

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 20, 2015

The Whitley County Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, January 20, 2015 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 Schrumpf, Don Amber, and Tom Rethlake. Others in attendance were Michael Barton, Kim Wheeler, Paula Reimers, Tom Western, Eric Katts, Stanley Crum, Laurell Hodges, Jill Snyder, and Paula Worden. Auditor Jana Schinbeckler recorded the minutes for the meeting.

Chairman Schrumpf called the meeting to order.

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Chairman Schrumpf announced for the second meeting of 2015 year that an election of officers needed to take place. There were two nominations. Commissioner Amber made a nomination for Schrumpf to be Chairman and for Rethlake to be Vice Chairman. The second nomination by Commissioner Schrumpf was for Commissioner Rethlake to be Chairman and for Commissioner Amber to be Vice Chairman. The nominations were closed at this time. Commissioner Rethlake made a motion for the nomination of Rethlake to be Chairman and Amber to be Vice Chairman effective February 2, 2015, seconded by Schrumpf, and passed with a 2/1 vote with Amber voting against.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: County Attorney Dan Sigler gave his report on current matters. He stated he has looked at several contracts for the County recently and he requested a slight change to the Aerial Photography contract. He gave an update on the County Recorders lawsuit with the company that stole the Recorder's office data. The attorney that is taking care of this class action lawsuit has 19 other counties that he is working with. There have also been some employee issues that have come up. Attorney Sigler requested that the Commissioners change their disability policy. Rethlake made a motion to table this issue until the next meeting, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote. Attorney Sigler also had his 2015 Contract for the Commissioners to review and sign. After review, Amber made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Rethlake, and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE DFI GRANT REQUESTS: The Commissioners reviewed the 2015 DFI grant requests made by Jill Snyder. After review, Amber made a motion to approve the DFI grant requests, seconded by Rethlake, and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Highway Supervisor Michael Barton gave his report on the highway to the Commissioners. He discussed fuel prices and their fuel usage compared to prior years. He also stated that they not only have four new trucks but they also have things fixed on the older trucks.

BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING: At this time, Chairman Schrumpf suspended the regular meeting to conduct the Annual Finance meeting with the County Treasurer Laurell Hodges. After finishing the Finance meeting, the regular Commissioner meeting was reconvened.

IN A MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The minutes from the January 5, 2015 meeting were reviewed. After review, Amber made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Rethlake, and passed with a 2/0 vote with Schrumpf abstaining. The claims were reviewed by the Commissioners. After review, Rethlake made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN OTHER BUSINESS: County Coordinator Pam Smith presented requests for the use of County facilities to the Commissioners. There was a request for a wedding on Sunday, May 31, 2015 to use the gazebo by the Courthouse. They would not need electricity for the use of the gazebo. Amber made a motion to approve the use of the gazebo on May 31, 2015, seconded by Rethlake and passed with a 3/0 vote. The second request was also for the use of the gazebo and the Courthouse lawn on Saturday, September 12, 2015. This request will require the use of

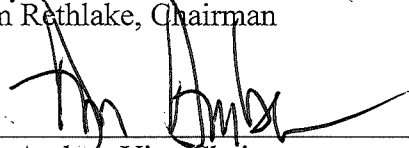
electricity. Rethlake made a motion to approve the use of the gazebo and the lawn, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote. The third request was for the use of the gazebo and lawn as well for an appropriate retired flag burning on Sunday, May 24, 2015 at 6:00 pm. Amber made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Rethlake, and passed with a 3/0 vote. Pam also mentioned to the Commissioners that there are Staples credit cards being used. Amber made a motion to send out an email to every department and get a report of what credit cards they have. The motion was seconded by Rethlake and passed with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioners also requested that the Auditor find out whether or not the Jail is allowed to have debit cards for the purchase of meals at Aldi's. Auditor Jana Schinbeckler presented a utility permit to the Commissioners. The permits were preapproved by the County Engineer Brandon Forrester. After review of the permit, Amber made a motion to approve the utility permit, seconded by Rethlake, and passed with a 3/0 vote.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Commissioner Schrupf adjourned the meeting at 1:55 pm.

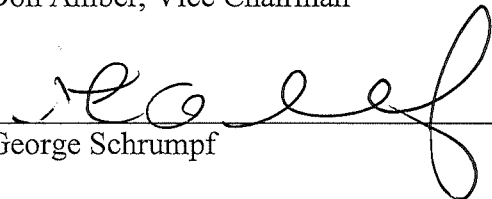
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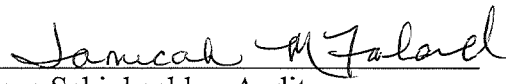
Tom Rethlake, Chairman



Don Amber, Vice Chairman



George Schrupf

Attest: 

Jana Schinbeckler, Auditor
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