

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 18, 2019

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 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 Schrumpf, Vice Chairman Thomas Western and Commissioner Don Amber. Others in attendance were Attorney Matt Shipman, Chief Deputy Auditor Tiffany Forrester, Commissioner's Assistant Jennifer Shinabery, Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester, John Woodmansee from the Extension Office, Theresa Green, Denita Patrick, Mary Hartman from the Peabody Public Library, County Treasurer Laurell Schroeder, Cheryl Wagers and Joan Null.

Chairman Schrumpf opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: Attorney Matt Shipman stated that he is working on a small purchase policy for the fuel facility with Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester. This ordinance should be ready for the Commissioners at their December 2, 2019 meeting. Attorney Shipman is also working on two ordinances with Scott Wagner from the Health Department. One pertains to inspections of retail food establishments and the other pertains to a point of sale ordinance. The point of sale ordinance has to do with the inspection of wells and septic systems for when a property transfers. Attorney Shipman informed the Commissioners that Community Corrections had a meeting to evaluate and discuss some of the potential treatments that will be available to offenders post sentencing.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EXTENSION CONTRACT: John Woodmansee from the Extension Office presented the extension contract to the Commissioners on behalf of Cindy Barnett. The Extension contract for 2020 is \$110,040.00 and it is the same contract every year, just a different amount. The three Extension Educators that the contract helps fund is Cindy Barnett, John Woodmansee and Todd Geiger. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the contract and for the Chairman to sign, seconded by Amber and passed with a 3/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester gave his update on the Highway department, he explained that the County had our first winter event and let the Commissioners know that went well, and used about a quarter of the grit in the salt barn. They will be placing their order for more soon. Brandon gave his update on what the department will be working on the next couple months. Brandon attended a meeting with INDOT and got an update for Community Crossings Grant, stating that we will be moving forward with that in the beginning of the year. He plans on making this a paving project, unlike he did last year with the chip/seal project. He also showed his 5 year plan with over 250 miles of roadways that need chip seal, paving, gravel conversion etc.

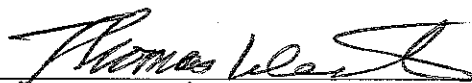
IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: After reviewing the payroll claims, Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote. The claim distributions from November 4, 2019 through November 18, 2019 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote. The minutes from the October 21, 2019 meeting were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Western made a motion to approve the October 21, 2019 minutes, seconded by Schrumpf and passed with a 2/0 with Amber abstaining. The minutes from the November 4, 2019 meeting were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the November 4, 2019 minutes, seconded by Schrumpf and carried with a 2/0 vote with Western abstaining.

IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS: Auditor Schinbeckler informed the Commissioners that the County has received their 1782 Notices from the Department of Local Government Finance. Commissioner Amber gave an update on the County's ADA compliance. He has met with representatives from Engineering Resources, Inc. and they provided him with a schedule to make the County ADA compliant. The schedule is as follows: December 2019 and January 2020 will be the field investigation work, a public meeting will be held in February once the field investigation work is complete. Then in March there will be a draft ADA report which will be reviewed in April. There will be a public review and comment meeting in June and a final ADA report in July. The full plan will then be implemented in August of 2020. In regard to the Regional Sewer District, Attorney Shipman verified that there will be a meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 5:00 PM.

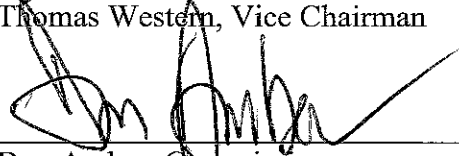
There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Schrumpf adjourned the meeting at 1:40 PM.

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George Schrumpf, Chairman



Thomas Western, Vice Chairman



Don Amber, Commissioner

Attest: 
Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor