

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 4, 2014

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 4, 2014 at 1:00 pm in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Commissioners in attendance were Chairman George Schrumpf, Don Amber and Tom Rethlake. Others in attendance were County Attorney Dan Sigler, Chief Deputy Auditor Vicky Schrader, Michael Barton, Amy Motter, Sheriff Mark Hodges, Jody Hollenbaugh, Scott Jones, Mary Hartman, Scott Shoda, Garry Hill, Judi Huffman, Dave White, Craig Wagner, Rita Sauders, Kate Wagner and Tim Misiara.

Chairman Schrumpf opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: Dan Sigler, County Attorney, reported that the continued litigation hearing on the tax sale with Mr. Goble was held last week. Judge Heuer has given the County 20 days to prepare & submit an affidavit of what took place in the transaction & Attorney Sigler will report further when he receives the Court's ruling. In response to the lawsuit filed, the lawyer for Cedar Bridge has contacted Attorney Sigler saying they will pay, but need a payment plan. They are to get back in touch with a proposed payment plan. The lawyer for the Auditor has indicated that he would be contacting the Prosecutor's office and would get in touch with Attorney Sigler. There is nothing further to report at this time. Attorney Sigler gave his legal approval on the contracts with Advanced Disposal Services. The McKinney unemployment hearing has been continued; Attorney Sigler has the paperwork & will respond as necessary.

IN THE MATTER OF PROBATION DEPARTMENT PRE-SENTENCE REPORT INVESTIGATOR CONTRACT: Amy Motter presented a contract for the pre-sentence report investigator which includes a change of salary as indicated by the State Probation Officer Salary Schedule. A motion to approve the contract was made by Commissioner Amber, and was seconded by Commissioner Rethlake. The motion was carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF REMOVAL & CLEAN-UP OF A STRUCTURE: Building Inspector Craig Wagner requested the approval for having an order re-issued for removal of a structure and clean up for the Pauline McKinney property now owned by Dennis Smith who is the grandson of Pauline McKinney, deceased. Attorney Sigler gave his approval and a motion to confirm the order was made by Commissioner Rethlake and seconded by Commissioner Amber. The motion was carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF LOON LAKE ASSOCIATION STOP SIGN REQUEST: A petition for stop sign placement was presented by Dave White of the Loon Lake Association. The petition requests that a stop sign be placed at the intersection of 250N and 700W. The main issue, they feel, is traffic exceeding the posted 20 mph speed limit. Chairman Schrumpf stated that uniform traffic code says that a stop sign can't be used to control speed of traffic. Mr. White would like to have more 20 mph signs installed. Highway Director Mike Barton said that signs have a distance control on them & he will have to check into this & report back to the Commissioners. Mr. Barton reported that an electric sign that indicates speed has been ordered and should be received soon & that it could possibly be used in the referenced area as a deterrent.

IN THE MATTER OF PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE FOR DISPATCH: Scott Jones presented a proposal for the purchase of new software for the Sheriff Department and 9-1-1. Mr. Jones stated that the original software was designed for the Windows 98/XP age and new computer systems have Windows 7 & 8 operating systems. The server that the software runs on is getting older & server software should be replaced. He said the Sheriff could contribute \$5000 from the Commissary fund if necessary. Regulations are very specific on what 9-1-1 funds can be spent on, and they cannot be spent on this project. After discussion Chairman Schrumpf recommended a favorable pass to the Council using CEDIT funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner

Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY REPORT: Mike Barton reported that the sealing program was put on hold for a short period of time as the companies that truck the asphalt were having trouble getting product to us, so Highway was doing minor repairs until product was received. One new highway truck is at WA Jones to complete fitting. Two more trucks have been ordered, and 2 V-plows have been ordered for those trucks which will help with function and safety.

IN THE MATTER OF MANAGED PRINT PROGRAM: Scott Shoda from Office Concepts spoke about the new contracted managed print program saying that there will be a considerable cost savings in comparison to previous program. They will be determining the appropriate equipment needs for each office in the near future.

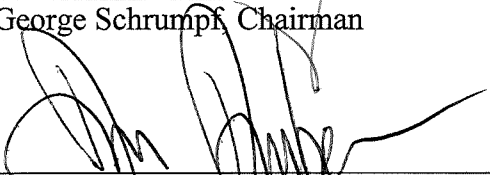
IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The Minutes from the July 21, 2014 Commissioner meeting were reviewed. A correction to a misspelled word was noted; the word jake "breaking" should read jake "braking". A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Commissioner Rethlake, seconded by Commissioner Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote. Approval of claims was tabled until the next meeting so that copies of dockets could be provided to the Commissioners.

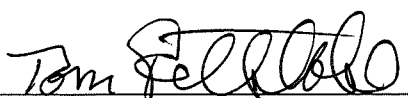
IN OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Rethlake discussed a concern from a taxpayer regarding an erosion problem on their property on Spear Road. Craig Wagner stated that there is nothing the County can do about erosion. There was a question by a member of the public on who to contact regarding an unsafe building in Laud. County Assessor Rita Sauders presented an addendum to the cyclical contract with Accurate Assessments to reflect the new assessment effective date of January 1st beginning in 2006. A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Amber, seconded by Commissioner Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote. Chairman Schrupf shared the change in monthly premium for health insurance for the new plan year, and reviewed the jail inspection report. Commissioner Rethlake is working on corrections. Commissioner Amber reported that the LPA (Local Planning Agency) survey for INDOT needs to be completed by September 2, 2014. He also spoke about heating/cooling issues in the offices. Reporter Kate Wagner asked if there would be discussion held regarding the Auditor in the August 5, 2014 Council meeting. Commissioner Amber reported that Council would be appointing a Council member to take over budget submission to Gateway in the absence of the Auditor.


There being no further business, and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Schrupf adjourned the meeting at 2:10 pm.

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George Schrupf, Chairman


Don Amber, Vice Chairman


Tom Rethlake

Attest: 
Vicky Schrader, Chief Deputy Auditor