

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 20, 2020

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 20, 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 Schrupf. Others in attendance were Attorney Matt Shipman, Commissioner's Assistant Jennifer Shinabery, Chief Deputy Auditor Tiffany Forrester, Planning Director Nathan Bilger, Scott Wagner from the Health Department, Jon Meyers from EDC, Mary Hartman from Peabody Library Councilman Barrett, Councilman Kumfer and Doug Dyson.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: Attorney Shipman has reviewed the Incarcerated Offender Provider Agreement that if an inmate get sick or needs to be hospitalized it allows Medicaid to help pay. Commissioner Schrupf made a motion to approve the agreement allowing Commissioner Amber to sign. Seconded by Western passing with a 3/0 roll call vote.

IN THE MATTER OF LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE APPLICATIONS: Mary Hartman from Peabody Public Library phoned in for the meeting to ask that the Commissioners to appoint one of the six applications that she received for the library board. She did state that she would like to have representation from Thorncreek Township if the Commissioners agreed. Schrupf made a motion to appoint Lori Shipman from Thorncreek Township to the library board. Second by Western passing with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF SCOTT WAGNER FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT- Scott Wagner was present to talk about the point of sale ordinance that he has been working on. Some public have asked questions to not only Scott but also Attorney Shipman in regards to this. Attorney Shipman stated that we should hold off on making any decisions with this until we can get a public meeting in place. Schrupf made a motion to table until next meeting with a second by Western, passing with a 3/0 vote. The next item of business would be the fleet management that Scott had presented at the last Commissioner meeting. This is a list of 3 area shops that will give the County a discount for using them for services pertaining to County vehicles. Western made a motion to recommend that we use any of the 3 vendors for vehicle services, asking that Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Shinabery to send out a memo stating the recommendation from Commissioners. Second by Schrupf, passing with a 2/1 vote with Commissioner Amber voting against. Wagner also presented a well variance that is not like the normal variances that we see. Years ago this was denied as it was too close to the right of way, Commissioners would like for Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester to look at this with Scott. Commissioner Western made a motion to table until next meeting so that Brandon Forrester can get involved, a second by Schrupf passing with a 3/0 vote to table. Lastly Scott had one bid for truck and trash removal that was sent via e-mail, the individual never showed up for court so it was ordered that we get the trash picked up. The bid is for \$2,200 from Whitley Environmental. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the bid with a second by Schrupf, passing with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY CROSSING MATCHING GRANTS: Brandon Forrester from the Highway Department had two Community Crossings matching Grant agreements that need to be approved and signed by Commissioner Amber in blue ink. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve and allow Commissioner Amber to sign both, seconded by Schrupf passing with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The claim distributions from March 16, 2020 through April 20, 2020 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Chairman Amber stated that he has reviewed all payroll and accounts payable claims for the last several weeks. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Schrupf and carried with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Schrupf and carried with a 3/0 vote. The commissioners reviewed the March 16, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Schrupf and carried with a 3/0 vote with adding the last names of the Treasurer and Assessor. The Commissioners also reviewed the Emergency Meeting minutes from March 27, 2020. Commissioner Schrupf made a motion to approve, with a second by Western carrying with a 3/0 vote.

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There were two ROW permits that were presented. One for NIPSCO, at Williams Dr. at Park 30. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve with a second by Schrupf. Passing with a 3/0 vote. The second is for Cormany Farms at 400 N, Commissioner Western made a motion to approve with a second by Schrupf passing with a 3/0 vote.

Commissioner Amber presented a request to use county facility for National Day of Prayer on July 25, 2020 at 6 PM on the courthouse lawn. Commissioner Schrumpf made a motion to approve the request with the contingency that the stay at home order is lifted. Second by Western passing with a 3/0 vote.

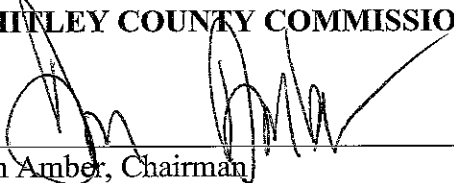
Jon Meyers from EDC was present on behalf of Redevelopment Commission to ask Commissioners to commit \$200,000 from CEDIT (on/off site) to help with the Larwill sewer hookup/expansion to Red Star Manufacturing and allow for others to connect as well. There will be two phases, phase I will be the planning and engineering phase and phase II will be the actual construction. Commissioner Schrumpf stated that this is for a new TIF that does not have funds at this time, but this will be a great opportunity for Larwill to grow and hopefully bring in more employees to Red Star and other businesses. Schrumpf made a motion to approve the \$200,000 commitment from CEDIT. Second by Western passing with a 3/0 vote.

Commissioner Amber wanted to take a moment to commend the County department heads for all of their hard work in making plans for this unforeseen time.

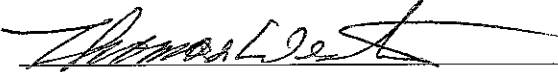
Doug Dyson asked that we get a better mic so that listeners from home can hear better, Commissioner Amber stated that we will get that worked out for the next meeting.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Amber adjourned the meeting at 1:55 PM.

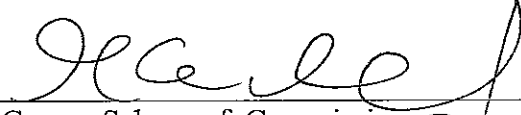
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Don Amber, Chairman

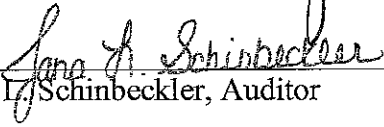


Thomas Western, Vice Chairman



George Schrumpf, Commissioner

Attest:



Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor