

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

May 4, 2016

The Whitley County Council met in regular session at 8:00 am on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Kim Wheeler, Vice Chairman Jim Bayman, Tom Western, Glen LaRue, Bill Overdeer, and Paula Reimers. Also in attendance were Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, EDC President Jon Myers, Clerk Debbie Beers, Sheriff Marc Gatton, Highway Director/Engineer Brandon Forrester, Michael Barton, Don Amber, Janelle Schmitt, Scott Schmitt, Scott Smith and Scott Jones from the Sheriff's Department.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION FOR RESTORATION MEDICAL POLYMERS: The Council members reviewed a resolution to provide the preliminary approval of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of providing financial and refinancing of certain economic development facilities. Restoration Medical Polymers, LLC which is going to be located in Park 30 Drive, has advised the Economic Development Commission and the County that the County issue and sell its economic development revenue bonds for the purpose of providing financing by the Applicant of certain economic development facilities. These facilities consist of the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of a pre-engineered metal building of approximately 35,000 square feet. The County Council further finds, determines, ratifies and confirms that the issuance and sale of economic development revenue bonds of the County under the Act in an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 for the Project. In regard to the Company, there are only a few plants in the world that make this product. They hope to have 20 to 25 jobs within the next four to five years with an average wage in excess of \$55,000 per year. After review, Council member Bayman made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-04, seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EXTENSION OFFICE: Cindy Barnett from the Extension Office presented the 2016 Annual Report to the Council. The Extension Office has several different programs including: the Nutrition Education Program, the Whitley County Swine Carcass Show, Whitley County Extension Homemakers, NEPAC Field Days, Captain Cash, Fraud Alert, and Whitley County Master Gardeners. The Nutrition Education Program is a behavior-focused nutrition education that helps individuals and families to select nutritious foods that fit within their budget. The Whitley County Swine Carcass Show is hosted by Purdue Extension and Whitley County Pork Producers with open class and exhibitors gaining experiences and skills in preparing and showing pigs. Whitley County Extension Homemakers' mission is to strengthen families through continuing education, leadership development, and volunteer community support. NEPAC Field Days is to inform commercial applicators on topics of corn and soybean pest updates, plant population for corn, nutrient management, soybean yield management, nematodes in corn and soybeans, rethinking the sprayer clean out, and herbicide classification and mode of action. The Captain Cash program is taught to elementary students in Whitley County on an "adventures to the islands" of Earning, Saving, Spending and Borrowing. Students learn to become eager earners, savvy savers, wise spenders and careful borrowers. Fraud Alert is taught throughout northeast Indiana. It teaches the three most important items for fraud: how to recognize a scam, how to report a scam and how to check your credit report. The last program, Whitley County Master Gardeners, is a volunteer training program designed to meet the gardening information needs of the community. Cindy also presented statistics for Whitley County, Indiana Agriculture: Then and Now. With no questions from the Council, they thanked Cindy for her informative presentation.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADDITIONAL REQUEST FOR SCANNERS: Whitley County Clerk Debbie Beers presented a request to the Council for additional funding in regard to scanners that are now being required by the State. The State now has an e-filing system and the Courts and Clerk have already started using the e-filing. CSI (Computer Systems Incorporated) is the vendor

the Clerk's office has purchased the scanners from. They have received a grant for most of the scanners but it did not cover three for Superior Court and three for the Clerk's office. The goal of this project with the State is to become completely paperless and scan every file. Debbie has already paid \$13,155.00 out of the Document Storage fund but she still needs an additional \$5,628.00 for the last six scanners. After reviewing Debbie's request, Council member Reimers made a motion to approve the additional funding request out of Cumulative Capital Development, seconded by Barrett and passed with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CAD SYSTEM: Sheriff Marc Gatton stated to the Council that he and Janelle Schmitt have come before them to request moving forward with a new CAD system for the Sheriff's department. Janelle informed the Council that the department has had their current CAD system for eleven years and there are no longer updates available. They have watched presentations on three different CAD systems from Spillman Technologies, Inc., Zuercher Technologies, and Pro Phoenix Corporation. She is requesting the approval of the CAD system for Spillman Technologies, Inc. and the total cost is \$362,345.00. All of the quotes they received were similar in pricing but the yearly maintenance varied. The estimated 2nd year maintenance is \$22,495.00 and to purchase the system, Spillman is allowing the County to make payments. Commissioner Schrupf stated that the Commissioners made a favorable pass to Council for Spillman Technologies, Inc. Janelle is requesting the Council's approval to move forward with the purchase with Spillman Technologies, Inc. and to receive the payment options available. Council Chairman Wheeler asked for a show of hands who are all in favor of moving forward, the vote was 7/0 with all in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS:

Engineer/Highway:

1176.11101.000.0201 Director	1176.11001.000.0201 Engineer	\$15,720
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In regard the transfer for the Engineer/Highway, the transfer is to cover the wages needed for the rest of the year for Brandon Forrester's salary. Council member Western made a motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Barrett and passed with a 6/1 vote with Reimers voting against.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Health:

1159.20000.000.0214	Supplies	\$3,000
1159.25000.000.0214	Medical Supplies	\$3,000

Clerk:

