

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

December 6, 2016

The Whitley County Council met in regular session at 8:00 am on Tuesday, December 6, 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 John Barrett. Council member Paula Reimers was absent. Also in attendance were Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, EDC President Jon Myers, Scott Werstler from Red Star Manufacturing, Linda Thomson from the Post and Mail, Mary Hartman from the Peabody Public Library and Chad Banks.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE RED STAR ABATEMENT: EDC President Jon Myers presented an abatement request to Council for Red Star Contract Manufacturing, Inc. This abatement is in regard to their proposal to expand its operations in Larwill. Jon presented a cost-benefit analysis to the Council when calculation the value of incentives being provided by the local governments to support their business expansion project. Red Star is requesting a ten year abatement for their project. The company also is involved in the community by advising the high schools on training programs and providing jobs. Council member LaRue made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-13 for the Red Star Contract Manufacturing, Inc. abatement for ten years, seconded by Western and passed with a 6/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

CAGIT:

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| 1110.17100.000.0000 | FICA & Medicare | \$26,000.00 |
| 1110.17200.000.0000 | Retirement PERF | \$7,000.00 |

Cumulative Capital Development:

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| 1138.36004.000.0256 | Building Maintenance | \$25,000.00 |
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Sheriff:

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| 1000.35009.000.0105 | Ammo and Flares | \$13,000.00 |
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In regard to the CAGIT additional appropriation requests, Council member Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 6/0 vote. The Cumulative Capital Development additional appropriation was approved by Council member Western, seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 6/0 vote. In regard to the Sheriff's department additional appropriation request, Council member Bayman made a motion to approve, seconded by Overdeer and carried with a 6/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROPRIATION REDUCTIONS:

Sheriff:

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| 1000.25000.000.0132 | Medical Supplies | \$13,000.00 |
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In regard to the appropriation reduction request from the Sheriff's department, Council member Bayman made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 6/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS:

Circuit Court:

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| 1000.35000.000.0136 | Printing | 1000.12602.000.0136 | Law Books | \$113.58 |
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Maintenance:

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| 1000.31003.000.0131 | Utilities | 1000.11306.000.0131 | Maint Assistant | \$2,000.00 |
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Auditor:

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| 1216.11700.000.0102 | Part Time | 1000.37000.000.010 | Equip & Program | \$2,386.00 |
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In regard to the Circuit Court transfer request, Council member Bayman made a motion to approve the request, seconded by LaRue and carried with a 6/0 vote. The maintenance request had a motion to be approved by Overdeer, seconded by Bayman and passed with a 6/0 vote. In regard to the Auditor transfer request, Council member Overdeer made a motion to approve, seconded by Bayman and passed with a 6/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES: The minutes from the November 9, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Council member LaRue made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 6/0 vote.

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

- Commissioner Schrupf reported to the Council that they opened the 2017 annual bids for the Highway Department on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 10:30 AM. The bids have been taken under advisement by the Commissioners and the Highway Engineer at this time.
- The use of Narcan has been approved to be used for the Probation Department and various departments that may come into contact with these matters. The Commissioners have spoken to the insurance company and there is no additional liability to the County. The employees will have to have a specific training in order to administer the Narcan.
- The radio system that the County uses is being upgraded to a P25 per the State. The County has to pay for the radios that it is responsible for and it will be \$165.00 per radio. J & K Communications is administering the upgrade on the radios.
- Commissioner Schrupf made the proclamation that December 11, 2016 will be Indiana Statehood Day.
- The Commissioners reviewed and signed the contract with Purdue University for the Extension Office. The contract is to provide extension educators.
- EMA Director Amy Biggs is in the process of receiving grant approval for a closed circuit television for security.
- At this time the Jail has been dealing with plumbing issues and it will be \$150,000 for the cooler at the Jail. Schrupf stated that many other Counties are having issues with the upkeep for their jails. Noble County just built a new jail and have plenty of room for inmates from other Counties. Their cost per day for an inmate is \$35.00.
- December 14, 2016 from 2PM to 4PM is Commissioner Rethlake's retirement party.
- In regard to the Highway Department, the chip spreader they have is 45 years old and they either need to purchase a new chip spreader or try to find a good used one. The cost of a new chip spreader is around \$260,000. The current chip spreader also requires two passes on a road and a new one would only require one.

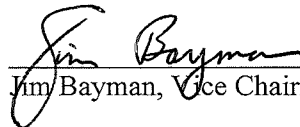
IN THE MATTER OF THE 2017 SALARY ORDINANCE: The Council reviewed the 2017 salary ordinance. Council member Bayman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-14, seconded by Barrett and passed with a 6/0 vote.

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. Chairman Wheeler welcomed Chad Banks to their meeting and stated he looked forward to working with him next year.

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

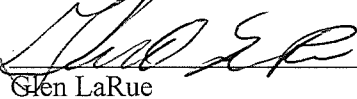
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Kim Wheeler, Chairman

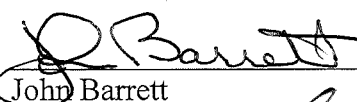


Jim Bayman, Vice Chairman

Thomas Western



Glen LaRue



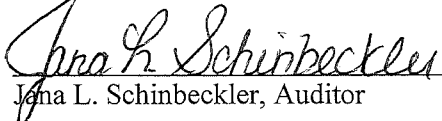
John Barrett



William Overdeer

Paula G. Reimers

Attest:



Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor