

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

December 8, 2015

The Whitley County Council met in regular session at 8:00 am on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 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, and John Barrett. Council members Glen LaRue and Paula Reimers were absent. Also in attendance were Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Commissioner Don Amber, Mary Hartman from the Peabody Public Library, County Clerk Debbie Beers, Judge Heuer, Julie Jensen-Kelley and Paula Worden from Community Corrections, EDC President Jon Myers, Lou Matrisciano and Brian More from Restoration Medical Polymers, Dani Tippmann from the Historical Museum, Sheriff Gattton, Jody Hollenbaugh from the Sheriff's department, and Nick Rupert from the Post and Mail.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIELD OFFICER POSITION: Community Corrections Coordinator Paula Worden presented an employee requisition form to the Council. The requisition form was to create a new position titled Field Officer. The position would be full time with benefits and the person who is hired would start in December of 2015. The position would also be paid from the Community Corrections grant that they receive. Commissioner Amber stated that they made a favorable pass to Council at their meeting. Council member Wheeler made a motion to approve the new position, seconded by Barrett, and carried with a 5/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF A GRANT APPROVAL: County Clerk Debbie Beers presented a grant to the Council for approval. The State has mandated e-filing online and there is a grant available to help purchase scanners and everything else needed to set up e-filing. It includes the Clerk's office, Prosecutor's office, Circuit Court, and Superior Court. The total amount needed to implement the e-filing is \$8,465.00 and Debbie stated that she has the funding available in the Document Storage fund. When the grant is awarded, the Council will be reimbursed for the amount paid. Council member Overdeer made a motion to approve the grant, seconded by Barrett, and passed with a 5/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF A PART TIME POSITION REQUEST: Dani Tippmann from the Historical Museum presented a part time position request to the Council. Commissioner Amber reported the Commissioners made a favorable pass to Council to approve the part time position for the Museum. Council member Overdeer made a motion to approve the position, seconded by Bayman, and passed with a 5/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT 418007 ATTRACTION INCENTIVES OFFER: EDC President Jon Myers presented Project 418007 to the Commissioners. The project is for Restoration Medical Polymers, LLC which is a company interested in coming to Whitley County. They presented a proposal to build a new manufacturing facility on Lot 8 of the Park 30 Business Center. They are requesting tax abatements for real and personal property. They are also requesting up to \$210,000.00 to help pay for improvements for the soil remediation of the site they would like to build on. Commissioner Amber reported that the Commissioners approved/made a favorable pass to Council to pay \$90,000.00 from CEDIT funds to put towards Restoration Medical Polymers, LLC request. Council member Overdeer made a motion to approve the \$90,000.00 project from CEDIT to pay Restoration Medical Polymers, seconded by Barrett, and passed with a 5/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF TAX ABATEMENT FOR REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY: The Council reviewed the tax abatement documents and Council member Bayman made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-09 for the personal property and Resolution 2015-10 for the real property, seconded by Wheeler, and passed with a 5/0 vote. Both of the tax abatements are for ten years.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCES: County Auditor Jana Schinbeckler presented three ordinances to the Council. The first ordinance is authorizing the acquisition of blanket bonds or crime insurance coverage and naming minimum coverage amounts. This must be established before the end of the year. It is a requirement by the State. Council member Bayman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-14 establishing blanket bond coverage, seconded by Overdeer, and passed with a 5/0 vote. The second ordinance presented was the salary ordinance for 2016, which is an ordinance establishing the compensation for elected officials and Whitley County employees in the calendar year of 2016. After review, Council member Barrett made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-15 establishing the compensation for employees for 2016, seconded by Bayman, and passed with a 5/0 vote. The third ordinance was in regard to the Whitley County Council rescinding Ordinance No. 2015-07 amending the County of Whitley's personnel policies

handbook. After review, Council member Bayman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-16, seconded by Wheeler, and carried with a 5/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS:

Circuit Court:

1000.20000.000.0136	Supplies	1000.12702.000.0136	Pauper Attorney	\$531.92
1000.27000.000.0136	Law Books	1000.12702.000.0136	Pauper Attorney	\$349.16
1000.30005.000.0136	Pauper Transcript	1000.12702.000.0136	Pauper Attorney	\$451.00
1000.30005.000.0136	Postage	1000.12702.000.0136	Pauper Attorney	\$100.00
1000.33003.000.0136	Travel	1000.12702.000.0136	Pauper Attorney	\$132.96
1000.37001.000.0136	Training	1000.12702.000.0136	Pauper Attorney	\$111.10
1000.37004.000.0136	Repair & Maint	1000.12702.000.0136	Pauper Attorney	\$432.12
1000.38000.000.0136	Dues & Subscriptions	1000.12702.000.0136	Pauper Attorney	\$260.00

