

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

November 5, 2014

The Whitley County Council met in regular session at 8:00 am on November 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, John Barrett, Glen LaRue, Bill Overdeer, and Paula Reimers. Also in attendance were Commissioner George Schrupf, Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Alan Tio, Matt Rentschler, Mark Jesse, Scott Wagner, Michael Barton, Charles Heflin, Debbie Beers, Mary Hartman, and Mark Sturtevant.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE MICROPULSE BOND INDUCEMENT: Brian Emerick requested that the County Council approve a resolution for the issuance of bonds for the purpose of providing financing and refinancing of certain economic development facilities. Council member Barrett made a motion to approve the Bond Inducement Resolution 2014-16 for Micropulse; this motion was seconded by Reimers. The motion passed with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS: The County Council reviewed all of the requests for transfers. Overdeer made a motion to approve all of the requests for transfers. This motion was seconded by Barrett and the motion passed with a 5/2 vote with Reimers and LaRue abstaining. Commissioner Schrupf presented the additional appropriation requests for the CAGIT fund for \$15,000. A motion to approve the additional appropriation for CAGIT unemployment compensation was made by Barrett and seconded by Overdeer. The motion passed with a 7/0 vote. Council member Overdeer made a motion to approve the additional appropriations in the amounts of \$25,000 \$87,000, \$10,000 for the CAGIT fund. The motion was seconded by LaRue and passed with a 7/0 vote. Debbie Beers, Whitley County Clerk, presented her requests for an additional appropriation in the Document Storage/Perpetuation Fund for \$6,500 to the Council. LaRue made a motion to approve this request for the Clerk, seconded by Wheeler and carried with a 7/0 vote. Matt Rentschler, the County Prosecutor, requested two additional appropriations due to two employees retiring this year. The request was in the amount of \$4,572.34. Reimers made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$1,256.01 to the Prosecutor fund. The motion was seconded by Barrett and passed with a 7/0 vote. Reimers made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$3,316.33 to the Title IV-D fund. Barrett seconded the motion and it carried with a 7/0 vote. Jody Hollenbaugh from the Sheriff's department presented the additional appropriation requests to the Council. LaRue made a motion to table the requests for the additional appropriations until the next meeting where the requests for reduction of appropriations will be presented. This motion was seconded by Reimers and passed with a 7/0 vote. Michael Barton from the highway department requested an additional \$30,000. Council member Wheeler made a motion to approve the \$20,000 for the PERF account and \$10,000 for the Group Insurance. This motion was seconded by Barrett and passed with a 7/0 vote. Auditor Jana Schinbeckler requested an additional appropriation for Equipment and Program maintenance for \$15,000. Council member Reimers requested that we look into paying that out of the Ineligible Homestead fund before the Council approves the additional appropriation. The next additional appropriation requested was for the Circuit Court. The amount requested was for \$15,000 for the Pauper Attorney account. Overdeer made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for \$15,000; the motion was seconded by Barrett and passed with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COESSE SEWER PROJECT: Scott Wagner and Mark Jesse from GAI consultants presented to the Council that they would like to get the Coesse Sewer project started. They need to find where we are going to receive the funding for the engineering costs. The engineering costs that would get the project started would be about \$64,000 and the entire project would cost about \$240,000. Mark Jesse stated that he expects there to not be any more than \$20,000 requested for payment in the 2014 calendar year. Reimers made a motion to pay GAI consultants the \$20,000 from the CEDIT fund after it is approved from the Commissioners. Wheeler seconded the motion and it carried with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF MARK STURTEVANT FOR THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:

The Council discussed purchasing the Kubota tractor for the maintenance department. The tractor is \$34,122.26 and this is from More's Farm Store. The quote still stands as of today and they are willing to give \$1,000 trade in for the old Kubota that we have. Council member Overdeer made a motion to approve the purchase of the Kubota with the Highway department willing to purchase it with their funds. This motion was seconded by Wheeler and passed with a 7/0 vote. The water softener in the amount of \$5,585 was approved for the County Government building. The water softener is to be paid out of Cum Capital 1138.36004.000.0256.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES: The minutes from the October 7, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Council member LaRue made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Barrett. The motion passed with a 7/0 vote.

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

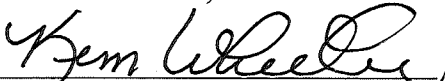
- Commissioner Schruppf gave a report to the Council that they are looking into using Peoplelink as a provider for our part-time employees. The Commissioners have not made a motion on it; they are just researching it at this time. He stated that it is going to the Personnel Committee before it is approved.
- Commissioner Schruppf also stated that the Commissioners are going to be looking into the County's health insurance.

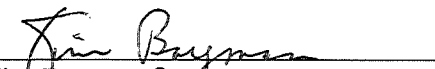
IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS: The Council Members reviewed the appointment to the South Whitley Library board. Council member Bayman made a motion the approve David Warner as the appointee to the library board; this motion was seconded by Barrett and passed with a 7/0 vote. Whitley County Engineer Brandon Forrester informed the Council that he would like to change the way that Whitley County bills the drains on tax bills. He would like to split up the drainage assessments and billing evenly between the spring and the fall. He stated that we are the only County that does not do it this way. The County Council also made a general consensus to approve an audit to be completed for the County funds.

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

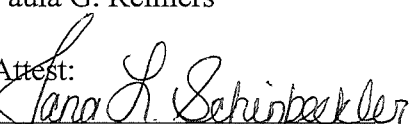

Jim Bayman


Glen LaRue


John Barrett


William Overdeer


Paula G. Reimers

Attest:

Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor