

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 7, 2019

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, October 7, 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 Tom Western and Commissioner Don Amber. Others in attendance were Attorney Matt Shipman, Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Chief Deputy Auditor Tiffany Forrester, Commissioner's Assistant Jennifer Shinabery, Theresa Green, Denny McIntyre from WA Jones, Emergency Management Deputy Director Dan Monaco, Health Educator Carlee LaRue, Planning Director Nathan Bilger, Doug Dukes from Elevatus, Jon Meister, County Treasurer Laurell Schroeder, Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester, Becky Salaway from Whitley County Council on Aging, Joan Null, Cheryl Wagers and Sonya Emerick.

Chairman Schrupf opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: Attorney Matt Shipman presented an indemnification agreement to the Commissioners for Joseph Decuis. The agreement protects the County from any liability regarding the private sewer that Pete Eshelman is having installed for his property. Commissioner Amber made a motion to sign the agreement, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote. Attorney Shipman informed the Commissioners that there is also a class action lawsuit regarding opioids throughout the State. The Commissioners can either decide to opt out of the class action lawsuit or they can choose to remain part of it. Commissioner Western made a motion to remain a part of the class action lawsuit, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BIDS & HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: The Commissioners opened the truck bids for the Highway Department. The first bid was from Selking International for two new 2021 single axle 4x2 heavy duty snow plow trucks. The price for one truck is \$90,170.19 for a total of \$180,358.38 for both. The second bid was from W.A. Jones for the equipment for the two new single axle snow plow trucks. The unit price for the equipment was \$78,968.00 for a total of \$157,936.00 for both trucks. Commissioner Amber made a motion to take the bids under advisement and have Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester review them, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUCK PURCHASE: Emergency Management Deputy Director Dan Monaco was present to request the Commissioners approval to purchase a new truck. The truck is a 2019 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD Double Cab. The funds are already in the Emergency Management budget for 2019 and this truck is to tow their command trailer in the event of an emergency. Commissioner Amber made a motion to give a favorable pass to Council to approve the purchase of the truck, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE VENDING MACHINE PROPOSAL: Health Educator Carlee LaRue was present to request a vending machine for employees to be placed in the break room in the basement. Carlee stated that it wouldn't be any cost to have the vending machine at the Government Center. She did inform the Commissioners that the door to the break room would need to be removed to get the machine into the room. Commissioner Schrupf stated that she would need to contact Mark Sturtevant to get that accomplished. Carlee also informed the Commissioners that they can choose to make a commission off of the vending machine purchases. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve having the vending machine in the break room and to opt out of receiving profit, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE LEGACY PRESERVE REPLAT: Planning Director Nathan Bilger presented the Legacy Preserve replat to the Commissioners. The Plan Commission approved the replat at their meeting. The road dispute within Legacy Preserve is still outstanding. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the replat, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote. Nathan also informed the Commissioners that the Indiana Department of Transportation will be holding a public hearing and meeting at Coesse Elementary School. This is regarding the J turn they are considering putting in at the intersection on 30.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2020 GRANT APPROVAL: Becky Salaway from Whitley County Council on Aging was present to request her 2020 grant approval from the Commissioners. This is the final step in the grant process and it is for their capital and operating grants through the State. Attorney Shipman reviewed the grant and gave his approval for the Commissioners to approve and sign. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the grant for capital funds and allow the Chairman to sign the grant, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the grant for operating funds and allow the Chairman to sign the grant, seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS: Three right-of-way permits were presented to the Commissioners for approval. The first request was from Precision Utilities Group for 1005 N Wilson Lake Rd to bore in the right-of-way to provide service to the residence. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote. The second request was from BSM Groups for 1692 State Road 9 to direction bore in the right-of-way to provide service for the residence. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve, seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote. The last request was from Century Link for 1830 Mary Lane to bury a cable in the right-of-way for a service drop for the address. 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: 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

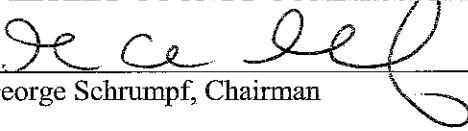
September 16, 2019 through October 7, 2019 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote. The minutes from the September 16, 2019 meeting were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HR DIRECTOR AND COMMISSIONER'S ASSISTANT: Commissioner's Assistant Jennifer Shinabery presented a request to use County facilities to the Commissioners. The request was for the Veterans Day marathon to use the Courthouse lawn on Saturday, November 9th from 6 AM to 2 PM. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote. Jennifer also had a request from Preferred IT for the County to have a bin to collect for Soctober Fest. All of the socks collected stay within Whitley County and go to those in need. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Amber and carried with a 3/0 vote. HR Director Ed Robbins presented two requests to donate PTO from employees. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve both request, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote. Ed also requested that the Commissioners approve a County credit card for him. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve a credit card for Ed, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Schruppf informed everyone that Parkview donated the Brand Court building to the County and the Extension Office is completely moved in. The Commissioners thanked Parkview for their donation.

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

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George Schruppf, Chairman


Thomas Western, Vice Chairman

Don Amber, Commissioner

Attest: 
Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor