

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 3, 2019

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 3, 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 Commissioner Don Amber. Absent was Vice Chairman Thomas Western. 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, Cheryl Wagers from Stable Acres, Rozena Heintzelman from Stable Acres, Brad Minear, Amanda Lawrence from SJCA Engineers, Jeanne Tison, Marilyn Swanson, County Recorder Rosemary Brown, John Woodmansee from Purdue Extension, Johan Bernard from Stable Acres, Joan Null, Sheriff Gatton, Jail Commander Sean Martin, Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester, Sonya Emerick, Mary Hartman from the Peabody Public Library, Denita Patrick and Donna Bowers.

Chairman Schrupf opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: Attorney Matt Shipman stated that he reviewed the Whitley County Council on Aging grant documents and gave them his approval for submission to the State. In regards to the Fidlar agreement for the Recorder's Office, Matt has reviewed the agreement and approves it as well. Auditor Schinbeckler gave a drafted ordinance to Attorney Shipman to review before it is brought before the Commissioners. The ordinance authorizes the County Auditor to collect a fee of \$10 for each real property endorsement that the Auditor makes per IC 36-2-9-18(d). The ordinance will be presented for adoption at the next Commissioner meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIDLAR BASTION PROPOSAL: County Recorder Rosemary Brown presented her AVID Hosting proposal for Fidlar Technologies to have an off-site server that backs up the hosted servers, ensuring the safekeeping of county data in the event of a disaster. This would also free up the on-site county servers and Bastion regulates daily data breaches and stated that there is an attempted security breach every fourteen seconds. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the proposal agreement, seconded by Schrupf and carried with a 2/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE WELL VARIANCE REQUEST: Scott Wagner from the Health Department submitted a well variance to the Commissioners for approval. Hollenbaugh Well Drilling, Inc. submitted a letter for the owner stating that the building addition located on West Old Trail Road would not affect the well or any ability to service the well in the future. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the well variance, seconded by Schrupf and passed with a 2/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EXTENSION UPDATE: John Woodmansee from the Extension Office gave an update to the Commissioners. John went over various programs that the Extension Office is involved in. In regard to agriculture, the Extension Office was part of the 2019 Fort Wayne Farm Show, which had a total attendance of 30,282. They also have private applicator recertification programs, pork producers, Northeast Purdue Ag Center field days, Indiana Beef Cattle Association and Succession Planning Workshop. The Extension Office has a group called Master Gardeners and there was a total of 2,779 volunteer hours, 942 education hours and 7,333 contacts in 2017-2018. They also have to Whitley County MG Symposium which had 157 attendees plus 27 vendors. John has started something new involving forestry and natural resources, which is a venison processing workshop. The Extension Office still sends out weekly news articles and bi-monthly newsletters.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY UPDATE: Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester reported to the Commissioners that the department has replaced their old sign truck and he would like permission to sell the old truck on Gov Deals. Commissioner Amber made a motion to allow Brandon to sell the old sign truck, seconded by Schrupf and passed with a 2/0 vote. In regard to the Community Crossings grant, there are two phases. The first phase is Loon Lake, Blue Lake, the main roads at Tri Lakes. The second phase is Wilson Lake, Goose Lake, Crooked Lake and side roads at Tri Lakes. Brandon also gave an update on the City's SDI sewer project.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The minutes from the May 20, 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. After reviewing the payroll claims, Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Western and carried with a 2/0 vote. The claim distributions from May 20, 2019 through June 3, 2019 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Western and carried with a 2/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY COORDINATOR/HR: The County Coordinator/HR Director, Angela Campbell informed the Commissioners that open enrollment for insurance will begin this week and end June 20th. There will be mandatory meetings all employees have to attend throughout the week due to some changes.


IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSIONER'S ASSISTANT: Commissioner's Assistant Jennifer Shinabery presented two requests to use County facilities to the Commissioners. The first request was from the Columbia City Main Street Association to use the Courthouse lawn around the gazebo for tables and chairs when food trucks are around the Square for lunch on June 19th, July 17th, August 21st, September 18th and October 16th from 10:45 AM to 1:15 PM. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Schruppf and carried with a 2/0 vote. The second request was from Earl and Jeanne Tison to use the County parking lot behind the Government Center on June 29, 2019 from 12:30 to 1:00 PM for a 60th anniversary celebration. The Commissioners stated that the Tison's should arrive early and mark off the public area of the parking lot due to Old Settler's. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Schruppf and passed with a 2/0 vote.

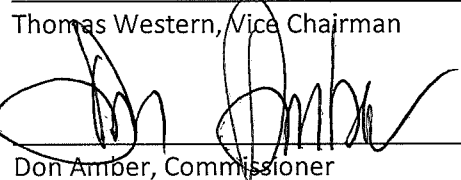
IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS: Attorney Shipman informed the Commissioners that First Friday's start this Friday, June 7th. Commissioner Amber brought up the Dog Barking Ordinance regarding 5 acre and 10 acre parcels. The problem with restricting the amount of land for the ordinance is for the Sheriff's department. They would have to look the property up on GIS every time they received a call. Commissioner Amber stated the Commissioners need to look into this further.

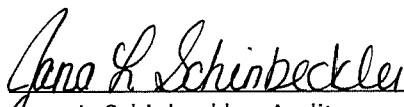
PUBLIC MATTERS: Whitley County resident Donna Bowers, who lives at 7555 W River Road expressed some concerns with speeding on her road. She suggested that the Commissioners put up a school bus sign and lower the speed. The Commissioners and Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester stated they would look into this concern.

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