

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

August 5, 2014

The Whitley County Council met in regular session at 8:00 am on August 5, 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, John Barrett and Paula Reimers. Absent was Glen LaRue. Also in attendance were Commissioner George Schrupf, Chief Deputy Auditor Vicky Schrader, Sheriff Mark Hodges, Linda Gerig, Mary Hartman and Scott Shoda.

Chairman Western called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF DEPARTMENT COMMISSARY REPORT AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES: Sheriff Hodges reviewed the commissary report with Council and answered questions. The jail inspection report was discussed. Jail staffing is down due to two confinement officers transferring to dispatch; these positions are in the process of being filled. Sheriff Hodges reported that the Fire Inspector was in and there are some corrections that need to be made. Those corrections are being worked on at present. The office remodel project should be completed within a month. Sheriff Hodges reported that when the open positions for the jail are replaced he would like to do an official staff analysis to make sure that the jail is staffed properly. The Sheriff reported that Scott Jones appeared before Commissioners at the August 4 Commissioner meeting to request CEDIT funding of new Citrix software for Dispatch. He reviewed the reasons why the software update is needed. Sheriff Hodges said the original price was \$17,900 and he would contribute \$5,000 from Commissary, but if Preferred IT becomes our IT provider \$4,200 would be deducted from the quote which would leave around \$8,000 to be paid out of CEDIT. Commissioner Schrupf stated that the request received a favorable pass by the Commissioners. After discussion, a motion to appropriate money from CEDIT funds for the needed \$8,000 for this project was made by Wheeler, seconded by Barrett and after further discussion passed with a 6/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES: The Minutes from the July 8, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Council member Reimers noted that the 4th item under the Commissioners Report contained an incorrect statement that should be changed from "over a three year period" to "based on a step system". A motion to approve the minutes as changed was made by Overdeer, seconded by Barrett and approved with a 6/0 vote.

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

- The group insurance renewal billing was reviewed. The employee share is not increasing this year. The renewal still falls within grandfathering criteria. Three companies were looked at before deciding to remain with the same company.
- Records and Maintenance departments have asked to purchase a small forklift truck for their departments. Commissioner Schrupf explained why a forklift truck is necessary for safety issues. The vendor allowed us a 30 day trial period to use a lift truck to see if it would fit our needs, and it did. Discussion was held on where the money would come from to make this purchase. The possibility of using funds from the Prosecutor office was discussed as a great percentage of files stored are from that office. Other departments were also mentioned to consider for help with funding. A motion to table this item until the next meeting in order to explore funding options was made by Barrett, seconded by Wheeler and passed with a 6/0 vote.
- Commissioner Schrupf presented the managed print service contract with Office Concepts, which is a full service contract. Proposals were received from four different companies. Savings with the Office Concepts managed

print service contract will be about 40% compared to what we have been paying. Scott Shoda from Office Concepts was present to review the program and explained that with more uniform printers the need for different printer cartridges would be reduced. A motion to approve the managed print contract was made by Wheeler, seconded by Overdeer and after discussion passed with a 6/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS: Mary Hartman from Peabody Public Library asked if the library's review sheet needed to be submitted to Gateway prior to the next Council meeting and wanted to bring to the Council's attention that the library will need to purchase a new chiller so their capital outlays will be increased. Linda Gerig reported that the review sheet needed to be submitted to Gateway now and a hard copy brought in to the Auditor's office before the next Council meeting. Commissioner Schrupf reported that they have contracted with Linda Gerig to assist with budget work with her fees coming out of the Commissioner budget for the present time.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2015 BUDGETS: Council continued working on the 2015 Budget. Council member Reimers reported that she had been contacted by George Helton from DLGF asking if Council was aware that someone needed to be appointed to do official Gateway action and whether that had been done yet. A motion was made by Wheeler to give Paula Reimers submission rights for 2015 budget work in Gateway. Overdeer seconded the motion and it passed with a 6/0 vote. A motion was made by John Barrett to increase salaries for 2015 by 3%. Wheeler seconded the motion for discussion, and after discussion the motion passed with a 5/0 vote with Overdeer abstaining.

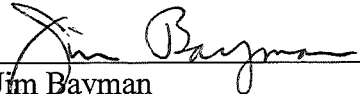
There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.

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Thomas Western, Chairman



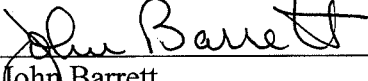
Kim Wheeler, Vice Chairman




Jim Bayman

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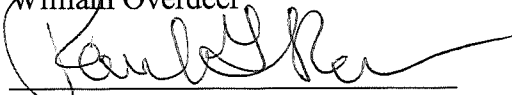
Glen LaRue



John Barrett



William Overdeer



Paula G. Reimers

Attest:



Vicky Schrader, Chief Deputy Auditor