

## WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 4, 2019

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 4, 2019 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 Thomas Western and Commissioner Don Amber. Others in attendance were County Attorney Matt Shipman, Human Resources/County Coordinator Angela Campbell, Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Scott Carnegie from DLZ Indiana LLC, Denita Patrick from Stable Acres, Paula Worden from Community Corrections, Chief Probation Officer Amy Motter, Sheriff Gatton, Jail Commander Sean Martin, Vicki Higgins, Cheryl Wagers from Stable Acres, Julie Jensen-Kelley from Community Corrections, Councilman Chad Banks, Stanley Crum, Joan Null, County Assessor Kimberly Erdly, Sonya Emerick, Joe Lopez and Josh Lopez.

Chairman Schrumpf opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY:** County Attorney Matt Shipman informed the Commissioners that he has reviewed and gives his approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Humane Society of Whitley County and the Commissioners. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioners also received an Engagement Letter for Continuing Disclosure Services from Umbaugh. Attorney Shipman said he reviewed it and it is appropriate for the Commissioners to approve. Commissioner Western made a motion to table the Engagement Letter for Continuing Disclosure Services from Umbaugh, seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ANNUAL JAIL REPORT:** Sheriff Gatton and Jail Commander Sean Martin presented the annual Jail statistics to the Commissioners for 2018. Sheriff Gatton highlighted some statistics for the Commissioners. The first item he highlighted was the total persons booked into the Jail, which increased from 1,570 in 2017 to 1,620 in 2018 or a 3.18% increase. The average daily inmate population went from 116 in 2017 to 124 in 2018. There were eight (8) Escapes/Failure to Return to Lawful Detention in 2018. These individuals were walk-aways from Work Release or failure to return to Work Release. Sheriff Gatton informed the Commissioners that the Jail is in need of a body scanner. This would be to help search inmates beyond a pat down. The downside to having a body scanner is that the Jail is out of space and has nowhere for the body scanner to safely operate. Sheriff Gatton also shared the Inmate Question Statistics with the Commissioners for 2016, 2017 and 2018 and discussed how the numbers have changed over the years.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE 19/20 GRANT APPLICATION:** Paula Worden and Julie Jensen-Kelley from Community Corrections along with Chief Probation Officer Amy Motter were present to request approval of submission for their 2019/2020 grant application. They are asking to continue funding for all of the programs and services that they provide. Paula stated that they are requesting additional Full Time Residential Shift Supervisors and hope to get those funded through the grant. In regard to the funding for the Veterans Treatment Court is currently through the Office of Court Services but they are asking it to now be funded through the Indiana Department of Corrections. Paula is also asking for additional funds for the Pretrial Services program. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the grant submission and for the Chairman to sign, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE WELL ORDINANCE:** Scott Wagner from the Health Department reviewed all of the changes in the ordinance with the Commissioners. Attorney Shipman has reviewed the changes and given his approval. The ordinance number for the well variance will be 2019-02. Commissioner Amber stated that he was approached by an individual asking to see the ordinance before it was adopted. Due to this request, Commissioner Amber made a motion to table the adoption of the well ordinance until the April 1, 2019 meeting, seconded by Western and tabled with a 3/0 vote. Scott stated that he would get copies to anyone that requested it and there are not necessarily any changes to the ordinance, it is just consolidating information and various ordinances together.

**IN THE MATTER OF RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS:** There were two right-of-way permits reviewed by the Commissioners. The first permit was from CenturyLink to place a fiber cable on the north side of Business 30

between Williams Drive and Governors Road to provide service to Brightpoint Headstart. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the permit request, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote. The second permit was from Pankop Drainage to install new drainage tile main and the road will be closed for one day. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote.

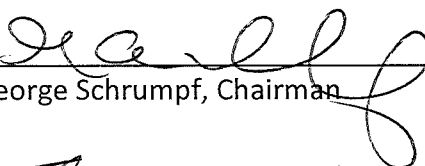
**IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS:** The minutes from the February 19, 2019 regular Commissioner meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioners then reviewed the minutes from the February 27, 2019 joint regular meeting with the Council. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the joint meeting minutes, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote. After reviewing the payroll claims, Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote. The claim distributions from February 19, 2019 through March 4, 2019 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote.

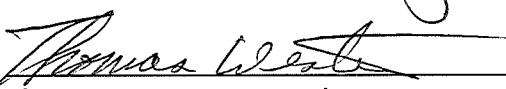
**IN THE MATTER OF THE HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR/COUNTY COORDINATOR:** County Coordinator/HR Director Angela Campbell presented two requests to use County facilities to the Commissioners. The first request was from the Whitley County Main Street Association to use the Courthouse gazebo for the National Day of Prayer on May 2, 2019. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote. The second request was for the Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 14, 2019 from 5:30 to 9:30 pm on the Courthouse square. This request is from the Leatherneck Coffee Club and they will use two tents, two sets of bleachers and one burner. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS:** Scott Carnegie from DLZ was present to give the Commissioners a presentation for the Work Release Facility and Jail options. The first option was a new "temporary" administration building for the Work Release Facility. This would take the administrative offices out of the Work Release building in order to add additional beds. With moving the administrative offices, there are 98 existing beds and this renovation would add approximately 52 new beds for a total of 150 beds. The hard construction costs to build the administration building would be around \$510,000 to \$535,000 with the soft costs being 20% to 25% of the hard construction costs. The second option would be to build the administrative building but lease the building for three years. The hard construction costs would be \$400,000 to \$425,000 with the soft costs being 20% to 25% of the hard construction costs. The last option that Scott gave is to build a new building with 250 residential beds, administrative area, program area, reception, screening and auxiliary spaces. The hard construction costs for building a new facility like this would be \$8,400,000 to \$9,000,000. The soft costs, again, would be 20% to 25% of the hard construction costs. The Commissioners thanked Scott for his presentation and information.

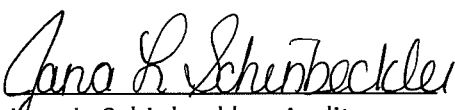
There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Schrupf adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm.

**WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
George Schrupf, Chairman

  
Thomas Western, Vice Chairman

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Don Amber, Commissioner

Attest:   
Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor