

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 20, 2023

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 20, 2023, 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 Vice Chair Theresa Baysinger and Commissioner Robert Schuman with Chair Chad Banks absent. Others in attendance were County Attorney Zack Zehner, Auditor Tiffany Deakins, Deputy Auditor Tamela Tincher, Commissioner's Assistant Cami Hippenhammer, Human Resources Director Jennifer Shinabery, Assessor Kim Erdly, Planning Director Nathan Bilger, Highway Director Ryan Getts, Engineer Brad Allen, Leslie Blakley with the Whitley County Council on Aging and Beth Johnson from USI.

Vice-Chair Baysinger opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE TITLE VI PLAN: Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve the Title VI Plan, seconded by Baysinger and carried with a 2/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PICTOMETRY CONTRACT: GIS Director Dan Weigold let Commissioners know that additional funding has been confirmed from the below assisting with the amount that would be needed from the CEDIT budget. The flyover will be completed this spring at 3-inch pixel resolution.

- \$6,000 per year for 3 years from the Redevelopment Commission
- \$5,000 per year for 3 years from the Whitley County Assessor
- \$2,000 per year for 3 years from the Whitley County Highway
- \$2,000 per year for 3 years from the Whitley County Sheriff
- \$5,000 per year for 3 years from the City of Columbia City

Attorney Zehner stated that they have added a section to the contract for suspension and disbarment that had been it needed to be in all contracts/agreements in the 2022 Audit. Zehner will get the updated agreement to Pictometry for their signature, then it can be signed off on by Commissioners. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to have either Commissioner Banks or Baysinger sign once it has been signed off on by Pictometry, seconded by Baysinger and passed with a 2/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PLAT APPROVALS: Planning Director Nathan Bilger was present with two plats for approval, both had been approved by the Plan Commission at their October meeting. The first is a 1 lot plat called The Paddock Plantation located off 700 E, North of State Road 14. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve the plat as presented, seconded by Baysinger, and passed with a 2/0 vote. The second plat being called Horne Wolf Subdivision at Goose Lake, which is evenly dividing up 3 lots between two neighbors. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve, seconded by Baysinger and passed with a 2/0 vote.

COUNCIL ON AGING VOUCHER APPROVAL: Leslie Blakley from Whitley County Council on Aging was present to request the approval of a quarterly voucher for the monies awarded to the Council on Aging so she can submit to the State for reimbursement, the request is for \$87,199. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve the voucher, with a second by Baysinger, carrying with a 2/0 vote. Leslie also let Commissioners know that she was happy to report that for 2024 the Council on Aging will be able to obtain a minivan as well as a small vehicle bus. She also let Commissioners know that there was a vehicle that had been totaled luckily there were no injuries, but she will need to obtain the title from the Commissioners. Leslie should be getting the 2024 contract soon as well as the vehicle contract for 2024, once she receives that she will forward that on to Commissioners to review along with the County Attorney.

IN THE MATTER OF ANNUAL BID PACKET & NOTICE TO BIDDERS: Highway Director Ryan Getts let Commissioners know that he is about a month behind on the notice to bidders for the annual 2024 bids but has it ready. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve the request with the change of Chair Banks name to Baysinger as Banks was absent, seconded by Baysinger and passed with a 2/0 vote. Attorney Zehner stated that he would come up with a better option for signatures in the future in case the chair was absent from a meeting to sign.


IN THE MATTER OF A FACILITY REQUESTS: Commissioner Baysinger presented a facility request for the Columbia City Fire Department for their annual Christmas Eve candy hand out. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Baysinger, and carried with a 2/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The claim distributions from November 7, 2023, through November 20, 2023, were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Schuman reviewed the claims, and everything looked good. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Baysinger and passed with a 2/0 vote. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Baysinger and passed with a 2/0 vote. The Commissioners reviewed the regular meeting minutes from November 6, 2023, Schuman made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Baysinger and carried with a 2/0 vote.

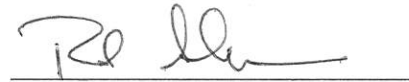
There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Baysinger adjourned the meeting at 1:17 PM.

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Chair Chad Banks



Vice Chair Theresa Baysinger



Commissioner Robert Schuman



Attest: Tiffany Deakins, Auditor