

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

January 5, 2016

The Whitley County Council met in regular session at 8:00 am on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 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, Glen LaRue, Bill Overdeer, John Barrett, and Paula Reimers. Also in attendance were Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Commissioner George Schruppf, Mary Hartman from the Peabody Public Library, Dr. Lisa Hatcher from the Health Department, Assistant Planner Cathy Gardner, 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 WIC FINANCES: Dr. Lisa Hatcher presented a WIC financial issue to the Council. The WIC expenses for fiscal year 2015 were over budget by around \$12,000. This was due to health insurance being included for the first year for the program coordinator. The amount was entered incorrectly for the budget of how much it would cost WIC for October 2014 to September 2015. State WIC Finance will be auditing the WIC department on January 6th and January 7th and make recommendations for potential payments of claims still unpaid. In the case that State WIC Finance does not reimburse for the over expensed budget amounts, the County will have to cover those expenses. There are unrestricted grant funds that could potentially be used to temporarily transfer into WIC funds to balance the budget.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS:

Sheriff:

1000.22100.000.0105	Gas	1000.36001.000.0105	Garage	\$4,000
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Prosecutor:

1000.37000.000.0108	Equip & Program Maint.	1000.20000.000.0108	Supplies	\$60
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Auditor:

1216.39004.000.0102	Conference/Meeting	1216.20000.000.0102	Supplies	\$100
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Commissioners:

1110.30009.000.0000	Legal Services	1110.17100.000.0000	FICA/Medicare	\$21,000
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1110.31001.000.0000	Consultant/Engineering	1110.20000.000.0000	Supplies	\$200
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In regard to the Sheriff transfer, Council member Reimers made a motion to approve the transfer request, seconded by Wheeler, and carried with a 7/0 vote. The Prosecutor's request to Council for transfer was approved by Barrett, seconded by LaRue, and passed with a 7/0 vote. The Auditor's department transfer request was approved by Council member Wheeler, seconded by Bayman, and passed with all in favor. Last, the Commissioner's transfer requests were approved by Council member LaRue, seconded by Overdeer, and passed with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Council member Bayman made a motion for Kim Wheeler as Chairman, seconded by Reimers, and passed with a 7/0 vote. Council member Wheeler made a motion for Jim Bayman as Vice Chairman, seconded by Reimers, and carried with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES: The minutes from the December 8, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Council member Reimers made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction. The correction was under "In the Matter of Transfers". The sentence reads, "Last, the planning and building department transfer requests were approved by Council member LaRue, seconded by Wheeler, and passed with all in favor". It should read, "Last, the planning and building department transfer requests were approved by Council member Barrett, seconded by Wheeler, and passed with all in favor". The motion was seconded by Bayman, and passed with a 6/0 vote with LaRue abstaining.

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

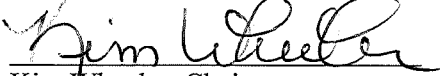
- Commissioner Schruppf informed the Council that he was appointment Chairman Commissioner for 2016.
- The IGS energy contract has been approved by Attorney Sigler and signed by the Commissioners.
- Commissioner Schruppf stated that the Highway department would like to purchase two new highway trucks. The trucks will not be on lease and will be identical to each other.
- The 2016 CEDIT Plan is being looked into and may need to be revised. With the transfer from CEDIT to County General and insurance to ensure that claims were paid, and the fact that CEDIT funds were frozen by the State for several years, the plan needs revised.

IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS: In regard to reappointments, Cathy Gardner presented Mr. William Klein to be the Council's appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The request was all to

reappoint Council member Reimers to the Whitley County Plan Commission and Council members Bayman and Wheeler to the Whitley County Joint Advisory Board. Council member Overdeer made a motion to reappoint Mr. William Klein to the Board of Zoning Appeals and to keep the Council members the same on the Plan Commission and Joint Advisory Board, seconded by Barrett, and passed with a 7/0 vote. In regard to appointments to the Churubusco Library Board, Council member Barrett made a motion to reappoint Ann Linvill for another four years, seconded by Bayman, and passed with a 7/0 vote. Council members discussed other matters they had concerns about. They would like to start approving five year abatements for specific matters rather than ten year abatements depending on the project. The Council also signed their Nepotism policy papers.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 AM.

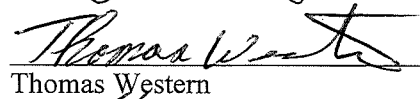
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Kim Wheeler, Chairman



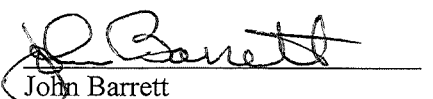
Jim Bayman, Vice Chairman



Thomas Western



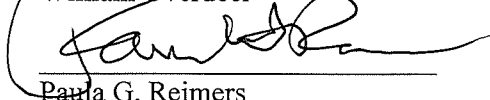
Glen LaRue



John Barrett

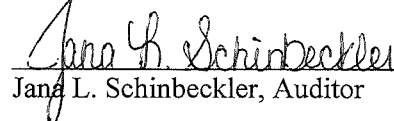


William Overdeer



Paula G. Reimers

Attest:



Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor