

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 18, 2022

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 18, 2022, at 1:00 PM in the Commissioner's Meeting Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Commissioners in attendance were Chair Chad Banks and Vice Chair Theresa Baysinger Commissioner George Schrupf was absent. Others in attendance were Auditor Tiffany Deakins, Chief Deputy Auditor Tamela Hamilton-Tincher, Commissioners' Assistant Cami Hippenhammer, HR Director Jennifer Shinabery, Highway Director Katy Fry, Treasurer Kay Gatton, Assessor Kim Erdly, Clerk Cindy Doolittle, Councilman Thomas Warner, Sonya Emerick, Joan Null, and Rob Schuman.

Chair Banks opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Shipman stated that he is working on the ordinance for the APRA plan. He has received example ordinances from Auditor Tiffany Deakins and is trying to put that together and will move that to the front of his line so that can be adopted in August.

USI SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT AND NO TRUCK ORDINANCE: Highway Director Katy Fry was present to discuss the USI Supplemental Agreement as well as the no truck ordinance. The USI Supplemental agreement is updating the agreement that Commissioners have already signed with USI however this is updating the costs for small structures by \$110,000. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve the agreement, with a second by Banks and carried with a 2/0 vote. Katy then explained the need for the No Truck Ordinance for truck traffic on East 300 North between US 33 and State Road 205. This has been used as a short cut for semis and trucks and has caused a lot of wear and tear on the roadway. This road is not equipped to handle the weight of the trucks. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-10, seconded by Banks and carried with a 2/0 vote.

HEALTH DEPT ORDINANCES AND WELL VARIANCES: Health Director Scott Wagner presented two well variances to the Commissioners. The first being near Harrold Place, the residents are adding on to their current home. The second is for a residence in Shoreline Place, this is an addition of a mother-in-law suite. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve both well variances, seconded by Banks, passing with a 2/0 vote. Scott was also present to discuss and seek approval for two ordinances that are brand new for Whitley County. The first being a Lodging Ordinance that would allow for the Health Department to do inspections once a month to area hotels/motels but not to include air bnb's or bed and breakfasts. This ordinance creates a annual \$500 fee and allows for the Health Department to inspect all rooms to make sure that they are suitable for occupancy. This ordinance will take effect January 1, 2023. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-11, with a second by Banks, carrying with a 2/0 vote. The second ordinance is for Weights and Measures. This allows for a fee to be charged \$20 per location, the fees collected go into the Weights and Measures account so that the supplies can be purchased that are needed to complete the inspections. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-12, with a second by Banks, carrying with a 2/0 vote. Scott also is seeking approval for the Health Department to trade in their current ¾ ton Ford truck for a smaller cabbed ¾ ton Ford truck. City Ford had a truck that became available, and the Health Department would like to be able to move forward with the trade so that the truck can be utilized better, as the current is too long to complete certain things. City Ford will also be moving the cap from the current truck to the new in the process. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve the trade in with City Ford, seconded by Banks, and carried with a 2/0 vote. Scott gave a brief update about COVID numbers rising again as well as Indiana has three confirmed cases of Monkey Pox. He also wanted to state that the Health Department is not receiving the Monkey Pox vaccine.

CMC CONTRACT: Commissioner Banks stated that the County has asked that a few adjustments be made to the contract with Weigand for the CMC contract and that we are still waiting to get the updated document back. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to table the contract until the next Commissioner meeting, seconded by Banks and carried with a 2/0 vote.


COMMISSIONER HEALTH INSURANCE: Commissioner Banks stated that the County Council had recommended that the Commissioners be eligible for health insurance as Commissioners are already offered PERF, vision and dental. The decision was made in 2013 to remove a group of employees from being eligible for County health insurance, however Council and Commissioners feel that this should be offered to Commissioners because of the hours that are required of them. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve, with a second by Banks, passed with a 2/0 vote.

MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The claim distributions from July 6, 2022, through July 18, 2022, were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Banks stated that both payroll and accounts payable looked good. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Banks and passed with a 2/0 vote. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, with a second by Banks and passed with a 2/0 vote. The Commissioners reviewed the regular meeting minutes from July 5, 2022.

Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, with a second by Banks and passed with a 2/0 vote.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chair Banks adjourned the meeting at 1:29 PM.

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS




Chair Chad Banks



Vice Chair Theresa Baysinger

Commissioner George Schrumpf

Attest: 

Tiffany Deakins, Auditor