

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 3, 2023

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 3, 2023, at 1:00 PM in the Commissioner's Meeting Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Commissioners in attendance were Chair Chad Banks, Vice Chair Theresa Baysinger and Commissioner Robert Schuman. Others in attendance were Auditor Tiffany Deakins, Commissioner's Assistant Cami Hippenhammer, Chief Deputy Auditor Tamela Tincher, Human Resources Director Jennifer Shinabery, County Highway Director Katy Fry, Planning Director Nathan Bilger, Health Director Scott Wagner, Treasurer Kay Gatton, Recorder Rosemary Brown, Community Corrections Director Paula Worden, Chief Probation Officer Edward Beber, Assessor Kim Erdly, Sheriff Jason Spencer, Todd Cook & Seam Martin from the Whitley County Sheriff's Department, Coroner Scott Smith, Assessor Kim Erdly, employees from the Highway Department, Sarah & Karoline Schuman, and Sonya Emerick.

Chair Banks opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Commissioner Banks opened the floor for a motion to nominate someone as Chair of the Commissioners. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to nominate Commissioner Banks as Chair, seconded by Banks and carried with a 2/1 vote with Baysinger voting against. Commissioner Schuman nominated Commissioner Baysinger for Vice Chair, a second by Baysinger, and passed with a 3/0 vote.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Shipman stated that he was working with the Highway Director and Engineer on getting a few ordinances ready to be reviewed by the Commissioners. He hoped to have those ready to be able to be on the January 17th meeting.

2023 BOARD APPOINTEMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS: Commissioner Banks listed off the Commissioner's assignments starting with Schuman being on the Board of Finance, Historical Committee, Solid Waste Board, Plan Commission & Joint Advisory. Chad Banks will be assigned to the Board of Finance, EMS Committee, Mayors/Commissioners Caucus, Community Corrections and Solid Waste Board. Commissioner Baysinger has been assigned to Board of Finance, Drainage Board, Solid Waste Board, Emergency Management Advisory Board, Region 3A, Redevelopment Commission and the Economic Development Corporation Investment Board.

PROBATION CREDIT CARD: Chief Probation Officer Ed Beber was present to seek approval for obtaining a credit card seems how he is the newly appointed Chief Probation Officer. He also stated that the prior Chief Probation Officer still has a credit card in her name, and he was wondering if it would be ok for her to keep her card as well, seems how she is the caretaker for the therapy dog Journey. Commissioners stated that they are fine with allowing for Probation to have two credit cards if Amy's card is only used for purchases related to Journey and her costs. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve the additional credit card request and allow for Amy to keep her card for Journey's expenses, seconded by Schuman and carried unanimously with a 3/0 vote.

OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Banks stated that the Commissioners and Council have already agreed to purchase new equipment for the Engineering office for drains, however when that was approved it was asked that be paid out of CEDIT and he would like to see that paid out of CUM CAP instead. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve the payment from CUM CAP, seconded by Baysinger and carried with a 3/0 vote.

MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The claim distributions from December 20, 2022, through January 3, 2023, were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Baysinger stated she reviewed the claims and saw no issues. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Schuman and passed with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Schuman and passed with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioners reviewed minutes from the December 19, 2022, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second by Schuman and passed with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioners also had another set of meeting minutes to review, however Attorney Shipman stated that the Commissioners do not need to sign because there was only 1 Commissioner present to attend the meeting, so it would be a Council meeting with Commissioner Banks attending.

OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Schuman wanted to commend Commissioner Schrupf for his years of service to Whitley County and says he hopes that he can fill his shoes, as he knows that will be a big task. Commissioner Baysinger wanted to formally welcome Rob as a new Commissioner. Commissioner Banks stated that Commissioners and Council have already approved the new policy manual that took affect January 1, 2023, however it has been brought to the attention of the Commissioners that additional time needs to be given to the new way that overtime is calculated. Banks told payroll to not make any changes until there has been conversation on this. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to freeze the calculation of overtime the new way

until Commissioners and Council have had time to review and a decision has been made. Seconded by Schuman and passed with a 3/0 vote.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chair Banks adjourned the meeting at 1:24 PM.

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Chad Banks
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Theresa Baysinger
Vice Chair Theresa Baysinger

Robert Schuman
Commissioner Robert Schuman

Attest: Tiffany Deakins
Tiffany Deakins, Auditor