

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

June 3, 2014

The Whitley County Council met in regular session on Tuesday June 3, 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, Ross Pietrzak- Region III-A, Alex Winger, Leslie Richards,- Warner Electric, John Nurchtrin, Nikki Trier- Troy Center, Sheriff Hodges, Kelley Sheiss – LWC, Dillon Sheiss and Mary Hartman- Peabody Library.

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

IN THE MATTER OF WARNER ELECTRIC ABATEMENT: Alan Tio, EDC, presented a Statement of Benefits for Warner Electric for Personal Property. Warner has moved from two locations in Columbia City and is now leasing a building at Park #30 that was previously vacant. There will be new equipment in the amount of \$2,500,000 and replaced equipment in the amount of \$864,000 for a total project cost of \$3,162,500. After discussion LaRue made a motion to allow the new 10 year abatement on Personal Property for Warner, seconded by Wheeler and carried with a 7/0 vote by Council. Councilman Bill Overdeer "Thanked" Warner Electric for their continued commitment to Whitley County.

IN THE MATTER OF LEADERSHIP WHITLEY COUNTY: Kelley Sheiss, Director of Leadership Whitley County, made a presentation to the County Council for consideration of supporting to candidates from the County Government to participate in the Leadership Program. The tuition is \$750 per employee but Sheiss feels the investment in the employees for the County would be justified for the cost. There is currently 250 alumni of the program and this coming year will be the 14th year of the program. The Commissioner's gave a favorable recommendation to support two enrollments for a total of \$1500 and the Council approved the expenditure with a 7/0 vote from the current appropriations.

IN THE MATTER OF TROY CENTER: Nikki Trier gave a year end wrap up presentation for Troy Center. There were 45 students that participated in the program. 12 Middle School students and 33 High School Students with 206 overall credits issued throughout the year. There were seven graduates earning the High School diplomas and commencement was held on June 2, 2014. At this time there are already 19 students returning in the Fall of 2014 to the school. Troy Center will continue their contracted partnership with Smith Green and Whitko schools for 2014/2015.

IN THE MATTER OF JAIL LOBBY: The three sealed bids were opened May 19, 2014 and take under advisement in the Commissioner's meeting for the remodel of the jail lobby. The low bid submitted by D & C Construction was accepted. Half of the funding will be paid from Sheriff's Commissary fund and the other half will be funded by the County. After discussion of the total cost of the project, a motion by Overdeer to pay County the portion out of the Cumulative Capital Fund in the amount of \$8500 for Work Space Solution and the D & C Construction cost., seconded by Reimers and carried with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF UPDATES: Sheriff Hodges reported that the first video conferencing was used yesterday with the Superior Court and that everything went great. A DVD of the Rights was pre-recorded and the prisoners were staged in the Visitation area of the jail. This will be a cost savings for security, personnel and time savings and will be used in the future for DOC conferences. Other projects being funding by the Commissary Fund will be the Jail video system that is 7 years old, upgrades from the XP computers and lighting for the four new vehicles.

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

- The project #8 from the CEDIT Fund for the Community Corrections building sealed bids for the work was opened in the Commissioner's meeting. The low bid was from T & L Construction at \$47,557.00 for the siding, windows and water damage
- Personnel Committee – two Salary Ordinance Amendments, Prosecutor Office Administrator from a COMOT to a PAT at a base rate of \$38,130. Also the Community Corrections Administrative Assistant will now be a Full- Time position not two Part- Time positions with a COMOT #3 wage of \$30,599. After discussion a motion to allow the changes to the Salary Ordinance was made by Barrett, seconded by Overdeer and carried with a 7/0 vote.

- A decision by the Commissioners to go with Preferred IT for the IT for the County. The \$10,000 evaluation will be paid out of Contracted services and then reimbursed as the County is invoiced for services with the 12 month period
- Commissioner Schrupf is still working on the Print Management for the County and reviewing three different options.
- A favorable recommendation was given to support the Wood, Lands & Lakes for the 2015 Budget year in the amount of \$400 again
- The sealing and restriping work will be done at the County parking lots by VanAms.
- The County Health Insurance is being reviewed for the upcoming Budget year with some changes in coverage
- Attended a conference with Brandon Forrester for the MS4 Storm/Sewer EPA regulations and at this time nothing further needs done for the project

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES: The Minutes from the May 7, 2014, meeting were reviewed. Councilman LaRue made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Bayman and carried with a 7/0 vote by members.

IN THE MATTER ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

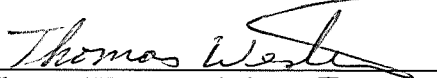
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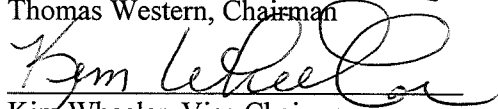
A motion by Wheeler to approve the Additional, seconded by Bayman and carried with a 7/0 vote. The increase will be reviewed at budget time for the Highway to address the increase to appropriation needed.


IN OTHER BUSINESS: Ordinance #2014-04 prepared by County Attorney Dan Sigler was signed adopting the new Wheel Tax and Surtax law for Motor Driven Cycles in the amount of \$10.00 per registration. The 2014/2015 Compliance Forms were reviewed and the Council would like Alan Tio to come to the July meeting to discuss. The 2014 Budget calendar was distributed for meeting dates, publications and hearings.

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

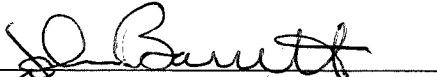
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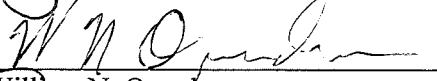

Thomas Western, Chairman


Kim Wheeler, Vice Chairman

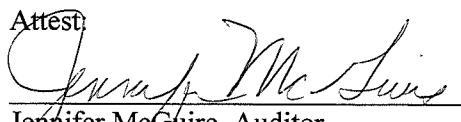

Jim Bayman


Glen LaRue


John Barrett


William N. Overdeer


Paula G. Reimers

Attest:

Jennifer McGuire, Auditor