

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 17, 2024

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 17, 2024, 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 Rob Schuman, and Commissioner Theresa Baysinger. Others in attendance were Auditor Tiffany Deakins, Chief Deputy Auditor Tamela Tincher, Engineer Brad Allen, Health Director Scott Wagner, Councilman Thomas Warner, Highway Director Ryan Getts and Community Corrections Director Paula Worden.

Chairman Banks opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

SOUTH WHITLEY LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT: Cody Abbot was present in case Commissioners had any questions regarding the re-appointment for the South Whitley Library Board. Commissioners had no questions. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to re-appoint Laura Hull for an additional 4-years, seconded by Schuman and passed with a 3/0 vote.

HISTORIC PRESEVATION GRANT FUND ORDINANCE: Commissioners and Attorney Boxberger have reviewed the ordinance to establish the Historic Preservation Fund, this is to allow for a fund to be created to house the funds and track the funds when received. Baysinger made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-08, waiving the second reading, seconded by Schuman, and passed with a 3/0 vote.

HEALTH EDUCATION GRANT FUND ORDINANCE: Commissioners and Attorney Boxberger have reviewed the ordinance to establish the Health Education Fund, this is to allow for a fund to be created to house the funds and track the funds when received. Schuman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-09, waiving the second reading, seconded by Baysinger, and passed with a 3/0 vote.

MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The claim distributions from June 4, 2024, through June 17, 2024, were reviewed by Commissioner Banks. Banks stated for transparency that he wanted to make known that a company he works part-time for is receiving a check for payment, however he will have no benefit or gain from the invoice being paid. Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Schuman and passed with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims, seconded by Baysinger and passed with a 3/0 vote. The Commissioners reviewed the regular meeting minutes for June 3rd, 2024. Schuman made a motion to approve, seconded by Baysinger and carried with a 3/0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Community Corrections Director Paula Worden let Commissioners know that she has been working to update policies for her field crew officers to make sure that they are up


to date. She was hoping to have the County Attorney review as well. Commissioners all agreed Paula should move forward with Attorney Boxberger reviewing.

- Health Director Scott Wagner let Commissioners know that the contract agreement was sent back to Attorney Boxberger for clarification on a few items but should be ready to be signed at their July meeting. Scott is also hoping to have the budget for 2025 to Commissioners to review by the end of the week for the new Health First Indiana.
- Planning Director Nathan Bilger was present to ask for approval to have the parking lot blocked off for a meeting that will be taking place during Old Settlers Fair, and historically the parking lot gets filled by residents attending the fair, however space will be needed for the meeting. Commissioners gave Nathan approval to reach out to whoever is needed to ensure parking. Nathan also has a quote for his scanning project that he would like to present to the Council to scan permits.
- Commissioner Baysinger stated that she went on a tour of SDI and found it to be very interesting and was glad that EDC Director Dale Buuck had set that tour up.

There being no further business and no comments from the public, Chair Banks adjourned the meeting at 1:11 PM.

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Chair Chad Banks


Vice Chair Robert Schuman

Commissioner Theresa Baysinger

Attest: 
Tiffany Dealins, Auditor