1000.11320.000.0101	Administrative Assistant	\$6,675.23
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In regard to the additional appropriation request for the Health department, Council member Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by LaRue and passed with a 7/0 vote. The additional appropriation for the Clerk was for compensation to pay the new full time employee's wages. Council member Bayman made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Reimers and passed with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROPRIATION REDUCTIONS:

Auditor:

1000.11500.000.0102	Deputy	\$1,649
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In regard to the appropriation reduction request for the Auditor, the new position was factored at a lower wage than what was budgeted. Therefore, the full appropriation budgeted for 2016 was not needed. Council member LaRue made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Bayman and passed with all in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REQUESTS: Two salary ordinance amendment requests were presented to the Council. The first salary ordinance amendment was for the Highway Engineer/Director position. The current salary is \$69,632.00 and the requested salary is \$95,017.00. Council member Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Barrett and passed with a 6/1 vote with Reimers voting against. The second salary ordinance request was from the Auditor's office. The current salary budgeted of the new

position is \$33,796.00 and the requested salary is \$32,147.00. Council member LaRue made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Bayman and passed with a 7/0 vote.

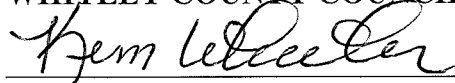
IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES: The minutes from the April 5, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Council member Reimers made a few corrections. Council member John Barrett was present at the meeting and he was not listed for those in attendance. Commissioner Schruppf gave the Commissioner report, not Commissioner Rethlake. Under the Commissioners Report in the second paragraph, the word should be motion and not emotion. Council member Bayman made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections, seconded by Reimers and passed with a 7/0 vote.

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

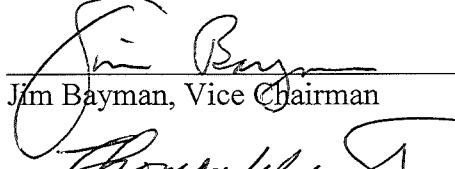
- Commissioner Schruppf informed the Council of the contract the Commissioners have signed with Brandon Forrester for the Highway Director position. The contract is for one year and it began April 22, 2016 and the salary is the Engineer's current salary in addition to half of the Highway Director's salary. So far, the Commissioners have had compliments on the road conditions and are thus far pleased with Brandon's work. The only aspect that would need outsourced now would be bridge inspections that the County needs. There would not be any increase in pay until the contract expires in a year. The personnel committee did not factor the position due to State statute reading that the Commissioners have the authority to set the salary. Council member Western made a motion to approve the funding for the contract, seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 6/1 vote with Reimers voting against.
- In regard to the lawsuit that the Recorder's Office is involved in, the Recorder attended the mediation in Chicago. The Recorder's Offices throughout the State should receive funds from the lawsuit but Attorney Sigler was not sure of an amount.
- Commissioner Schruppf informed the Council about the Jail Task Force. They have already met twice and they are looking into ways to decrease liability at the Jail. They are hoping to find ways to reduce the Jail population and doing training programs to help reduce the amount of potential lawsuits.
- The Commissioners approved the EMS contract agreement with Parkview for another five years, 2017-2021. The amount the County will pay is \$250,000 per year and we would no longer purchase the ambulances, they would be turned over to Parkview for one dollar (\$1.00) each. The County would save money as well by not having to pay for the insurance of the ambulances. Dispatch would also be turned over to Parkview. The payment plan is unresolved at this time and Commissioner Schruppf recommended that semiannually is the best way for payment. Council member Western made a motion to approve the funding for the Parkview contract, seconded by Reimers and passed with a 5/2 vote with LaRue and Barrett voting against.
- Commissioner Schruppf stated that the Commissioners have been meeting with internet service providers that offer fiber optic internet service. Businesses, especially on the US 30 corridor, are paying a tremendous amount of money for internet services. They would like to bring in fiber optic internet service which would start in the City and then the County would also be able to use the fiber optic service. There is a cost associated with this internet service, which is a three to five year cost of \$150,000 to the County and closer to \$300,000 for the City. Council member Reimers stated that it would be a good economic development move for the County. Commissioner Schruppf stated that he believes it would be proper that the Redevelopment Commission cover the expenses of this internet service in the TIF district.
- In regard to the County Road 600 East Project, will be starting around the end of May and Redevelopment has funded this project with TIF funds. Niblock was awarded the contract for the project.
- The compensatory time to the County employees is up to a total amount of \$20,585.50.
- Part of the comp time issue is from the Sheriff's department due to many different factors such as turnover, military leave, etc. Jason Spencer from the Sheriff's department stated that they have not had much help from the State police like they used to.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM.

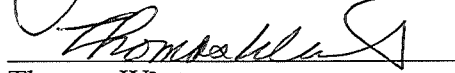
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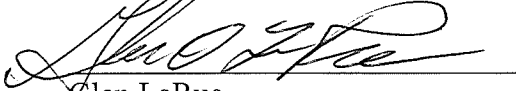
Kim Wheeler, Chairman



Jim Bayman, Vice Chairman



Thomas Western



Glen LaRue



John Barrett



William Overdeer

Paula G. Reimers

Attest:

Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor