

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 16, 2019

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 16, 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, Commissioner's Assistant Jennifer Shinabery, Chief Deputy Auditor Tiffany Forrester, Doug Duke and Mike Goulofp from Elevatus, Linda Hite-Mills from Donatello's Village, Tony Vie from Elevatus, Planning Director Nathan Bilger, Josh Goodman from RQAW, Jason Spencer from the Sheriff's Department, Kennedy St. George from the EDC, Theresa Green, Highway Engineer Brandon Forrester, Sheriff Marcus Gatton, Joan Null, County Treasurer Laurell Schroeder, Cheryl Wagers, Denita Patrick, Gary Archbold and K9 Whitley from the Sheriff's Department, and Kelley Sheiss, Devin Baker, Dillon Sheiss, Greg Rupert, Grace Schrader, Holly Schrader, Penny Sheiss and Daryl Sheiss all from the Columbia City FFA.

Chairman Schrupf opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: Attorney Shipman informed the Commissioners and the public that there will be regional sewer district meeting on Tuesday, December 17th at the normal time and meeting place.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COLUMBIA CITY FFA LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM PROCLAMATION: The Commissioners presented a proclamation to the Columbia City FFA Livestock Judging team that won a National Contest recently. The Commissioners stated that they are very proud to have them represent our County and appreciate their hard work.

IN THE MATTER OF THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES EQUIPMENT COSTS: Scott Wagner from the Health Department informed the Commissioners that the new 2020 Ford F250 truck he ordered from City Ford came to a total of \$30,717.25 and is ready to be picked up. Scott also informed the Commissioners that the Weights and Measures trailer that he ordered came to a total of \$28,912.00 and he will be picking it up when it is ready. It will take around three to four months to build. The Commissioners thanked Scott for the information and asked to keep them updated.

IN THE MATTER OF THE DONATELLO'S VILLAGE DRAIN ISSUES: Linda Hite-Mills, who is the Secretary for the homeowners association for Donatello's Village, was present to discuss the drain issues that the housing addition is having. Linda stated that the storm drains in the neighborhood are collapsing and she is asking if the County can do anything to help fix the drains. Commissioner Amber stated that they will not be able to do any work next spring but assured her that they would work with her and the association to get the storm drains fixed. Commissioner Amber made a motion that they assure the association the storm drains will be fixed in early 2020 or as soon as possible, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote.

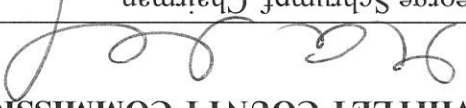
IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: After reviewing the payroll claims, Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote. The claim distributions from December 2, 2019 through December 16, 2019 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Western and carried with a 3/0 vote. The minutes from the December 2, 2019 meeting were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Western and passed with a 2/0 with Schrupf abstaining.

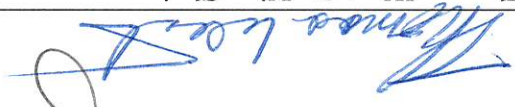
IN THE MATTER OF THE KARMANTE ACRES PLAT: Planning Director Nathan Bilger presented a plat for Karmante Acres to the Commissioners for approval. The Plan Commission has reviewed and approved the plat. Commissioner Amber made a motion to approve the plat, seconded by Western and passed with a 3/0 vote.

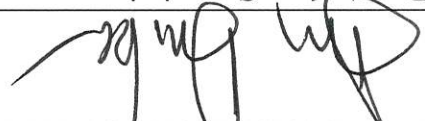
IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS: Sheriff Gatton presented a drawing of our fallen Officer, K9 Cas to the Commissioners. The drawing was done by Officer Jonny Castro as a memorial tribute to Cas, who perished in the line of duty on July 10, 2019. Sheriff Gatton thanked the Commissioners for their support to the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff also introduced the County's newest K9, Whitley.

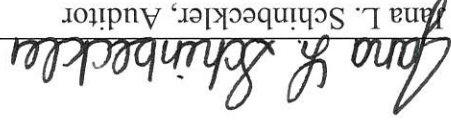
There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Schrupf adjourned the meeting at 1:35 PM.

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George Schrumpt, Chairman


Thomas West, Vice Chairman


Don Amber, Commissioner

Attest: 
Anna L. Schinbeckler, Auditor