

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 2, 2016

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 2, 2016 at 1:00 pm in the Commissioners' Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Commissioners in attendance were Chairman George Schrumpf, Vice Chairman Don Amber and Commissioner Tom Rethlake. Others in attendance were Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, County Coordinator Pamela Smith, Community Corrections Director Paula Worden, EDC President Jon Myers, Mary Hartman from the Peabody Public Library, Chief Probation Officer Amy Motter, Tim Blake, Stanley Crum, Council member Bill Overdeer, Council member Tom Western, Randy Cokl, Scott Jones from 911 and Highway Director/Engineer Brandon Forrester.

Chairman Schrumpf opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: Attorney Sigler reported to the Commissioners that he has created a Quit Claim deed for the Samaritan property that deeds the property back to the State. The Commissioners have already approved to deed the property back over to the State, they just need to sign the deed and have it recorded. Sigler informed the Commissioners that the Recorder did attend the mediation in Chicago regarding an ongoing class action lawsuit. There is a tentative settlement but is it confidential at this time. In regard to the Economic Development Commission meeting last week, the committee approved a bond inducement for the new business Restoration Medical Polymers LLC. Attorney Sigler stated that it is a great business for the County and the bond will also have to be approved by the Council on Wednesday at their meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARK 30 REIMBURSEMENT WITH REDEVELOPMENT: EDC President Jon Myers presented a Reimbursement Agreement to the Commissioners with the Redevelopment Commission. The County has committed to an investment of \$210,000 by the end of the year 2016 in costs associated with the Public Improvements in Park 30 Drive for a new facility for business. The Redevelopment Commission agrees to reimburse the County \$120,000 of the \$210,000. The Reimbursement is to be used exclusively to reimburse the County for expenditures made for Public Improvements within the TIF District. Jon stated that the Commissioners have already approved the payment and to be reimbursed, they just need to approve to sign the agreement. Commissioner Amber made a motion to sign, seconded by Rethlake and passed with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EMS CONTRACT: Attorney Sigler presented an Emergency Medical Services Program Agreement from 2017-2021. The agreement is between the Whitley County Board of Commissioners and Parkview Memorial Hospital d/b/a Parkview Whitley Hospital. The agreement covers several different aspects including: The Hospital's Provision of Services, Whitley County's Obligation to the Hospital, Mutual Obligations, Billing and Collection, Insurance, Terms, Indemnification, Notices, Assignments, and Entire Agreement and Amendments. Commissioner Amber had a few requests for changes. He understands that Parkview would use their ambulances for inner facility transfers and it is not what the agreement states. Amber requested that a sentence under Section 1 be changed from, "The parties understand that from time to time it will be necessary to use in service ambulance to transfer non-emergency patients for a variety of reasons" to "The parties understand that it will be necessary to use in service ambulance to provide inner facility transfers of non-emergency patients." The second change under section 2 reads, "Lease to the Hospital, for the full sum..." and it should read, "Transfer of the vehicles (transfer immediately) to the Hospital, for the full sum..." The next change was under Section 3 in regard to the Oversight Committee. It reads, "This Oversight Committee shall be made up of ten (10) members: two of whom shall be appointed by and from the Whitley County Board of Commissioners; one of whom shall be appointed by and from the Hospital Board of Directors; one of whom shall be the Hospital Chief Operating Officer, one of whom shall be Manager of Hospital Emergency medical services and the Hospital Medical

