

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 19, 2021

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, January 19, 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 Schrupf, 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, Treasurer Kay Gatton, Council member Tim Kumfer, Sonya Emerick, Jeff Larrison from United Consulting and Todd Titus from Upstar.

Chair Schrupf opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: County Attorney Matt Shipman informed the Commissioners that he is in the process of reviewing the Humane Society agreement. He stated there has also been some election board issues and he will be having a meeting with them later. Regarding purchasing the property at Armstrong Park, Matt has been in discussions with them.

PLAT APPROVALS: Planning Director Nathan Bilger presented three plats to the Commissioners for approval. The first plat was for the Killworth Subdivision and the Plan Commission has approved this plat. Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve the plat, seconded by Green and carried with a 3/0 vote. The next plat was for Homestead Acres and it has also been approved by the Plan Commission. Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve the plat, seconded by Green and passed with a 3/0 vote. The last plat approval request was for LK Addition with the approval of the Plan Commission. Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve the LK Addition plat, seconded by Green and passed with a 3/0 vote.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENT LETTER: Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester presented a financial commitment letter to the Commissioners for their approval. This commitment letter is for a Community Crossings grant that is for an asphalt overlay between 650 W to 500 S. This is the final step to apply for the grant and it is due on January 29th. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve and allow the Chair to sign, seconded by Banks and carried with a 3/0 vote. Brandon informed the Commissioners that he will get the annual report for the Highway Department to them soon.

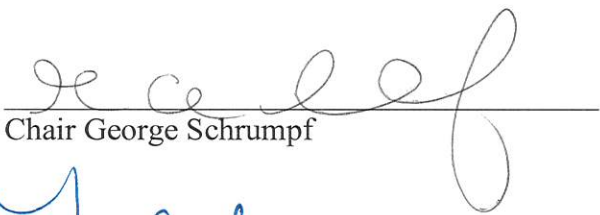
BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING: Chair Schrupf suspended the regular Commissioner meeting to hold the Board of Finance annual meeting. After the meeting was concluded, Commissioner Banks made a motion to close the Board of Finance annual meeting, seconded by Green and closed with a 3/0 vote. Chair Schrupf reconvened the regular Commissioner meeting.

MINUTES AND CLAIMS: Chair Schrupf stated that he has reviewed all payroll and accounts payable claims. Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Green and carried with a 3/0 vote. The claim distributions from January 4, 2021 through January 19, 2021 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Banks and carried with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioners also reviewed the January 4, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Banks and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS: EDC President Dale Buuck informed the Commissioners that the OCRA grant they received has already helped a few small businesses and there are still other grants funds available to help other businesses. This grant is a three-year low interest loan, and the max amount is \$25,000.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chair Schrupf adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM.

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Chair George Schrupf


Vice Chair Theresa Green

Chad Banks
Commissioner Chad Banks

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