

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 4, 2021

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 4, 2021 at 1:00 PM in the Commissioners' Room located on the 1st floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Commissioners' in attendance were Chair George Schrumpf, Vice Chair Theresa Green and Commissioner Chad Banks. Others in attendance were Coordinator/Human Resources Director Jennifer Shinabery, Commissioner's Assistant Cami Hippenhammer, Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Chief Deputy Auditor Tiffany Forrester, Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester, Planning Director Nathan Bilger, County Assessor Kim Erdly, County Treasurer Kay Gatton, County Recorder Rosemary Brown, Debbie Beers and Lisa Rossiter from the Clerk's Office, Lynda Jones and Michael Schrader from the Sheriff's Department, Councilwoman Joan Western, Cory Dietz from Elevatus, Michael Johnston and Jeff Larrison from United Consulting.

Chairman Schrumpf opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Commissioner Banks nominated Commissioner Schrumpf for the Chairman; Commissioner Green seconded the nomination. The nominations closed with Commissioner Schrumpf being Chairman for 2021. Commissioner Banks then nominated Commissioner Green for Vice Chair; Commissioner Schrumpf seconded the nomination. The nominations closed with Commissioner Green being Vice Chair for 2021.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: Chairman Schrumpf recognized employees with more than 20 years of service. Mike Schrader has 41 years of service, Lisa Rossiter has 35 years of service, Lynda Jones has 30 years of service, Debbie Beers has 28 years of service and Rosemary Brown has 21 years of service.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: County Attorney Matt Shipman informed the Commissioners that he has nothing to report at this time.

SOUTH WHITLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY APPOINTMENT: South Whitley Community Public Library Director Vicki Builta is requesting the Commissioners appoint Laura Hull to the Library Board. Commissioner Green made a motion to appoint Laura Hull to the Library Board, seconded by Commissioner Banks and passed with a 3/0 vote.

2021 BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS:

Commissioner Schrumpf:

Board of Finance
Redevelopment Commission
Community Corrections Advisory Board
Solid Waste Board

Commissioner Green:

Board of Finance
Drainage Board
Planning Commission
Solid Waste Board
Emergency Management

Commissioner Banks:


EMS Oversight Committee
Board of Finance
Highway Department
Historical Committee
Solid Waste Board
Joint Advisory Board
EDC Investment Board

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: Chairman Schrumpf stated that he has reviewed all payroll and accounts payable claims. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Banks and carried with a 3/0 vote. The claim distributions from December 21, 2020 through January 4, 2021 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Green and carried with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioners also reviewed the December 21, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Green and passed with a 3/0 vote.

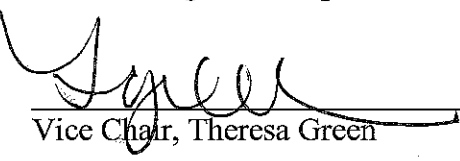
IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS: Planning Director Nathan Bilger informed the Commissioners that the 2021 Whitley County calendar is ready for distribution to departments. Nathan noted that Colleen Hoffman in the Clerk's Office took the main image on the calendar. Scott Wagner from the Health Department gave the Commissioners a COVID update. The positive cases are down, and Whitley County has the fewest deaths related to COVID in Northeast Indiana. The County will be receiving some vaccines next week and the public can sign up and pick a time they would like to come in and receive the vaccine. The County is still in the red but in order to get to orange the County has to stay at less than 15% positivity rate for two weeks.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Schrumpf adjourned the meeting at 1:15 PM.

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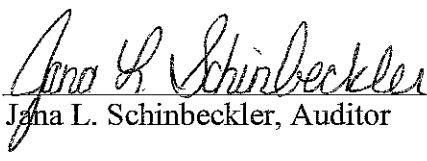
Chair, George Schrumpf



Vice Chair, Theresa Green



Commissioner Chad Banks

Attest: 

Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor