

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 17, 2017

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 17, 2017 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 Thomas Western. Others in attendance were Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, County Coordinator Pamela Smith, Derreck Stahly from IN Whitley County, Lee Whaley, Kenneth Croussore, Linda Thomson from the Post and Mail, David Raypole, EDC President Jon Myers, Mary Hartman from the Peabody Public Library, Joan Null, Rodney Hardesty, Leslie Hoffman and Randall Cokl from the South Whitley Town Council, Scott Sigerfoos and Patrick Unger from Lutheran Health Network, Cleveland Township Trustee James Yeager, Planning Director Nathan Bilger, Jennifer Shinabery from Planning and Building, Greg Hockemeyer, Cindy Barnett from the Extension Office and County Treasurer Laurell Schroeder.

Chairman Schrumpf opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: Attorney Sigler stated that he has given his approval on the narcan policy. The County Health Officer must supervise the trainings for utilizing the narcan or a person that is designated to supervise. The Commissioners tabled the policy until the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EMS DISPATCHING ISSUES: South Whitley Town Council member Randall Cokl gave a presentation to the Commissioners regarding the Lutheran ambulance in South Whitley. Randall stated that he has attended this meeting to inform the Commissioners of the implementation of Lutheran Whitley Emergency Medical Service in South Whitley and to inquire about the consideration of County dispatch. Mr. Cokl stated that he had some concerns about the amount of time the Parkview EMS was in South Whitley. He voiced his concerns about the poor response times of the Parkview EMS and it was determined that the inter facility transfers were the cause of the EMS absence and the poor response times. The Commissioners signed a new five year agreement with Parkview in 2016 which included a stipulation regarding inter facility transfers. When the South Whitley Town Council still had their concerns, they contacted Lutheran Health Network to set up a meeting with them for the feasibility of working with them for ambulance services. They discovered that Lutheran could provide the services at no cost to the taxpayers. Randall stated that Lutheran would be a supplement and not a replacement for Parkview. He stated that there seems to be some hesitation to dispatch Lutheran for South Whitley's EMS service. Mr. Cokl also stated that the residents of South Whitley deserve better than sharing one ambulance between three counties. Commissioner Amber asked if this would include just the Town of South Whitley and Cleveland Township or just the Town. Randall stated at this time it is just the Town but Cleveland Township will most likely utilize the Lutheran ambulance. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve dispatching the Lutheran ambulance but any of the cost involved, the Town of South Whitley has to pay. The motion died for lack of a second. Attorney Sigler stated that the County does not want to be in the ambulance service and that is why they have a contractual agreement with Parkview. He stated that if South Whitley wants their own ambulance service, they need to provide their own dispatch. Mr. Cokl restated that he hopes the Commissioners will reconsider and asked to hold a meeting outside of the Commissioner meeting to discuss the matter further.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT: Planning Director Nathan Bilger and EDC President Jon Myers presented the RDC Annual report to Commissioners. The report includes an introduction, an overview and purpose of the Redevelopment Commission, 2016 accomplishments, financial summary, revenues, information on each TIF district, and the TIF parcels in each district. A few of the 2016 accomplishments had to do with infrastructure: County Road 600 East Project, Coesse Sewer Project and Indiana Materials Processing Project. Other accomplishments were for development: Church of the Brethren property, Whitley RC Investments Project Bounce, Pyrotek Training and four tax abatement approvals. In regard to the financial summary, the total expenditures were \$3,952,446.53 and the total revenue was \$4,951,099.27. There are two TIF Districts that the Commission oversees which are the Union TIF District and the Rail Connect TIF District. The Union TIF District was established in 1993 which replaced a TIF established in 1987. The Rail Connect TIF District was established in 2010. There are 266 parcels in the Union TIF and 9 in the Rail Connect TIF.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF PLATS: Planning Director Nathan Bilger presented two plat requests to the Commissioners. The first plat was for Francis Estates and it has received approval from the Plan Commission. The Commissioners reviewed the plat and Commissioner Western made a

motion to approve the plat, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote. The second plat was for Buck Ridge and it has received approval from the Plan Commission. The Commissioners reviewed the Buck Ridge plat and Commissioner Western made a motion to approve, seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote. Nathan also informed the Commissioners that the Planning Department has a new employee who will be replacing Cathy Gardner when she retires.

IN A MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The minutes from the March 20, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioner's reviewed the payroll claims. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote. The claim distributions from March 20, 2017 through April 17, 2017 were reviewed by the Commissioners. A motion to approve the claims was made by Commissioner Amber, seconded by Commissioner Western and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY COORDINATOR: County Coordinator Pamela Smith presented three requests to use County facilities to the Commissioners. The first request was from the Whitley County Ministers for the National Day of Prayer. They would like the event to be at the gazebo on May 4, 2017 from 6-8 and electricity is needed. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote. The second request was from the Leukemia Lymphoma Society for the 1st annual ride for the cure. This will take place on May 13, 2017 and they will need the south side of the Courthouse for a stage. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote. The third request was from the Old Settlers Day Association for Old Settlers Days. This will take place from Tuesday, June 20 through Saturday, June 24, 2017. They will need to use Van Buren Street from Main west to Walnut Street. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote. The last request was from The Compassionate Friends and Demoney Grimes Funeral Home for a Walk to remember which would take place on August 12, 2017. They would utilize the Courthouse Gazebo from 7:15 AM to 8:00 AM. The walk begins at 8:00 AM; they will use the Gazebo for 45 minutes to register the participants. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote.


IN THE MATTER OF RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS: The Commissioners reviewed two right of way permit requests. The first request was from Century Link to upgrade the existing equipment at Lincolnway and County Road 400 East. This is to provide fiber based Ethernet to the new Micropulse building in Park 30 located at 4474 E Park 30 Drive. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote. The second permit request was from Bolinger Agricultural Drainage LLC. They want to repair/improve agricultural drainage on the west side of County Road 625 West. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote.

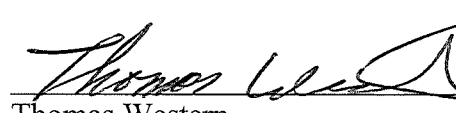
IN OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Schrupf presented the Community Corrections Advisory Board members to the Commissioners. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the Advisory Board members, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote.


There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Schrupf adjourned the meeting at 2:40 pm.

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George Schrupf, Chairman


Don Amber, Vice Chairman


Thomas Western

Attest: 
Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor