

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 27, 2020

The Whitley County Commissioners met in emergency session Friday, March 27, 2020 at 10:30 AM in the basement of the Whitley County Government Center in meeting rooms A/B. Commissioners in attendance were Chairman Don Amber, Vice Chairman Thomas Western and Commissioner George Schrupf. Others in attendance were Attorney Matt Shipman, Chief Deputy Auditor Tiffany Forrester, Maintenance Director Mark Sturtevant, Scott Wagner from the Health Department, Planning Director Nathan Bilger, Council members Tim Kumfer and Bill Overdeer.

Chairman Amber opened the meeting stating that the only business that we will be discussing will be related to COVID-19.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: Attorney Shipman has looked over the information that Nathan will present today and thinks that it is a great idea and all looks well.

IN THE MATTER OF FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT: Chairman Amber stated that starting April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 the Department of Labor has implemented the FFCRA (Families First Coronavirus Response Act). This will help employees who contract COVID-19 get paid FMLA time off as well as if someone in their family needs cared for or you need to stay home with your children. More information will go out to the Employees Monday from HR so that they know their options. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve FFCRA with a second by Schrupf passing with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Amber stated that they also need to decide if they will allow employees who do not qualify for the 100% paid leave to us PTO to cover the 1/3 that would not be covered by paid FMLA. Schrupf made a motion to approve employees who have PTO to be able to use that to make up the difference in pay if they utilize the FFCRA. 2nd by Western passing with a 3/0 vote.

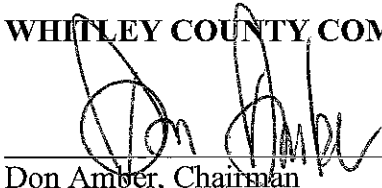
IN THE MATTER OF MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT- Nathan Bilger from the Planning and Building Department presented a new form of payment agreement that needs approved so that during this COVID-19 time and moving forward if departments choose to they can accept credit/debit cards as a form of payment. The resolution still needs to be approved by Council at their next meeting, but Nathan is looking for the agreement to be approved to be signed once Attorney Shipman gives his approval and the Council approves the resolution. Other departments can also use Municipay if they choose they will just need to get that set up, Scott Wagner from the Health Department stated that he would like to get more information to move forward with this as well. Schrupf made a motion to approve once Council adopts the resolution, and also that the Chair will sign the agreement. With a second by Western, passing with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Chairman Amber stated that we needed to update the holiday schedule that has previously been approved because the Primary Election Day has been moved from May 5th to as of right now June 2nd. Commissioner Western made a motion to make May 5th a regular work day, and June 2nd will now be a paid holiday for the Primary Election. 2nd by Schrupf passing with a 3/0 vote. Tiffany from the Auditors Office will get the updated schedule sent to employees to notify them of the change.

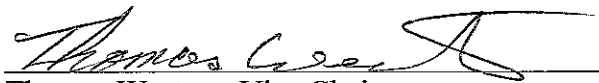
Attorney Shipman is going to draft an emergency resolution for claims and get that to the Commissioners to review and adopt at a later time.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Amber adjourned the meeting at 11:05 AM.

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Don Amber, Chairman



Thomas Western, Vice Chairman



George Schrupf, Commissioner

Attest: Jana L. Schinbeckler
Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor