

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 16, 2021

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 16, 2021, 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 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, Chief Deputy Auditor Tiffany Deakins, Amy Biggs from Emergency Management, Planning Director Nathan Bilger, Makayla Stansbery, Amanda Herenden and Alesa Contreras from CPT Event, Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester, Tom Western, and Mary Hartman from Peabody Public Library.

Chairman Schrupf opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Shipman stated that at this time he no matters to discuss.

PLAT APPROVAL: Planning Director Nathan Bilger presented a plat to the Commissioners for their approval. The Weslynn Estate plat has been approved by the plan commission in June 2021. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the plat as presented, with a second by Banks. Passing with a 3/0 vote. Nathan brought an item for the Commissioners to review that he will be presenting at the September 7th Commissioner meeting. The Plan Commission is suggesting changing the name of a road in Churubusco as it causes confusion with finding addresses. The Resolution has been given to the Commissioner and Attorney Shipman for their review.

ADOPTION OF MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN: Amy Biggs from Whitley County Emergency Management was present to request the Commissioners adopt her Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Emergency Management office was able to secure a Federally funded grant to support an analysis of our threats, hazards and risks and the best way to mitigate those as needed. This has been a very long process to get completed with COVID and the meeting requirements over the past year. Amy stated that we were able to secure a bid with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LLC out of Indianapolis who is familiar with these types of projects. This plan is to be updated on a 5-year basis. Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve the Resolution 2021-07, with a second by Commissioner Green. Passing with a 3/0 vote.

REQUESTS TO USE COUNTY FACILITIES: Two facilities requests were presented to use the Courthouse lawn. The first was for The First Church of God to use the lawn to display a banner for their Fall Festival from 10-11 to 10-25-2021. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the request, with a second by Commissioner Banks. Passing with a 3/0 vote. The second request if for Makayla Stansbery with CPT, the Bowen Center and DCS to use the Courthouse Lawn to hold a suicide awareness event for the community on September 24-2021. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve with a second by Banks, passing with a 3/0 vote.

2022 SCHEDULE APPROVALS: Commissioner Schrupf presented the 2022 accounts payable, Commissioner Meeting and payroll schedules to the board for approval. Banks make a motion to approve the schedules as presented with the change to the payroll schedule to read 2022 not 2021. Commissioner Green seconded, passing with a 3/0 vote. Schrupf then presented the 2022 holiday schedules for both the 5-1 and 4-2 employees. Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve as presented, with a second by Green, passing with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Banks stated that we do not usually approve these schedules until later in the year but with court cases needing to be scheduled, we have approved them early so that the Courts know when we will be closed for holidays.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester was present to give a highway department update. Brandon stated that the highway department has started their 62 miles of chip sealing, but that with the storms last week that has put them a bit behind. Hopefully weather permitting they will get back to their schedule. Brandon wanted to inform the Commissioners that the highway department is receiving an award that R.L. McCoy submitted for a job that was done to the Collamer bridge. For this job they used a new never before used mix of concrete and E5 and E5 liquid for the overlay job that they completed. This was able to use 78 pounds less concrete. INDOT and other Counties are looking to utilize this new mix as well.


MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The claim distributions from August 2, 2021, through August 16, 2021, were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Schrupf state that he has question about the city utilities bills that we have received and how high they were. He would like for Mark Sturtevant to reach out to the city and see why these are so high and what we can do to lower those. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Banks and carried with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Green and carried with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioners reviewed the

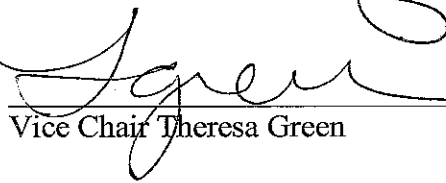
August 2, 2021, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Green and passed with a 3/0 vote.

OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Green would like to have the jail project added to the agenda for the September 7th meeting so that the Commissioners may discuss the approval of an architect for the jail project. Commissioner Banks would like to choose an ownership rep before we chose an architect so that we can make sure that we are making the right decisions for the constituents of the County. Commissioner Green also stated that she will be meeting with REMC to continue her work on getting fiber to the community. Commissioner Schrupf has the Community Corrections advisory board roaster that needs to be approved. Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve, second by Green passing with a 3/0 vote. The motion was amended to allow the chair to sign, passing with a 3/0 vote.

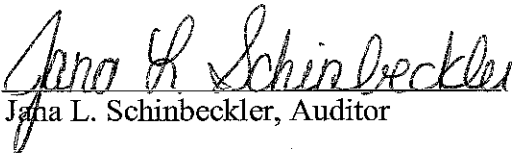
There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Schrupf adjourned the meeting at 1:35 PM.

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Chair George Schrupf


Vice Chair Theresa Green


Commissioner Chad Banks

Attest: 
Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor