

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 2, 2014

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, September 2, 2014 at 1:00 pm in the Commissioners' 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, Finance Deputy Jana Schinbeckler, Pamela Smith, Laurell Hodges, MaryAnn McClusky, Keith Robinson, Joan Null, Tim Misiora, Bill Etzler, Alan Tio, Kelley Sheiss, Dave Sewell, Alexiz Sotelo, Katie Wagner, Debbie Beers, Scott Wagner, and Bill Hicks.

Chairman Schrumpf opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: Dan Sigler, County Attorney reported that the Clandestine Drugs Labs Locations Ordinance proposed by Scott Wagner is in good order to be passed by the Commissioners. Attorney Sigler received a contract from Cedar Bridge's lawyer in regard to an offer made to repay the \$10,000 owed to the county. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the offer, Commissioner Rethlake seconded the motion, and it passed with a 3/0 vote. Marc Gatton spoke with Attorney Sigler about the co pay for prisoners. Commissioner Rethlake presented an amendment for Paula Worden in regard to the bonus grant money to be extended. Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to approve the amendment after Attorney Sigler reviewed it; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Amber. The amendment was passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF AN ORDINANCE FOR REGULATION OF CLANDENSTINE DRUGS LABS LOCATIONS: Scott Wagner of the Health department discussed the order in which the ordinance must be approved and then advertised by the County Auditor. Attorney Sigler recommended that the effective date be October 15, 2014. The ordinance number was given as 2014-06. A motion to approve the Clandestine Drugs Labs locations ordinance was made by Commissioner Rethlake, seconded by Commissioner Amber. The motion passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDENDUM TO THE TREASURY AGREEMENT FOR THE TAX ESCROW SYSTEM: Laurell Hodges, Treasurer of Whitley County, presented an addendum to the Treasury Agreement for the Tax Escrow System. The addendum requires changes to be made for some additional charges in regard to enhancements made to the program. Laurell stated that she does not agree with the changes that they had put into place. Commissioner Schrumpf recommended that Laurell have Mr. Beck from STAR Financial Bank come in and explain the purpose of the addendum. The Commissioners agreed that they need to have a discussion for a figure that is more reasonable. A motion to table the matter regarding the addendum was made by Commissioner Amber, seconded by Commissioner Rethlake. The motion passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF A CELL PHONE STIPEND: MaryAnn McClusky from the Health department stated she has been using her county cell phone for business and requested to receive a stipend for her personal cell phone use. A motion to approve the cell phone stipend effective immediately was made by Commissioner Rethlake, seconded by Commissioner Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SECONDARY PLAT FOR LEGACY PRESERVE: Dave Sewell and Keith Robinson presented the secondary plat for the subdivision Legacy Preserve. The Planning Commission approved this plat at their last meeting subject to the financial guarantee for the improvements that remain to be completed and approval by the County Commissioners. There was a discussion about putting the money invested in a non-interest bearing account. Keith explained the bank that loaned him money on the land is willing to issue a letter of credit. Keith proposed to issue a check to be held until the letter of credit is issued by the

end of the week. Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to approve this based upon Dave Sewell receiving the letter of credit by September 5, 2014. Commissioner Amber seconded the motion and it passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF EDC AGRIBUSINESS: Kelly Sheiss representing Agribusiness wanted to inform the Commissioners and the public about the program. She wanted to share their mission and vision for Whitley County. Agribusiness was formed to promote education, advancement, innovation and opportunity in agriculture. They want to encourage growth and bring brand recognition to the businesses in Whitley County.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION FOR COMBAT RELATED TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES: Bill Hicks (Little Hawk) requested a resolution in support of hyperbaric oxygen treatment for traumatic brain injuries specifically related to military injuries. He is trying to obtain a resolution in support of this research for this treatment for soldiers who have come back from the combat zone with this type of injury. Bill brought examples of resolutions from other states for the Commissioners to review. The medical community generally does not recognize the possibilities of the benefit of the oxygenation. Whitley County Veteran Service Officer Gene Rohrer was in support of the resolution. Commissioner Amber will be emailing Mr. Hicks for further information on the matter.

IN THE MATTER OF POLLING LOCATIONS: Debbie Beers, Clerk of Whitley County, discussed the changes in the polling locations for the upcoming election. The schools have respectfully requested that we move polling locations out of the schools for security reasons. The changes for the 2014 General Election were as follows: Precinct Columbia South will be voting at the Columbia Township Fire Station, Columbia #1 and #3 will be voting at St. Paul's Catholic Church Community Center, Union Columbia City will be voting at the Whitley County Government Center, and the Union East/Union West will be voting at the Northeastern REMC Community Room. The locations were approved by the Commissioners. A motion to approve the locations was made by Commissioner Rethlake, seconded by Commissioner Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN A MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The minutes from the August 18, 2014 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Amber, Commissioner Rethlake seconded the motion and passed with a 3/0 vote. The August 26, 2014 and September 2, 2014 claim distributions were reviewed by the Commissioners. A motion to approve the claims was made by Commissioner Amber, seconded by Commissioner Rethlake, and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Amber stated that Mike Barton reported in the previous meeting that the 20 MPH signs had been posted to Loon Lake and Commissioner Rethlake stated he is not seeing the signs that were put up. Pam Smith, the County Coordinator, stated that she had some information to share with the Commissioners. Office Concepts is our new provider for the County copiers and printers. They will begin the change this week and hope to be finished by Friday at all of the locations. Pam Smith also stated that effective today Preferred IT is going to be our IT group now. There were also a few requests to utilize the County facilities. The first was from United Way for the thermometer on the courthouse lawn for their United Way Day of Caring for Tuesday September 16, 2014. Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to approve the request. It was seconded by Commissioner Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote. The second request to utilize the County facilities was for the courthouse gazebo for the wedding of Shelly Fike on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at 2:00 pm. A motion to approve the request was made by Commissioner Amber, seconded by Commissioner Rethlake and passed with a 3/0 vote. Pam Smith informed the Commissioners that there is an employee out on approved FMLA for surgery and they have exhausted all of their vacation and sick time within a three week period. They would like to request 2 ½ days of short term disability pay in the amount of \$125. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Commissioner Rethlake, and passed with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioners wanted to thank Jim Becher for his service for the last four

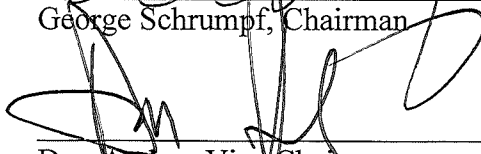
years as our IT service provider. In regard to the feasibility study for the enlargement of the Community Corrections building and jail, Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the \$6,000 bid. Commissioner Rethlake seconded this motion and it passed with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Amber discussed the current camera system at the Whitley County Fuel Facility. Commissioner Schrumpf stated that the Citrix Software for Dispatch pricing was originally \$8,200 and this was approved. They found out that they were about \$4,200 short on this pricing and asked if the Commissioners would approve it. The Sheriff is going to pay half of this additional request. The request for the additional \$2,000 was approved and a motion was made by Commissioner Amber, seconded by Commissioner Rethlake and passed with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Schrumpf reported that the additional funding from the Recorder and Assessor offices for the lift truck in the Records and Maintenance departments was turned down. Commissioner Schrumpf reported that Mark Sturtevant is looking into purchasing a new tractor/snow blower in the amount of \$35,000. The Commissioners suggested that Mark further his research on the matter.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Schrumpf adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.

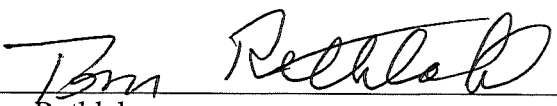
WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



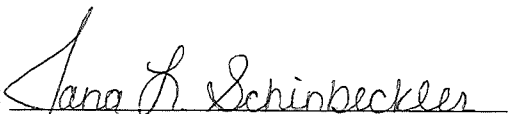
George Schrumpf, Chairman



Don Amber, Vice Chairman



Tom Rethlake

Attest: 

Jana Schinbeckler, Auditor