Director for Emergency Medical Services; and three of whom shall be elected by these seven members from the general public". It should read, "This Oversight Committee shall be made up of five (5) members: one of whom shall be the Chief Operating Officer; one of whom shall be the Hospital Medical Director for Emergency Medical Services; one of whom shall be a Commissioner; one of whom shall be a Council member; and one of whom shall be a member of the public". Also, rather than paying Parkview in two payments for their services, Commissioner Amber made the request that a payment be made each month rather than twice a year. Attorney Sigler stated that he will make the changes accordingly to the Commissioners requests. With the changes, Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Schrupf and passed with a 2/1 vote with Amber voting against.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY ENGINEERING: Highway Director/Engineer Brandon Forrester gave a highway update to the Commissioners. The department has begun grading and applying calcium chloride for the residents on gravel roads. They have also been patching with cold mix, weather permitting. In regard to the patching, Brandon reported that there is about a quarter of the County completed. Brandon stated that some of the worst areas were in Smith and Union Township. There are some trucks working on the North and South roads and some on the East and West roads.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY COORDINATOR: County Coordinator Pamela Smith presented a request to use County facilities to the Commissioners. The request was from Demoney-Grimes Funeral Home and the Columbia City Passionate Friends for a "Walk to Remember". The request is for August 13, 2016 for set up for registration at 7:15 AM and they are out of the gazebo by 8:05 AM. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Rethlake and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN A MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The minutes from the April 18, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Amber made three corrections to the minutes. The first and second correction were under "In the Matter of Central Dispatch and CAD System". It reads, "new it every two years" and it should be "renew it every two years". The second correction under the same category was "there are three employees working at all times" and it should be "there are two to three employees working at all times". The third correction was under the EMS contract. It reads "Gabriel" and it should be "Gabrielle". Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections, seconded by Rethlake and passed with a 3/0 vote. The claims were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Rethlake and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN OTHER BUSINESS: Community Corrections Director Paula Worden reported that her department has received their grant reward letter from the Indiana Department of Corrections. They are receiving \$684,080 for the 2016-2017 fiscal year which \$621,080 is for Adult Community Corrections and \$63,000 is allocated for Probation. The additional funding that Community Corrections has received is for a full time Data Analyst which will be a new position for the County. A job description is needed and it will have to be factored before being taken to Council. This job is being created to collect the data that is needed for Community Corrections to receive these grants. There has also been additional funding to cover additional hours for the psychiatric nurse at the Jail. After review, Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to approve the grant for Community Corrections fiscal year 2016-2017, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote. Tim Blake from the Highway Department requested to speak to the Commissioners in regard to his employment at the Highway Department. Attorney Sigler stated that this should be handled in an executive session rather than in a public meeting. Commissioner Schrupf asked Tim to request an executive session and the Commissioners would hold an executive session in regard to his concerns. Commissioner Amber reported that there is a fee committee meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 8:30 AM. He also made a request that the Commissioners consider having one late meeting per month in order for the public to attend the meetings after work. The Commissioners stated they would think it over and discuss it. Commissioner Schrupf informed the other Commissioners that the Ford Explorer at the Highway Department has become available.

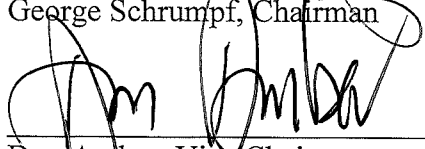
He proposed to the Commissioners that the Ford Explorer now be used by Scott Wagner in the Health Department, the Ford Escape that Scott drives would be used by the Building Department, and the Ford Fusion would be used by the part time Building Inspector. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the transfer of vehicles within the departments, seconded by Commissioner Rethlake and carried with a 3/0 vote. Brandon Forrester asked if the Highway Department would be reimbursed for the vehicle that will be given over to the Health Department. Commissioner Schrupf stated that he would look into it, whether the County needs to reimburse the Highway Department or the vehicle could be donated. In discussions with the Mayor and the EDC President, they have been meeting with two different internet service providers to try to get fiber optic service to the County. Businesses in the County are complaining their internet is slow and this would improve their internet speed. The City has a ring of fiber optics already and this will bring internet service to the City and it will go up through the 30 Corridor and then throughout the County. Redevelopment or the Commissioners CEDIT Plan could help as a subsidy for the project because it would greatly improve internet service in the TIF District. Auditor Schinbeckler presented an Ordinance to the Commissioners to adopt internal control standards. Attorney Sigler has reviewed the Ordinance and has given his approval. Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-02, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Schrupf adjourned the meeting at 2:00 PM.


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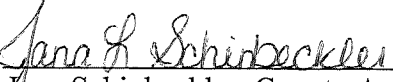
George Schrupf, Chairman



Don Amber, Vice Chairman



Tom Rethlake

Attest: 

Jana Schinbeckler, County Auditor

