

## WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 2, 2020

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 2, 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 and Vice Chairman Thomas Western. Commissioner George Schrupf was absent. Others in attendance were Attorney Matt Shipman, Commissioner's Assistant Jennifer Shinabery, Chief Deputy Auditor Tiffany Forrester, Sheriff Gatton, Chief Deputy Spencer, Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester, Maintenance Director Mark Sturtevant, Becky Salaway from WC Transit, Sonya Emerick, Theresa Green, Rozena Heintzelman, Charlotte Blair, Cheryl Wagers and Joan Null

Chairman Amber opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY:** Attorney Shipman stated that he has reviewed several contracts, but didn't have anything to discuss at this time.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE TRAVELERS CHECK:** Chief Deputy Jason Spencer explained that they received a check from Travelers Insurance for Deputy Westerman's accident from March of last year. The case is not done, but this is a check that we received in the amount of \$2,803.50 and requesting a favorable pass from the Commissioners to go to Council and request that the funds from the check be deposited back into the garage fund to help cover costs. Commissioners gave a favorable pass for this to go to the Council meeting 3/3/2020.

**IN THE MATTER OF FLEET MANAGEMENT:** Scott Wagner was present to give the Commissioners an update on fleet management expense costs. Last year the Commissioners asked Scott if he would reach out to local automotive shops to see if they would give the County any discounts on vehicle repairs. With the exception of the Sheriff's Department and the Highway Department. That way all other county vehicles would be repaired at the same auto body shop to see if we can save the County some money on repairs. Commissioner Western made a motion to table the 3 quotes that we have received until a later date, with a second by Amber, passing with a 2/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF DAR HISTORICAL MARKER:** Charlotte Blair who serves as a State Regent of Indiana DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) was present to ask permission to place a historical marker on the courthouse square. Any costs associated with this would be covered by DAR. This will be a standing marker next to the tree that they planted on the square. The Commissioners ask that she work with our maintenance director in making sure that he is on board with all of this. Commissioner Western made a motion to allow DAR to place the historical marker on the square as long as they work with Mark Sturtevant in completing this. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amber and passing with a 2/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF BECKY SALAWAY:** Becky Salaway presented a purchase invoice for a replacement vehicle from a prior accident to the Commissioners to be signed, along with title paperwork, tax exempt form, odometer reading and paperwork for the plates and registration. Commissioner Western made a motion that Chairman Amber sign all of the documents, with a second by Amber, passing with a 2/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF CAPITAL OUTLAYS REQUEST:** Maintenance Director Mark Sturtevant is seeking a favorable pass to Council on additional funds of \$28,309 to make several purchases. These purchases include a new tractor, a new van and tools/equipment to stock the van. Commissioner Western made a motion of a favorable pass to Council with a second by Amber passing with a 2/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:** Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester has had a chance to look over the bids and demo'd a few 4-wheel loaders from the last meeting. He has recommended that we go with West Side Tractor to purchase the John Deere 624L. Commissioner Western made a motion to accept the bid with a second by Amber, passing with a 2/0 vote. Brandon informed the Commissioners that March of even years is bridge inspection month, which is phase 2 of the 4 year contract that we have. He has completed his annual financial report and has uploaded it to the State. Brandon also informed that the two trucks should be delivered to WA Jones this week or next for completion.

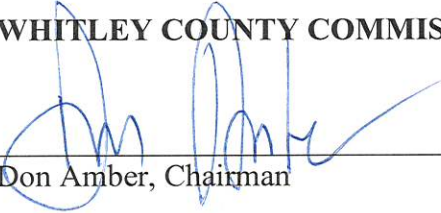
There were 2 ROW permits that were presented for REMC, South 700 E and Sheckler Rd. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve all ROW Permits with a second by Amber. Passing with a 2/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS:** Chairman Amber stated that he has reviewed all payroll and accounts payable claims. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Amber and carried with a 2/0 vote. The claim distributions from February 17, 2020 through March 2, 2020 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Amber and carried with a 2/0 vote. The commissioners reviewed the February 17, 2020 regular

meeting minutes. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Amber and carried with a 2/0 vote.

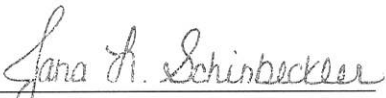
There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Amber adjourned the meeting at 1:32 PM.

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Don Amber, Chairman

  
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Thomas Western, Vice Chairman

  
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George Schrupf, Commissioner

Attest:   
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Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor