

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 21, 2019

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, October 21, 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 Tom Western. Commissioner Don Amber was absent. Others in attendance were Attorney Matt Shipman, Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Chief Deputy Auditor Tiffany Forrester, Commissioner's Assistant Jennifer Shinabery, Theresa Green, Kenneth and Jane Gick, Michael Johnston, David Raypole, Steve Desmonds, Becky Salaway from Whitley County Council on Aging, Planning Director Nathan Bilger, County Treasurer Laurell Schroeder, Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester, Mary Hartman from the Peabody Public Library, County Assessor Kim Erdly, Sonya 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 at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF THE WELL EXEMPTIONS: Scott Wagner from the Health Department presented a well exemption to the Commissioners for Michael and Teresa Ladd at 5400 E Little Turtle Trail. They are doing a garage addition and it will be 5 foot 6 inches away from the existing well. The Ladd's also agreed to sign a hold harmless agreement for the County and Scott approves of this well exemption. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the Ladd's well exemption, seconded by Schrupf and passed with a 2/0 vote. The second request was from Kenneth and Jane Gick. They are building a new home on Loon Lake and they have the plat. Scott stated that he does not have any issues with the location of the new well they are proposing. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the Gick's well exemption, seconded by Schrupf and passed with a 2/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE VOUCHER FOR VAN PURCHASE: Becky Salaway from Whitley County Council on Aging informed the Commissioners that there was an issue with purchasing the van regarding the chassis and the purchase will have to wait. The capital grant will be reconfigured and the State is already aware of the issue. The second request Becky had for the Commissioners was the approval of the 3rd quarter voucher in the amount of \$77,174.00. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the 3rd quarter voucher and for the Chairman to sign, seconded by Schrupf and passed with a 2/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUCK BIDS & HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester reviewed the bids for the new trucks and equipment that the Commissioners opened at their last meeting. He is requesting that the Commissioners approve the bid from Selking International for two new 2021 single axle trucks in the amount of \$180,358.38 and to approve the W.A. Jones bid for the equipment in the amount of \$157,936.00. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the bid from Selking International for the trucks, seconded by Schrupf and carried with a 2/0 vote. Commissioner Western then made a motion to approve the bid from W.A. Jones for the equipment, seconded by Schrupf and passed with a 2/0 vote. Brandon stated that the department will be doing passer ratings soon on the roads which will help him develop their 2020 road plan.

IN THE MATTER OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS: There was one right-of-way permit requested presented to the Commissioners from Precision Utilities Group. They would like to provide service to 645 N 300 E, which requires boring in the right-of-way. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the right-of-way permit, seconded by Schrupf and passed with a 2/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: After reviewing the payroll claims, Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Schrupf and carried with a 2/0 vote. The claim distributions from October 7, 2019 through October 21, 2019 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Schrupf and carried with a 2/0 vote. The minutes from the October 7, 2019 meeting were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes, seconded by Schrupf and passed with a 2/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HR DIRECTOR AND COMMISSIONER'S ASSISTANT: Commissioner's Assistant Jennifer Shinabery presented one request to use County facilities to the Commissioners. The request is to use the Courthouse for the Columbia City Fire Department candy handout on December 24, 2019 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Schrupf and passed with a 2/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS: Planning Director Nathan Bilger presented the Hinds Homestead plat to the Commissioners. The Plan Commission has approved the plat. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the plat, seconded by Schrupf and carried 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 1:25 PM.

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George Schrumpf, Chairman


Thomas Western, Vice Chairman

Don Amber, Commissioner

Attest: 
Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor