

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

October 7, 2014

The Whitley County Council met in regular session at 7:00 am on October 7, 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, John Barrett, Glen LaRue, Bill Overdeer, and Paula Reimers. Also in attendance were Commissioner George Schrupf, Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Alan Tio, Make Jesse, Scott Wagner, Judge Heuer, Michael Barton, Brian More, Dan Weigold, Mark Sturtevant, and Christie Carnahan Whitton.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR MICROPULSE: Alan Tio presented a tax abatement for Micropulse on a building expansion and equipment purchases. The expansion has already started; therefore Micropulse is requesting a waiver of non-compliance. There were not any questions or comments at this time from the public or the Council. Council Member Overdeer made a motion to approve the waiver of non-compliance; the motion was seconded by Council member Bayman. The motion passed with a 7/0 vote. A motion to pass Resolution 2014-06 was made by Overdeer and seconded by Bayman and passed with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2015 WHITLEY COUNTY & SOLID WASTE BUDGET: After review of the 2015 Solid Waste budget, Council Member Reimers made a motion to approve the budget. The motion was seconded by Barrett and passed with a 6/1 vote with LaRue abstaining. After review of the 2015 Whitley County budget, Overdeer made a motion to pass the budget, seconded by Reimers. The motion passed with a 7/0 vote. Council Member Reimers thanked Linda Gerig for all of her help with the 2015 budget.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: Alan Tio informed the Council that they do not have a member on the Economic Development Commission. They need to appoint someone to be on the Commission. After discussion, Council member Overdeer made a motion to appoint Council member Barrett as the appointee for the Economic Development Commission. The motion was seconded by Council member Reimers and passed with a 6/1 vote with Barrett abstaining.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS: Judge Fahl from Superior Court requested that the Council approve an additional appropriation for \$10,000 to cover the pauper attorney costs for the rest of the year. Council member Overdeer made a motion to approve the additional appropriation, the motion was seconded by LaRue and passed with a 7/0 vote. There was also a transfer for Circuit Court that was requested by Judge Heuer. Bayman made a motion to approve the transfer which was seconded by Barrett and passed with a 7/0 vote. Another request for transfer was for the Clerk of Courts. The transfer was to pay their part-time person wages for the rest of the fiscal year. A motion to approve this transfer was made by Reimers and seconded by Overdeer. The motion passed with a 7/0 vote. The last two additional appropriation requests were for the County Highway Department. The first was for Stone & Gravel in the amount of \$110,000. The second was for Equipment and the amount was for \$191,000. A motion to approve the \$110,000 additional appropriation was made by Wheeler and seconded by Barrett. The motion passed with a 7/0 vote. A motion to approve the \$191,000 additional appropriation was made by Wheeler and seconded by Overdeer. The motion passed with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DAN WEIGOLD FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY: Whitley County GIS Coordinator Dan Weigold presented informational background on aerial photography that he hopes to have completed in the spring of 2015. The aerial photography that he is looking into would cost the County \$101,308. This includes higher resolution of the photography and it would enable certain departments to view all four sides of the houses in

Whitley County. This will allow for highly useful and valuable oblique images. Dan stated that he will receive most of his funding from the Assessor's office. He is looking for the rest of his funding for the project from other departments. He hopes he will not have to ask for any additional money from the Council. Chairman Western requested that Dan keep them informed on the project.

IN THE MATTER OF MARK STURTEVANT FOR THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT: Mark Sturtevant, the maintenance supervisor, requested that the Council approve the purchase of a snow blower. He would like to purchase this equipment to help with snow removal for the winter months. He stated that in a normal winter, with this equipment he would not need an outside source for help so it would save the County money because he could do it on his own. Mark also requested that the County purchase an F-Series because it is very versatile. Council member Wheeler made a motion to table the purchase of the F-Series from More's Farm Store until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Reimers and passed with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES: The minutes from the September 3, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Council member Reimers noted that under the Commissioners Report she made a motion to table a matter until the next meeting but there was not a second motion. The minutes should read, "Council member Reimers made a motion to table this until they receive the price of the demos from the Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Council member Wheeler and the motion passed with a 6/0 vote". The second correction was under the matter of other business. Council member Reimers made a motion but there was not a second motion. It should read, "Council member Reimers made a motion to table this request until they have further documentation on the additional appropriation. The motion was seconded by Overdeer and the motion passed with a 6/0 vote". Chairman Western stated that under "in the matter of non-binding reviews", it should read a 6/0 vote, not a 7/0 vote because he was absent at the meeting. Council member Bayman made a motion to approve the minutes with these changes in place. The motion was seconded by LaRue and passed with a 7/0 vote.

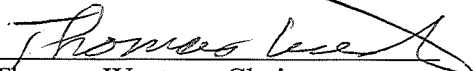
COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Chairman Schrupf gave a report from the Commissioners meeting:

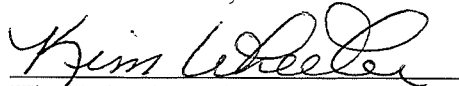
- Chairman Schrupf informed the Council that there have been travel policy changes made to the County employee handbook. The change is that elected officials and department heads will not be reimbursed for mileage for trainings or any other purpose that is non-related to their specific job function. The only exception to this is if it is approved by the County Commissioners.
- State Board of Accounts has requested that the Commissioners come up with a new policy when they are checking the claims. The Commissioners will now have to initial or sign each claim when they are reviewing them and then approve them in the meeting. The same change has been made to the Redevelopment Commission.
- He informed the Council that there was approval for an addendum to the tax escrow system. It was in the amount of \$1,750 for the Treasurer's office to pay for enhancements to STAR Bank to improve the software.
- In the matter of the Coesse sewer project, Chairman Schrupf informed the Council that the initial charge for the project was going to cost about \$230,000. This would include the few houses that are directly affected. To hook up the rest of the houses in the area that are affected, the whole project will cost around \$1.5 million to complete. The homeowner's will be charged a fee for hookup to the City sewer. At this point in time the fee is estimated to be approximately \$1,000. Since the State will eventually require that this project be done by the County, we are being proactive in getting the initial part of the project started.

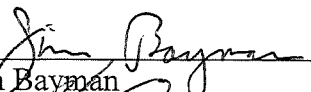
IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS: Auditor Jana Schinbeckler presented the longevity pay date to the Council. She is requesting that the pay day be November 17, 2014. The day would be in between pay dates for the regular payroll. Highway Director Michael Barton informed the Council on what the salt prices are going to be for this winter. Whitley County will be in the mid \$90 range per ton for salt. A Title IV-D Ordinance was presented to the Council to establish a non-reverting fund. A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Overdeer and seconded by Barrett. The motion passed with a 7/0 vote.


There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.

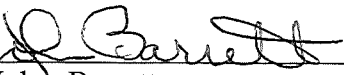
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Thomas Western, Chairman

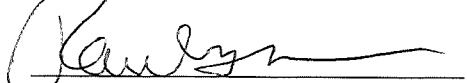

Kim Wheeler, Vice Chairman


Jim Bayman

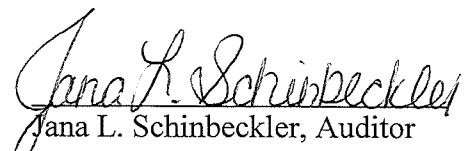

Glen LaRue


John Barrett


William Overdeer


Paula G. Reimers

Attest:


Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor

