

## WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 16, 2024

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 4:00 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 Rob Schuman, and Commissioner Theresa Baysinger. Others in attendance were Chief Deputy Auditor Tamela Tincher, Commissioner's Assistant Cami Hippenhammer, Human Resources Director Jennifer Shinabery, County Highway Director Ryan Getts, Planning Director Nathan Bilger, Sheriff Jason Spencer, Treasurer Kay Gatton, and Sonya Emerick.

Chairman Banks opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BOARD OF FINANCE ANNUAL MEETING:** Chair Banks suspended the regular Commissioner meeting to hold the Board of Finance annual meeting. Banks motioned to approve the January 17, 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by Schuman, and passed with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Banks motioned to change the chairman of the Board of Finance from Baysinger to Schuman, seconded by Baysinger, and passed with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Banks motioned to appoint Kay Gatton as secretary of the Board of Finance, seconded by Baysinger, and passed with a 3/0 vote. The Treasurer Kay Gatton was able to obtain \$1,364,962.97 in 2023 in interest which was our highest year yet. Treasurer Gatton went over the review of the Investment Policy. Shuman made a motion to accept the policy, seconded by Baysinger, and passed with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Banks motioned to close the Board of Finance meeting and continue with the regular Commissioner meeting, seconded by Baysinger, and passed with a 3/0 vote.

**LIMESTONE BIDS:** Commissioner Banks spoke on bid #11 limestone. When the bid notice was sent via email to all the different suppliers, the limestone suppliers were mistakenly left off the email. After Getts spoke with the Commissioners and the County Attorney it was decided they would like to reopen the bids just to the limestone suppliers. The Commissioners opened the limestone bids at 10:30 am this morning and they were given to Highway Director Ryan Getts to review before the meeting at 4 pm. Commissioner Banks made a motion to accept the limestone #11 bids, seconded by Baysinger, and passed with a 3/0 vote.

**COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENT LETTER:** Highway Director Ryan Getts was present to speak on the use of the Community Crossings Grant. Getts stated one of their projects this year will be to repave Lincolnway from US 30 to the Kosciusko County line. The County is responsible for 25% of the cost and Ryan is expecting that to be \$440,887.50. Commissioner Schuman motioned to approve the Financial Commitment letter with the chairman signing, seconded by Baysinger, and passed with a 3/0 vote.

**ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:** Planning Director Nathan Bilger presented an ordinance to amend the current zoning code ordinance that was tabled in the previous Commissioner meeting to give them more time to review. Bilger explained some of the changes that were made. Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve the amended ordinance 2024-01, seconded by Baysinger, and passed with a 3/0 vote.

**SS4A GRANT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT:** Commissioner Banks spoke on the Safe Streets for All grant amendment. Banks explained the change in verbiage on the grant amendment. Commissioner Schuman motioned to approve the amendment, seconded by Baysinger, and passed with a 3/0 vote.

**RESOLUTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC NOTICES:** Zach with the Commissioners attorney's office presented two resolutions for electronic notices, one for Cami Hippenhammer Commissioners Assistant and the other for the Auditors Office. This would be for the 2<sup>nd</sup> notice to be from the website versus from another newspaper advertisement. Zach stated the Auditors Office should probably have another resolution done with the Council to make sure they are covered considering the Auditor does notices for both Commissioners and Council. Baysinger made a motion to approve resolution 2024-01 for Commissioners' Assistant Cami Hippenhammer, seconded by Schuman, and passed with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve resolution 2024-02 for the Auditors Office, seconded by Baysinger, and passed with a 3/0 vote.

**ANNUAL REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS:** Commissioner Banks and Commissioner Baysinger stated they spoke with Jon Myers and Fank Kessler, and they were both interested in being reappointed to the Redevelopment Commission. Commissioner Baysinger motioned to reappoint Jon Myers and Frank Kessler to the Redevelopment Commission, seconded by Commissioner Schuman, and passed with a 3/0 vote.

**MINUTES AND CLAIMS:** The claim distributions from January 3, 2024, through January 16, 2024, were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Baysinger and passed with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Schuman and passed with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioners reviewed minutes from the January 2, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Schuman and passed with a 3/0 vote.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT:** Zach from the Commissioners attorney's office stated they are working on an amendment to the inter local agreement with Solid Waste.

There being no further business and no further questions or comments from the public, Chair Banks adjourned the meeting at 4:27 PM.

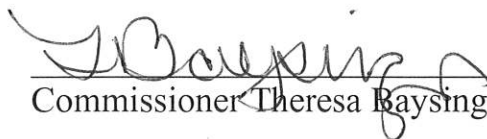
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Chair Chad Banks



Vice Chair Robert Schuman



Commissioner Theresa Baysinger

Attest:   
Tiffany Deakins, Auditor

