

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 18, 2019

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 18, 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 Schrupf and Vice Chairman Thomas Western. Others in attendance were County Attorney Matt Shipman, Human Resources/County Coordinator Angela Campbell, Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Chuck Schrader and Dave Wagner from Impac, Sheriff Gatton, Becky Salaway from Council on Aging, Todd Geiger with the Whitley County 4-H, Highway Engineer Director Brandon Forrester,

Chairman Schrupf 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 the generator service agreements and he approves them. He told the Commissioners they would just have to decide on whether they wanted to do the 1yr or 3yr term. Shipman also informed the Commissioners that the PTABOA hearing regarding the property owned by the Columbia City Redevelopment Commissioner is this week, March 21, 2019 at 1:00 PM.

IN THE MATTER OF THE KYLER LAKE ESTATES: Nathan Bilger from Planning & Building presented the Kyler Lake Estates Subdivision Plat. The two lot subdivision was approved by the Plan Commission last month. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the Kyler Estates Subdivision Plat, seconded by Schrupf, and carried with a 2/0 vote. Bilger then presented the Park 30 Business Center Section 5 that would convert existing lot 30 on the North side of 30 from 1 lot into 3 lots including a section of the public street. This was approved by the Plan Commission back in June 2018. The Plan Commission would like to get the plat recorded before the improvements have been done so they have submitted a performance bond for \$33,000 to cover the surface. Western made a motion to approve the Park 30 Business Center Section 5 Plat and the performance bond, seconded by Schrupf and carried with a 2/0 vote

IN THE MATTER OF THE JAIL ELEVATOR REPAIR: Sheriff Gatton requested a favorable pass from the Commissioners to the Council for the jail elevator repairs to come out of CEDIT. Western made a motion to give a favorable pass to the Council for the jail elevator repairs to come out of CEDIT, seconded by Schrupf and carried with a 2/0 vote

IN THE MATTER OF IMPAC POSTAGE MACHINES: Chuck Schrader and Dave Wagner from Impac Postage Machines presented a service proposal with a breakdown of the benefits including cheaper supplies, rebates, can be on-site within 4 hours, updated system and a savings of \$1,100 a year. Schrader will be sending the contract to Attorney Matt Shipman, the Auditor and the Clerk to review and present to the Commissioners at the next meeting. Impac will be sending a check for \$2,360 to cover any change over costs and will provide a Wi-Fi box at no charge.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INDOT 5339 MOTOR VEHICLES PURCHASE ORDER: Becky Salaway from Council on Aging presented a request for approval for the purchase of a minivan and a midsize van for transit with a total amount of \$90,637. The 20% local match was exceeded by \$737.00, which the Council on Aging will be responsible for. Western made a motion to approve the chairman to sign the purchase agreement, seconded by Schrupf, and carried with a 2/0 vote

IN THE MATTER OF THE 4-H UPDATE: Todd Geiger gave the Commissioners a 4-H update. The 4-H currently has 160 adult volunteers, 63 total projects, 13 animal projects, and 786 kids enrolled in 4-H so far this year. They are offering new non-traditional programs for kids who don't want to work with animals. Geiger has been going into different schools and working with the kids using the 4-H Stem Project. With the STEM Program, they have worked with over 1,200 youth. Whitley County was one of the top 4-H Programs in the State for growth.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY UPDATE: Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester stated that the Highway Department has been preparing for spring and trying to do patching while the patching is small. They picked up a new one ton dump and the new sign truck is getting a new bed put on. INDOT is going to be replacing the superstructure on the US 30 bridges over the Eel River. INDOT is suggesting to close off access at 100 S during

the project which should last one construction season. Forrester doesn't see a problem with closing off 100 S due to it being a safety issue. A small structure is being replaced on State Rd 109 soon. The Commissioners signed an unofficial detour in November 2018. Forrester prepared a change order to reduce the quantity for the Community Crossing's paving bids with the project going over the estimate due to prices going up as well as there being a conflicting project on the outskirts of Churubusco. He has until April 15th to get it approved.

IN THE MATTER OF RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS: There was one right of way permit presented to the Commissioners. The permit was from Nipsco to install a 3" plastic gas main on CR 600 E. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Schrupf and carried with a 2/0 vote.


IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The minutes from the March 4, 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. 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 March 4, 2019 through March 18, 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 a request to use County facilities to the Commissioners. The request was from the Downtown Business Alliance to use the Courthouse square and the Government Center alley for all of First Fridays and Art in the Alley. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve this request to use County facilities, seconded by Schrupf and passed with a 2/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Schrupf presented the Advisory Board members for Community Corrections to the Commissioners for approval. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the list of Advisory Board members, seconded by Schrupf and passed with a 2/0 vote.

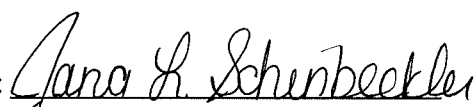
There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Schrupf adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm.

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George Schrupf, Chairman


Thomas Western, Vice Chairman

Don Amber, Commissioner

Attest: 
Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor