

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 7, 2016

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 7, 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 Schrupf, Vice Chairman Don Amber and Commissioner Tom Rethlake. Others in attendance were Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, County Coordinator Pam Smith, County Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester, Council member Tom Western, Russell Gilliom from the Whitley County Historical Society, Chief Probation Officer Amy Motter, Sean Martin and Bill Brice from the Sheriff's Department, Julie Jensen-Kelley and Paula Worden from Community Corrections, Scott Wagner from the Health Department, Nicole Trier from Troy Center and Mary Hartman from the Peabody Public Library.

Chairman Schrupf opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: Attorney Sigler stated that he sent a letter to Cedarbridge's attorney and gave them seven days until Sigler files a judgement. In regard to the Wheeler matter, Sigler hopes that there will be an agreement in writing by the next Commissioner's meeting. Attorney Sigler is also writing an agreement in regard to the Winger matter.

IN THE MATTER OF THE USE OF NARCAN: Julie Jensen-Kelley, Paula Worden, Amy Motter and Bill Brice presented a request to the Commissioners for the use of Narcan in Whitley County. The purpose of this is to establish guidelines and regulations governing the utilization of the opioid rescue kits used by the Whitley County Community Corrections and Probation Department. The objective of this policy is to reduce injuries and deaths cause by opioids in Whitley County. Bill Brice is coordinating several of the trainings and certain individuals attended those trainings. The trainings are around two or three hours and there is a review process. The County is going to use the nasal opioid rescue kit to administer the narcan. In a respiratory distress situation, the sooner this nasal spray would be administered, the chance of saving a life would increase. The various departments requesting the use of this rescue kit are not equipped to do ventilations and are now using CCR (cardio cerebral resuscitation) instead of CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). Commissioner Amber stated that the County employees would be able to sustain life using CCR until the EMS arrived and was able to administer the narcan instead of County employees. The need for narcan is going to continually increase within the Community and there are not any risks with the nasal spray. There are specific variables that help someone determine when to administer the narcan including: breathing, pupils, environment, etc. Certain departments in the County have received a grant to purchase 40 rescue kits at \$35 per kit with a two year expiration date. The County Health Department Head, Dr. Lisa Hatcher, is in favor of the use of narcan. The Commissioners asked if this would affect the County's liability insurance. The Commissioners suggested that there be a case by case review every time the narcan is used. Whichever employee in the County uses it, they would provide a report to the Commissioners. Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to approve the use of narcan in Whitley County as long as it does not affect liability insurance for the County, seconded by Schrupf and passed with a 2/1 vote with Amber voting against.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2017 ANNUAL BIDS PUBLICATION: County Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester presented the 2017 annual bids publication to the Commissioners. There are very few changes from the 2016 publication which include: changing Michael Barton to Brandon Forrester, dates and IDOH to INDOT. The Commissioners will open the bids at their first Commissioner meeting in December on Monday, December 5, 2016. The winning bids will be awarded at the second meeting in December on Monday, December 19, 2016. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the notice to bidders for 2017, seconded by Rethlake and passed with a 3/0 vote. Brandon reported that the Highway department is getting ready for winter. In regard to the chip spreader Brandon went to look at, he was not interested and he will continue to look.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BICENTENNIAL TIME CAPSULE: Russell Gilliom from the Whitley County Historical Society presented a request to the Commissioners of an idea for a memorial or a time capsule for the County. The time capsule could be either inside the Courthouse or the Government Center or outside which would potentially be on the Courthouse lawn. This would be to celebrate the Bicentennial and they would put items from different events that took place this year in the time capsule. Russell is asking if the Commissioners would even consider doing something like this and if they would provide a budget. If the project was done inside, it would be cheaper than doing it outside. Commissioner Amber asked if the Museum has anything in their budget to carry this expense and Mr. Gilliom stated there was not. The Commissioners stated they would think it over and make a decision at a later date.

IN THE MATTER OF THE TROY CENTER UPDATE: Nikki Trier gave the Commissioners an update on Troy Center. The Troy Center has more kids at their facility than they ever have in the past. So far in 2016, they have served 43 students and a few of them have already graduated. The Troy Center now has a waiting list for kids who want to join their program. Nikki stated that they can only serve a max of 35 students at a time due to the lack of space and staff. They are continuing to look for additional space to increase the capacity of how many students they can help at a time. The Troy Center is starting to partner with Ivy Tech and other work programs so they can help students make the transition easier after graduation. Students from Smith Green Community, Whitko and Whitley County Consolidated have participated in the program. In regard to the JDAI program, Nikki sat in on the interviews with those students who will be participating in the JDAI program. In regard to transportation, Nikki stated that she would like to be included in the transportation meeting for the upcoming winter months. The Troy Center program benefits Whitley County to not use the voucher system for students and to partner with schools because the schools get more funding per student than Troy Center can get through the voucher system. The Commissioners thanked Nikki for her time and the update on the Troy Center.

IN A MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The minutes from the October 17, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote. The claims were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Rethlake made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote.


IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY COORDINATOR: County Coordinator Pam Smith represented the request/permission to use County facilities from Ann Fahl and Sharon Geiger to decorate the Courthouse Gazebo. They have spoken to Mark Sturtevant and he gave it his approval. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Rethlake and passed with a 3/0 vote. In regard to the new PTO policy becoming effective January 1, 2017, states that PTO time for full time employees will be accrued per calendar year based on continuous whole years of full time service. There are four current employees who were full time, went part time for a period of time and then went back to full time. There are documents in their files stating that it was continuous service and that they never left the County's employment. Pam is requesting to the Commissioners that their benefits be determined off of the first full time date they were hired because it will change with the new policy. She is requesting that these four individuals be grandfathered in with the new policy. Commissioner Rethlake had some questions about how it would affect their severance pay. At this time, Commissioner Amber made a motion to table the request, seconded by Rethlake and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN OTHER BUSINESS: Community Corrections Director Paula Worden presented a request to the Commissioners to replace the flooring at the Community Corrections building on the second floor. Mark Sturtevant has worked with local companies regarding flooring options and he prepared a detailed report for the Commissioners for their review and consideration. The option that Paula is requesting is in the amount of \$30,167 with the flooring being purchased from Aumsbaugh Flooring. Commissioner Amber made a motion to take the project to Council and give it a favorable pass, seconded by Rethlake and passed with a 3/0 vote. Scott Wagner from the Health

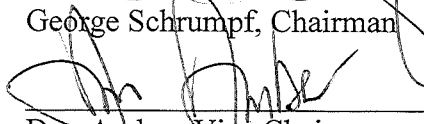
Department stated that he spoke with Mr. Downing, who lives in Coesse, earlier this spring in regard to his complaint about his basement flooding. Mr. Downing stated that his basement has never flooded until the new sewer installation at Coesse was completed. Scott told Mr. Downing that he needs to prove it is the County's fault that the basement flooded. A company snaked the line from his basement drain and found an obstruction from that location. Then the company directed him to rotor roter, who has a camera, and at the street edge is where the obstruction was. According to the documentation, they ran into crushed limestone, which would appear to be the backfill for the sewer line when it was installed. With all of this information, it appears that when the sewer line was installed, the existing clay tile basement drain was not reconnected or subsequently has been crushed after it settled. Scott is asking the Commissioners how they would like to move forward with this issue. Commissioner Amber made a motion to contact GAI Consultants and see if they have any explanation for this. Commissioner Rethlake seconded the motion and motion passed with all in favor. Auditor Jana Schinbeckler presented a utility permit request to the Commissioners from Century Link. The permit request is to place buried cable facilities at the intersection of Lincolnway East and County Road 600 East then south for a length of 1200 feet. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the utility permit request, seconded by Rethlake and passed with a 3/0 vote.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Schrumpf adjourned the meeting at 2:35 PM.

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George Schrumpf, Chairman



Don Amber, Vice Chairman



Tom Rethlake

Attest: 

Jana Schinbeckler, County Auditor

