

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 1, 2014

The Whitley County Commissioners met in special session at 10:30 am to open and review the Annual Major Supply Bids and quotes for 2015 for the Highway and Drainage departments. The bids were due in the Whitley County Auditor's office by 9:00am December 1, 2014. Commissioners in attendance were Chairman George Schrupf, Don Amber, and Tom Rethlake. Also in attendance were Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Engineer Brandon Forrester, Highway Supervisor Michael Barton, Kevin Lemler – Irving Materials Inc, Mike Maggart – Niblock Excavating, Dave Nicol – Pierceton Trucking, Deb Nicol – Great Lakes Chloride, and Scott Hilliard – Ag Plus.

All the quotes and bids were opened and reviewed; Engineer Brandon Forrester and Michael Barton will review all the submissions and report back to the Commissioners with their recommendations at the December 15, 2014 meeting.

At this time the special session was adjourned.

The Whitley County Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, December 1, 2014 at 1:00pm in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Commissioners in attendance were Chairman George Schrupf, Don Amber, and Tom Rethlake. Also in attendance were Viv Sade, Michael Barton, Brandon Forrester, Dan Weigold, Mary Hartman, Scott Jones, Richard Eckert, Charlie Heflin, and Tim Misióra.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY'S GIS DATA: Dan Weigold, the GIS Coordinator, presented a GIS data request for Parkview Hospital. The hospital specified that they need more accurate data than what they are using. The Commissioners stated that a data agreement needs signed by Parkview Hospital. Commissioner Amber made a motion to provide the data to the hospital, the motion was seconded by Rethlake and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY SPECIFICATION UPDATE: County Engineer Brandon Forrester stated that he has been working on the County's subdivision control ordinance. The draft that the County currently has does not match the highway specs. Brandon stated that the last update on the highway specs was in 1992. He is looking into a new subdivision plan and would like a general "clean-up" of the highway specs. The Commissioners requested that Brandon work with Michael Barton to bring recommendations to them for the updated highway specs and the subdivision plan.

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Charlie Heflin, the Whitley County Emergency Management Director, presented an emergency management performance grant to the Commissioners. The grant lays out what Charlie is requesting to purchase and the prices for the grant are firm. Charlie also stated that he did have an audit done and the emergency management department passed the audit. Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to approve and sign the grant paperwork, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Michael Barton informed the Commissioners on the natural gas leak that took place at the County Highway Department. All of the joints on the line had to be replaced and as of December 1st the gas was still shut off. NIPSCO and Flow Tech are working to get it fixed as soon as possible. The highway department is performing the digging for the fix to save money. Commissioner Amber requested information on Liberty Center. Michael informed the Commissioners that the plans are changing daily and it may possibly be turned into a roundabout.

IN THE MATTER OF THE VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE: Richard Eckert, from the Veteran Service Office, gave a report of how the office was doing. They have a schedule worked

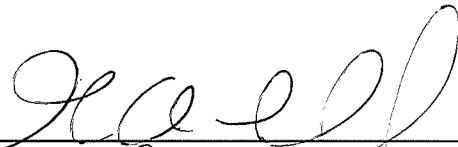
out that there is someone in the office 40 hours per week. They have not had any complaints and there has never been a situation where someone needed immediate assistance. He stated that the Commissioners will also need to name a replacement for the current veteran service officer for next year.

IN A MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The minutes from the November 17, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 17th meeting, second by Commissioner Schrupf and carried with a 2/1 vote with Commissioner Rethlake abstaining. The claims were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Commissioner Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote.

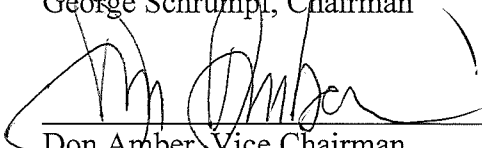
IN OTHER BUSINESS: County Coordinator Pam Smith made the announcement that the Holiday Employee Recognition lunch will be December 12, 2014 from 11 am to 1 pm. Everyone must bring either canned food, cash donation, or a package of diapers. She also presented a membership renewal for the Chamber of Commerce to the Commissioners. The renewal charge to continue the membership is \$667.70. The Commissioners requested that Doug Brown, the Columbia City Chamber Director come to the next meeting on December 15, 2014. Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to table the membership until the next meeting, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Rethlake specified that Community Corrections has 70 people at their building and the Jail has 121 people in their facility. At the December 15, 2014 meeting, the DLZ will present and discuss their recommendations of their feasibility study to the Commissioners. He also stated that he would like the highway to put up no trespassing signs at the land fill. In regard to the land fill, Commissioner Rethlake stated that we need to do the water monitoring and replace some vents. Commissioner Amber discussed the Regional Chamber Caucus last week. This was to go over the priorities for the Regional Chambers at the next legislative session. Commissioner Schrupf stated that the Redevelopment Commission presented the idea to possibly take some of the TIF money back from the Union Township Fire Department to pay for the Coesse Sewer Project. The Redevelopment Commission also decided that they will pay the first \$24,000 for this project to Engineering Resources. Commissioner Schrupf also presented a transfer of funds to the Commissioners. Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Commissioner Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Commissioner Amber made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rethlake and Commissioner Schrupf adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm.


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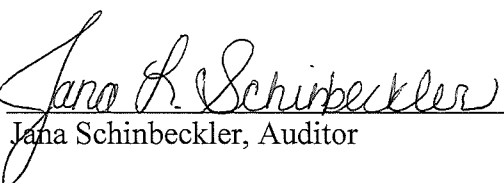
George Schrupf, Chairman



Don Amber, Vice Chairman



Tom Rethlake

Attest: 

Jana Schinbeckler, Auditor