

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

April 8, 2014

The Whitley County Council met in regular session on Tuesday April 8, 2014 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Tom Western, Vice Chairman Kim Wheeler, Jim Bayman, Bill Overdeer, Glen LaRue, John Barrett and Paula Reimers. Also in attendance were Auditor Jen McGuire, Commissioner George Schrupf, Alan Tio-EDC, Jerry Busche – PDQ Tooling, Ross Pietrzak- Region IIIA, Christie Workman- Post & Mail, Michael Barton, Patti Smith & Chris Kaufman- BLN, Mark Sturtevant and Mary Hartman- Peabody Library.

Chairman Western called the meeting to order and pledged the flag.

IN THE MATTER PDQ TOOLING TAX ABATEMENT: Alan Tio, Jerry Busche and Ross Pietrzak presented a Resolution for the County Council approving the deduction of assessed valuation for Personal and Real Property within the ERA. The abatement is for PDQ Tooling for 150,000 in Real Estate and 6,852,000 in Personal Property for new assessment. The new division will create 30 new highly skilled jobs. Overdeer stated that the Redevelopment Commission gave the project a "favorable" recommendation. After discussion Overdeer made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-02 for a 10 Year Real Estate & Personal Property abatement, seconded by Wheeler and carried with a 7/0 vote from Council.

IN THE MATTER OF PEABODY LIBRARY: Mary Hartman, Director, from Peabody Library reviewed the applications for the vacancy on the library board of trustees. The three candidates were Tony Gatton, Beth Hauenstein, and Susan McHenry. After discussion of the applicants a motion to appoint Tony Gatton as the Representative from the Whitley County Council to the Peabody Library Board was made by Wheeler, seconded by Reimers and carried with a 7/0 vote to fill the vacancy until September 7, 2016. Hartman went on to give a 2013 Year-End Review for the library showing programs available at the library and updating them on the number of patrons using the library.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Chairman Schrupf gave a report from the Commissioners meeting

- The lot adjacent to the Community Corrections building is available for the amount of \$300,000 for the land
- Reviewing the current Health Insurance for 2015 and forecasting the increase to be around 10-12%, reviewing some options to help with cost with Chad Birch
- Handout for the Maintenance Department for expenditures;
 - Government Center Air Return/Exhaust Fan a motion to pay for out of CEDIT Funding amount \$37,649 motion by Barrett, seconded by Bayman and carried with a 6/1 vote
 - Monitoring Project for Government Center Sump & Sewage Pump Pit- to install sensors and alarm notifications for prevention amount \$7058. This will be paid out of Cumulative Capital funds already appropriated.
 - the total cost for the mitigation and restoration from the flooded basement was \$41637.82 from Paul Davis Restoration. Three local contractors T & L Construction, Richmond Construction and Carey Construction had been contacted to do the restoration but after reviewing the project two refused the project and one never called back with a price. A motion by Bayman to pay the rest of the cost from Rainy Day Funds, seconded by Overdeer and carried with a 5/2 vote, with Reimers and LaRue voting nay. Reimers wanted it noted she is not against the project just not getting firm bids from local contractors.
 - The two new sump pumps have been installed by Havel Service for an estimated cost of \$12,200 Bayman made a motion to pay for this cost from Cumulative Capital, seconded by Wheeler and carried with a 7/0 vote.
 - The last project is the Courthouse Heat pump that is not working; the County can repair the units or replace the units. At this time Wheeler made a motion to table for further review of the cost comparison on the entire project, seconded by LaRue and carried with a 7/0 vote to have all 18 units updated or replaced on a 2-3 year project.

IN THE MATTER OF MS4 CERTIFICATION: Patti Smith and Chris Kaufman from Beam Longest & Neff made a presentation on the MS-4 Certification that the County will have to comply with State regulations. This is an unfunded mandate by the State and will have to be implemented within one year. The main concern is the record keeping on this project and all the monitoring that is going to have to be done.

IN THE MATTER OF PRINT MANAGEMENT: A presentation to bid from Van Ausdall & Farrar for the print management system for the entire County for all output devices. The presenter gave an overview of the company history, the proposal, the length of contract and how long the turnaround would be for a service tech to our area for repairs. The information will be reviewed and looked at before determining a final agreement.

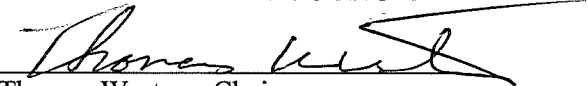
IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES: The Minutes from the March 4, 2014, meeting were reviewed. Councilman LaRue made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Reimers and carried with a 5/0 vote by members. Western & Barrett abstained.

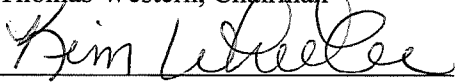
IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Michael Barton, Highway Director, reviewed the additional cost incurred in the Highway funding from the Winter Storms. The engines blown in the three trucks were due to the age of the trucks, usage and the heavy snow falls this year. The appropriation for the new sealer from the Highway will not be for an additional truck. The sealer will just be repaired for this year.

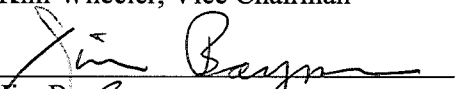
IN OTHER BUSINESS: Alan Tio gave an overview of all the CEDIT Incentives over the past four years and what stage the project is in at this time for review from the Council. Auditor McGuire furnished the Council with a Balance by Fund report through March 31, 2014 balance with the Treasurer. Additional Appropriations were presented for the Highway Department but with advertising restrictions will have to be voted on at the next Council meeting for approval. Discussion of the implementing of the CEDIT Plan from the Commissioners and that it should be done at Budget time and approved by Council.

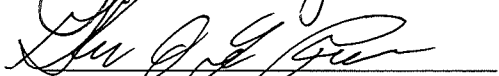
There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned

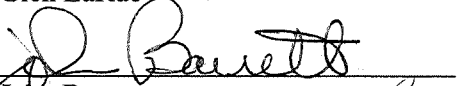
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Thomas Western, Chairman

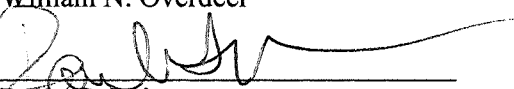

Kim Wheeler, Vice Chairman



Jim Boyman


Glen LaRue


John Barrett


William N. Overdeer


Paula G. Reimers

Attest:

Jennifer McGuire, Auditor