Commissioners:

1112.59000.000.0433	Misc. Expense	1000.03990.000.0000	Misc. Receipts	\$350,000.00
1000.11800.000.0130	Longevity	1000.34000.000.0130	Telephone	\$1,000.00

Sheriff Department:

1000.11211.000.0132	Jailer 1	1000.11100.000.0105	Elected Official	\$2,000.00
1000.11506.000.0132	Jailer 3	1000.11100.000.0105	Elected Official	\$3,000.00
1000.12705.000.0132	Jailer 13	1000.11100.000.0105	Elected Official	\$5,000.00
1000.12800.000.0132	Jailer 7	1000.11100.000.0105	Elected Official	\$5,000.00

EMA Department:

1000.11101.000.0146	Director	1000.37001.000.0146	Training	\$1,000.00
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Planning & Building Department:

1000.34000.000.0124	Telephone	1000.20000.000.0124	Office Supplies	\$160.83
1000.37000.000.0124	Equip/Program Maint	1000.20000.000.0124	Office Supplies	\$140.00
1000.38005.000.0124	Memberships	1000.30000.000.0124	Professional Svcs	\$305.00
1000.38000.000.0124	Dues & Subscriptions	1000.30000.000.0124	Professional Svcs	\$329.40
1000.33004.000.0124	Travel/Auto/Conf	1000.30000.000.0124	Professional Svcs	\$385.60

In regard to the Circuit Court transfers, Council member Overdeer made a motion to approve the transfer requests, seconded by Barret, and carried with a 5/0 vote. The Commissioner’s request to Council for transfer was approved by Barrett, seconded by Overdeer, and passed with a 5/0 vote. The Sheriff’s department transfer requests were approved by Council member Bayman, seconded by Overdeer, and passed with all in favor. Last, the planning and building department transfer requests were approved by Council member LaRue, seconded by Wheeler, and passed with all in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Commissioners:

1110.32005.000.0000	Liability & Prop Insurance	\$116,000.00
1110.38004.000.0000	Institutional Care	\$23,177.60

Redevelopment Commission:

4500.42009.000.0608	Tax Revenue Bonds	\$710,000.00
4500.59000.000.0608	Misc. Expense	\$342,000.00

In regard to the additional appropriation for the Commissioners, Council member Barrett made a motion to approve, seconded by Overdeer, and passed with a 5/0 vote. For the Redevelopment Commission additional appropriations, Council member Bayman made a motion to approve, seconded by Wheeler, and carried with a 5/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES: The minutes from the November 3, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Council member Barrett made a motion to approve both of the minutes, seconded by Bayman, and passed with a 5/0 vote.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Commissioner Amber gave a report from the Commissioners meeting:

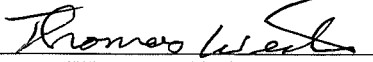
- Commissioner Amber presented a request to the Council to refactor Jody Hollenbaugh’s position at the Sheriff’s department. She will now be the Office Manager if the request is approved and the Commissioners have already made a favorable pass to Council. After review, Council member Barrett made a motion to approve the refactoring of the position, seconded by Wheeler, and passed with a 5/0 vote.

- Commissioner Amber also presented a new CEDIT project to the Council. The Commissioners would like to establish a new CEDIT project for 2015. The project is to pay the December insurance bill because there was not enough budgeted for 2015 to cover the expense. Council member Bayman made a motion to approve the new project, seconded by Wheeler, and passed with a 5/0 vote.
- Commissioner Amber reported to the Council that we have accepted a new consultant group. The County is still utilizing the Bowen Center, employees will just have a new option in January of 2016. The new counseling group that the County has is JT Counseling Group.

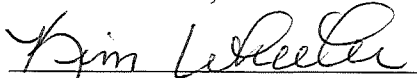
IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS: The Council and Commissioner Amber discussed the possible ordinance that the County has the choice to adopt for personal property that fall under \$20,000 for assessed value. After discussion, they decided they needed further information before they made a decision.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 AM.

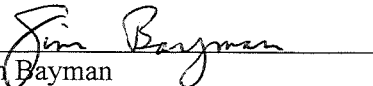
WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL



Thomas Western, Chairman



Kim Wheeler, Vice Chairman



Jim Bayman



Glen LaRue



John Barrett

William Overdeer

Paula G. Reimers

Attest:



Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor

