

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 4, 2023

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 4, 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 Chair Chad Banks, Vice Chair Theresa Baysinger and Commissioner Robert Schuman. Others in attendance were County Attorney Andrew Boxberger, Auditor Tiffany Deakins, Deputy Auditor Tamela Tincher, Human Resources Director Jennifer Shinabery, Planning Director Nathan Bilger, Highway Director Ryan Getts, Engineer Brad Allen and Clerk Cindy Doolittle.

Chair Banks opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Banks let constituents know that the Commissioners are aware of the upside-down camera image and are trying to get that corrected.

IN THE MATTER OF PLAT APPROVAL: Planning Director Nathan Bilger was present with a plat for approval, it has been approved by the Plan Commission. The 3-lot plat called Blue Heron Bay is located off Crescent Ave. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve the plat as presented, seconded by Baysinger, and passed with a 3/0 vote.

PLAN COMMISSION BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS: Planning Director Nathan Bilger told Commissioners that there were two re-appointments up for the Plan Commission. Nathan recommended that Commissioners re-appoint both Ashley Wagner and Timothy Gable. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to re-appoint Ashley Wagner and Timothy Gable to serve as non-republican members, seconded by Schuman and passed with a 3/0 vote.

DRAINAGE BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS: Commissioner Baysinger stated that the two members of the Drainage Board that are up for re-appointment are Seth Schrader and Dave Johnson. She would recommend that the Commissioners re-appoint both as they have done a great job serving on the drainage board. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to re-appoint Seth Schrader and Dave Johnson, seconded by Schuman, and passed unanimously with a 3/0 vote.

SAFETY ACTION PLAN CONTRACT AMERICAN STRUCTURE POINT: Commissioners have reviewed the consulting contract with American Structure Point as well at the County Attorney. Engineer Brad Allen has been diligently working to get this completed. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve, seconded by Schuman, and carried with a 3/0 vote.

ROAD SPEED SIGNS: Commissioners added an agenda item for the Highway Department regarding road speed signs. There have been several complaints to the Commissioners and Highway Department of speeds on some county roads. Highway Director Ryan Getts received a quote for 3 signs costing \$4,253 per sign totaling \$12,759. Using these types of signs can decrease the speed by 10-20%. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve the purchase of the signs using CEDIT funds, seconded by Schuman, and carried with a 3/0 vote. Getts also let Commissioners know that his crew has been working diligently to make sure all trucks are winter ready.

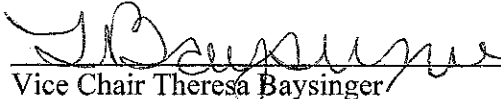
IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The claim distributions from November 21, 2023, through December 4, 2023, were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Schuman reviewed the claims, and everything looked good. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Baysinger and passed with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Baysinger and passed with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioners reviewed the regular meeting minutes from November 20, 2023, Baysinger made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Schuman and carried with a 2/0 vote, with Banks abstaining.

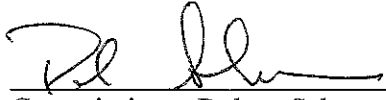
Auditor Deakins let Commissioners know that the Auditors office and Treasurers office has completed the fall settlement of taxes and are just waiting on approval from the State. Also that the State is working on getting 1782 notices completed, and she will let them know once Whitley County has received theirs back.

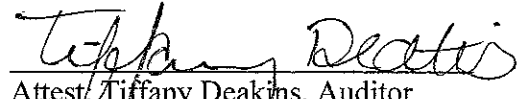
There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Baysinger adjourned the meeting at 1:19 PM.

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Chair Chad Banks


Vice Chair Theresa Baysinger


Commissioner Robert Schuman


Attest: Tiffany Deakins, Auditor