

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 20, 2019

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 20, 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, Vice Chairman Thomas Western and Commissioner Don Amber. Others in attendance were Attorney Matt Shipman, Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Human Resource Director/County Coordinator Angela Campbell, Commissioner's Assistant Jennifer Shinabery, Chief Deputy Auditor Tiffany Forrester, Joan Null, Doug Dyson, Amanda Lawrence from SJCA Engineers and Surveyors, Linda Hoffman, Planning Director Nathan Bilger, Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester, Julie Jensen-Kelley from Community Corrections, Sonya Emerick, Becky Salaway from Whitley County Council on Aging, Mary Hartman from the Peabody Public Library, Byron Lamm, Brian Emerick and Denita Patrick.

Chairman Schrupf opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: Attorney Matt Shipman had nothing to report to the Commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF TREE FARM SUBDIVISION PLAT: Planning & Building Director Nathan Bilger presented a plat for approval. The Tree Farm Subdivision off Airport Road in Columbia City would like to add some acreage to build a building. It was already approved at the Columbia City Planning Commission and the Board of Works signed off on it as well. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Amber and carried with 3/0 vote. Nathan stated that the rezoning for the Emericks that was currently pending has been withdrawn.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CORPORATE CHALLENGE: Julie Jensen-Kelley from Community Corrections came to request \$500 to be paid to the Whitley County YMCA for the entry fee of the annual corporate challenge. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING GRANT: Becky Becky Salaway from Whitley County Council on Aging presented the 5311 Operating Grant for 2020. Council on Aging will be receiving \$221,691.00 for the federal amount and \$81,263.00 for the PMTF funds amount, bringing the total amount of the grant to \$302,954.00. Due to some changes with the grants and advisement from INDOT, Council on Aging did not apply for the 5310 Grant this year and instead are requesting two new transit vehicles in the amount of \$112,400.00 come from the 5311 Grant which makes the total grant request come to \$415,354.00. Becky requested signatures for the FTA Certifications & Assertions Form, Local Insurances Form, Statement of Acceptance for the 5333B Warranty Form, Capital Credit Checklist Form, Property & Facilities Form, Pass-through Agreement Form and the Authorizing Resolution Form. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the grant request with the resolution number of 2019-04 pending approval of the County Attorney and that the Chairman sign the forms, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY UPDATE: Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester gave an update on the Highway. They received bids for Phase II of the Community Crossing Grant for the five RD02-19 projects. Brooks Construction was the lowest bidder and they have met all requirements. The five projects includes roads around Goose Lake and Wilson Lake road, Crooked Lake with some of the Trial Lakes roads and Business 30 West. The total bid was in the amount of \$786,485. INDOT pays 75% of this and the Highway pays the other 25%. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the pending bid to Brooks Construction for \$786,485, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS: Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester presented the right-of-way permits to the Commissioners for their approval. The first permit request was from Century Link for Old Business 30 and Governors Road. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote. The next request was also from Century Link to bore 38ft under S Raber Rd to provide service to the Century Link customer. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote. A request was again made from Century Link for S Legacy Court to bore 25ft under E North St to provide a customer service. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Western and carried with 3/0 vote. The next permit was requested from REMC on McGuire Rd, N 650 E and E 500 N to bore under McGuire Rd and 500 N. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Schrupf and passed with a 2/0 vote with Western abstaining. The last request was made from to replace Baseline Communications on 7901 E 900 S to replace 120ft of coax. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The minutes from the May 6th, 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. The minutes from the May 7th, 2019 Commissioner and Council joint meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the joint meeting minutes, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0. 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 May 6, 2019 through May 20, 2019 were reviewed by

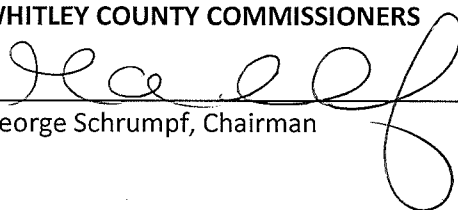
the Commissioners. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote.

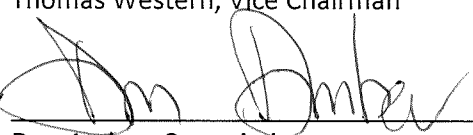
IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY COORDINATOR/HR: The County Coordinator/HR Director, Angela Campbell presented a request from the Elks Lodge to use of the North side of the courthouse for their flag ceremony on June 15th at noon. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote. Angela announced that open enrollment will be coming up soon.


IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS: Whitley County Auditor, Jana Schinbeckler made an announcement that the County received a Local Income Tax Supplemental Distribution that was disbursed to the taxing units in Whitley County on May 24th. Commissioner Amber announced that this is National EMS week and thanked all of them for their service. The State Board of Accounts has requested to use Room E in the Government Center building throughout the year. Commissioner Amber made a motion to allow SBOA to use room E on the second floor throughout the year, seconded by Western, and carried with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioners also discussed the importance in making sure they are ADA compliant. The Commissioners all agreed they need a 3rd party to ensure they are compliant.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Schruppf adjourned the meeting at 1:55 PM.

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George Schruppf, Chairman

Thomas Western, Vice Chairman

Don Amber, Commissioner

Attest: 
Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor