

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 18, 2020

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 18, 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 Schruppf. Others in attendance were Attorney Matt Shipman, Commissioner's Assistant Jennifer Shinabery, Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Chief Deputy Auditor Tiffany Forrester, Planning Director Nathan Bilger, Scott Wagner from the Health Department, Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester, Becky Salaway from Council on Aging and Dale Buuck from Whitley County EDC.

Chairman Amber opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: Attorney Shipman presented the land contract between DRATS, Inc. and the Whitley County Board of Commissioners for their review. Shipman stated that there are a few things to work through for this agreement but he hopes it will be ready by the first or second meeting in June. Attorney Shipman also informed the public that the Regional Sewer District meeting has been cancelled. There was also a non-disclosure agreement presented to the Commissioners for the cybersecurity.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CYBERSECURITY AGREEMENT: The Commissioners reviewed the cybersecurity agreement and Commissioner Western made a motion to approve and for the Chairman to sign, seconded by Schruppf and passed with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioners also reviewed the nondisclosure agreement for cybersecurity services. Commissioner Schruppf made a motion to approve the nondisclosure agreement, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POINT OF SALE ORDINANCE: Scott Wagner from the Health Department asked that this matter be tabled until the next meeting. Commissioner Schruppf made a motion to table the point of sale ordinance, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INDOT GRANT APPLICATION: Becky Salaway from Whitley County Council on Aging was present to request the approval of the pass-through agreement with the Commissioners. The purpose of this agreement is to provide for the undertaking of rural public transportation services to the general public in and around Whitley County. Commissioner Schruppf made a motion to approve the pass through agreement per Resolution 2020-03, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioners also reviewed the transit vehicles agreement which states that the Commissioners will hold the title to the transit vehicles but Council on Aging will insure them and the County will have a hold harmless agreement in place as well. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the transit vehicles agreement, seconded by Schruppf and carried with a 3/0 vote. Becky also presented the 1st quarter voucher to the Commissioners for approval. The 1st quarter voucher amount is \$80,638.00. Commissioner Schruppf made a motion to approve the voucher and for the Chairman to sign, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE/BID AWARD: Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester was present to ask the Commissioners to award the bids for paving projects. Brandon is recommending that the Commissioners approve the bid from Brooks in the amount of \$935,000.00. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the Brooks bid for \$935,000.00 seconded by Schruppf and passed with a 3/0 vote. Brandon also had the bids for the limestone for gravel road conversions and he recommends the Commissioners approve the bid from IMI. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the bid from IMI for the gravel road conversion, seconded by Schruppf and passed with a 3/0 vote. For the liquid asphalt portion of the gravel road conversion, Brandon only received one bid and it was from Pierceton Trucking. Commissioner Schruppf made a motion to approve the Pierceton Trucking bid for liquid asphalt, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS: Three right-of-way permits were presented to the Commissioners for approval. The first permit request was from Nipsco for S 800 East to replace a leaking 8" steel flanged valve with a welded valve. Commissioner Schruppf made a motion to approve the permit, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote. The second request was from Century Link for W 200 N to add new equipment to the site and improve service to the area. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Schruppf and carried with a 3/0 vote. The last permit request was from Nipsco to provide medium pressure gas main to S 400 East – 92. Commissioner Schruppf made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote.

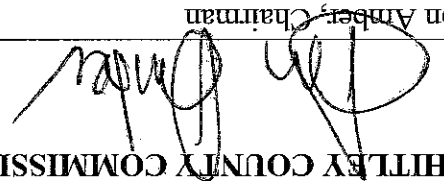
IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: Chairman Amber stated that he has reviewed all payroll and accounts payable claims. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Schruppf and carried with a 3/0 vote. The claim distributions from May 4, 2020 through May 18, 2020 were

reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Schrumptf and carried with a 3/0 vote. The commissioners reviewed the May 4, 2020 bid opening meeting minutes Commissioner Schrumptf made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioners also reviewed the May 4, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Schrumptf and carried with a 3/0

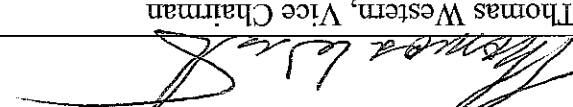
IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS: Planning Director Nathan Bilger presented a plat for approval to the Commissioners. The plat was for Arrowhead Subdivision, Section II and it has already been approved by the Plan Commission. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the plat, seconded by Schrumptf 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 1:55 PM.

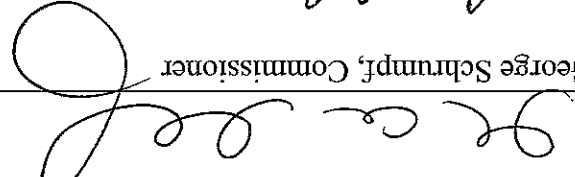
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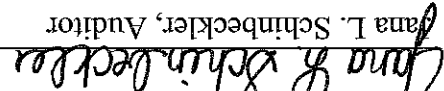
Don Amber, Chairman



Thomas Western, Vice Chairman



George Schrumptf, Commissioner



Attest: Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor