

MINUTES
WHITLEY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
September 10, 2024
WHITLEY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
1st FLOOR-COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	STAFF	
Theresa Baysinger	X		Nathan Bilger	Brad Allen
Frank Kessler	X		Brent Bockelman	Dale Buuck
Jon Myers	X		Cami Hippenhammer	
Michael Schrader	X		Scott Wagner	
Kim Wheeler	X		LEGAL COUNSEL	
Jill Western	X		Andy Boxberger	
GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE			GUESTS ON-LINE/PHONE	

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Wheeler read roll call. Members present and absent are listed above.

PROJECT FREEDOM UPDATE

Mr. Bilger discussed the Alta had been received for review. Mr. Boxberger discussed the billboard agreements. He explained that the RDC would be able to close early the next week. Discussion was made about the timing and conditions of the possible auction.

600 EAST CONNECTION ROAD

Mr. Allen discussed the possible connector road between 600 East and the newly acquired property. He stated that the Highway Department had been consulted and Steel Dynamics should be contacted at some point to coordinate drainage possibilities. Discussion was made about the routing of the new access.

100 SOUTH REPAVING PROJECT

Brad Allen discussed the 100 South paving and reconstruction project. The width of the road construction was discussed to include areas for large trucks to turn and remain on the roadway. Further discussion was made about the intersection with 300 and the room needed for semi-trucks to turn.

BROADBAND REVIEW

Mr. Buuck presented and discussed the broadband project. He explained that Surf, REMC, and Lakeland have been working together to increase the coverage in the county. He stated that there may be an ask for support and funding from the RDC soon. Further discussion was made about the coverage for students in the County and for the TIF area. Mr. Buuck stated that he would gather some further information to report back at the next meeting. Mr. Bilger discussed moving the next regular meeting to October the first.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mr. Allen discussed purchasing additional software to assist in road design. He also discussed drainage in Rail Connect.

CLAIMS

Claims were presented as follows:

Star Wealth Management	\$2500.00	Bond Fees
JK Walker and Associates	\$5400	ALTA/ Project Freedom
Carson LLP	\$696.00	Legal Services

Ms. Baysinger made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Schrader. Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The previous meeting minutes were not presented.

Ms. Western discussed a state award for excellence in education received by the school for student work experience and internship. She explained that 80% of high school students have some type of work experience and can move directly into the workforce. Discussion was made regarding the CTE program expansion.

Having no further business, Mr. Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 8:34 A.M.

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ATTEST:

Kim Wheeler, President

Michael Schrader, Secretary