

# WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

November 9, 2016

The Whitley County Council met in regular session at 8:00 am on Wednesday, November 9, 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, John Barrett and Paula Reimers. Also in attendance were Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, County Coordinator Pam Smith, Sheriff Marc Gatton and Jody Hollenbaugh, Community Corrections Director Paula Worden, Judge Heuer, Chief Deputy Auditor Vicky Schrader and Julie Jensen Kelley.

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

## IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

### *Circuit Court:*

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| 1000.12706.000.0136 | CHINS Public Defender | \$7,000.00 |
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### *CAGIT:*

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| 1110.30009.000.0000 | Legal Services     | \$15,000.00 |
| 1110.32000.000.0000 | Postage            | \$15,000.00 |
| 1110.38004.000.0000 | Institutional Care | \$30,000.00 |

### *Cumulative Capital Development:*

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| 1138.41001.000.0256 | Equipment | \$270,000.00 |
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### *Probation:*

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| 2100.20000.000.0248 | Supplies       | \$1,000.00  |
| 2100.30012.000.0248 | Other Services | \$30,000.00 |

Judge Heuer presented an additional appropriation request to Council. Council member Bayman made a motion to approve the request, seconded by LaRue and passed with a 7/0 vote. The additional appropriation requests for CAGIT were reviewed by the Council. Council member Barrett made a motion to approve the requests, seconded by LaRue and passed with a 7/0 vote. In regard to the Cumulative Capital Development additional appropriation request, Council member Reimers made a motion to approve the request, seconded by LaRue and passed with a 7/0 vote. The Probation additional appropriation requests were reviewed by the Council. Council member Reimers made a motion to approve the requests, seconded by Barrett and carried with a 7/0 vote.

## IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS:

### *Circuit Court:*

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| 1000.35000.000.0136 | Printing     | 1000.27000.000.0136 | Law Books      | \$683.80 |
| 1000.12900.000.0136 | TROY Center  | 1000.37004.000.0136 | Repair & Maint | \$945.20 |
| 1000.20000.000.0136 | Supplies     | 1000.12706.000.0136 | CHINS          | \$400.00 |
| 1000.30005.000.0136 | Pauper Trans | 1000.27000.000.0136 | Law Books      | \$852.00 |

### *Sheriff:*

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| 1000.22100.000.0105 | Gas     | 1000.36001.000.0105 | Garage     | \$15,000.00 |
| 1000.25000.000.0132 | Medical | 1000.31003.000.0132 | Utilities  | \$15,000.00 |
| 1000.25000.000.0132 | Medical | 1000.37004.000.0132 | Jail Equip | \$20,000.00 |

Judge Heuer presented transfer requests to the Council that are needed for his 2016 department budget. Council member LaRue made a motion to approve Circuit Court's transfer requests, seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 7/0 vote. Sheriff Gatton presented transfer requests to the Council for the 2016 budget. Council member Western made a motion to approve the transfer requests, seconded by Barrett and passed with a 7/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF FLOORING IN THE WORK RELEASE FACILITY:** Community Corrections Director Paula Worden presented a request to the Council for the flooring at the Work Release facility. The Community Corrections grant does not have enough funds to purchase the flooring that is needed. Paula is requesting Council to approve funding for the flooring within the

County's funds. The option that Mark Sturtevant and Paula have discussed would cost \$30,167.00 and it would be purchased from Aumsbaugh Flooring. There are many other items that the grant has purchased that Paula has not had to ask for funding. Council member Bayman made a motion to approve the request with this year's budget if possible, seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 7/0 vote. Commissioner Rethlake stated that the Work Release facility does not have room for new participants to be moved to the facility. Paula stated that in February she will present a three year financial statement to the Council.

**IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS, EXEMPTION RULING AND PART TIME WAGE SCALE:** County Coordinator Pam Smith presented the following salary ordinance amendments to the County Council due to the new FLSA overtime regulations which goes into effect on December 1, 2016.

***Salary Ordinance Amendments:***

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| 1000.11201.000.0106 | Bi-Weekly: \$1,826.00 | Annual: \$47,476.00 |
| 1000.11304.000.0124 | Bi-Weekly: \$1,826.00 | Annual: \$47,476.00 |
| 1000.11203.000.0130 | Bi-Weekly: \$1,826.00 | Annual: \$47,476.00 |
| 1000.11001.000.0146 | Bi-Weekly: \$1,826.00 | Annual: \$47,476.00 |
| 1159.11411.000.0214 | Bi-Weekly: \$1,826.00 | Annual: \$47,476.00 |
| 1159.11709.000.0214 | Bi-Weekly: \$1,826.00 | Annual: \$47,476.00 |
| 9310.12013.000.0310 | Bi-Weekly: \$1,826.00 | Annual: \$47,476.00 |

Council member LaRue made a motion to approve the salary ordinance amendments, seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 7/0 vote. Pam presented a request to Council in regard to the maximum part time hourly wage. In 2013, the maximum part time hourly wage went from \$10.00 to \$15.00 and now it is at \$17.00. Pam is recommending that the maximum part time hourly wage be raised to \$19.00 and there are 22 employees who are at the max wage now. The Commissioners gave a favorable recommendation to the Council for the \$19.00 maximum part time wage. Council member LaRue made a motion to leave the maximum part time wage at \$17.00 per hour, seconded by Reimers and passed with a 6/1 vote with Barrett voting against.

**IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the October 4, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Council member LaRue made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Barrett and passed with a 7/0 vote.

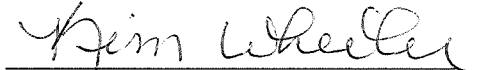
**COMMISSIONERS REPORT:** Commissioner Rethlake gave a report from the Commissioners meeting:


- Commissioner Rethlake informed the Council that the Commissioners approved the use of Narcan in Whitley County in specific departments. Dr. Hatcher has given her approval for the use of Narcan in the County and it will be administered with nasal spray only. The Commissioners are checking with insurance to confirm that it will not change or affect the County's liability insurance. Columbia City has had four cases that they have used the Narcan and each time it saved the person's life. Paula Worden stated that if there are any employees who do not feel comfortable administering it, they will not be asked to do so.
- The Highway Department annual bids for 2017 will be read on December 5, 2016 at 10:00 AM.
- Commissioner Rethlake informed the Council that Nikki Trier from Troy Center gave the Commissioners an update. They currently have 35 students and for the first time, they have students on a waiting list. The schools in the area have continued to be supportive of the program and work together with the Troy Center.
- At the Jail when booking a person, the County employees are trying to assess their suicidal tendencies. They will begin asking them three or four questions when the individual is booked. The County is trying to prepare more for mental illness and employees will possibly begin attending trainings or seminars.

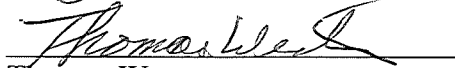
**IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS:** Council member Paula Reimers thanked the Council and stated she has enjoyed being able to serve Whitley County for the last six years.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM.

**WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL**

  
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Kim Wheeler, Chairman

  
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Jim Bayman, Vice Chairman

  
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Thomas Western


  
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Glen LaRue

  
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John Barrett

  
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William Overdeer

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Paula G. Reimers

Attest:

  
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Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor

