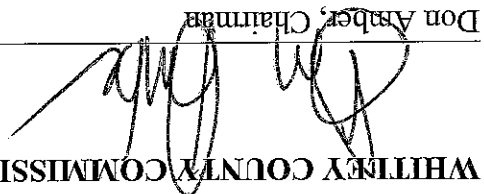
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF PTABOA MEMBERS: County Assessor Kim Erdly is asking for the appointment of 3 members. Commissioner Schrumpt made a motion to appoint Greg Fahl, Terry Knee and Jeff Walker again for the PTABOA board. Seconded by Western passing with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester informed the Commissioners that he has completed his annual financial report and if the Commissioners were ready to sign off on it he had it ready. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve with a second by Schrumpt. Passing with a 3/0 vote. Brandon also informed that the two trucks should be delivered to WA Jones this week or next for completion. Brandon then updated on the Community Crossings Grant that he applied for, we shouldn't expect to hear anything before April.

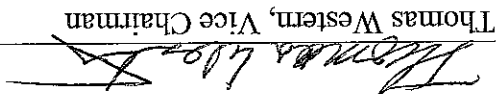
There were 3 ROW permits that were presented, 700 S for Century Link, TriStar and NipSCO at two locations 1186 & 1262 W 700 S. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve all ROW Permits with a second by Schrumpt. Passing with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: After reviewing the payroll claims, Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Schrumpt and carried with a 3/0 vote. The claim distributions from February 3, 2020 through February 17, 2020 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Schrumpt and carried with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Western did state that the utility bill amount was very high and that he wanted to think of what we could do to lower that. Attorney Shipman stated that maybe we could look into the lighting and getting different bulbs. The commissioners reviewed the February 3, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Schrumpt made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Amber and carried 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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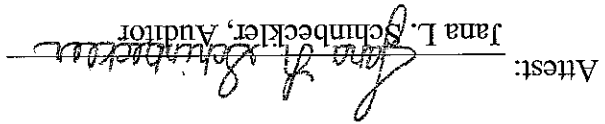


Don Amber, Chairman



Thomas Western, Vice Chairman

George Schrumpf, Commissioner

Attest: 

Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor