

WHITLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 4, 2024

The Whitley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 4, 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, Deputy Auditor Tamela Tincher, Commissioners' Assistant Cami Hippenhammer, Community Corrections Director Paula Worden, Highway Director Ryan Getts, Scott Pettigrew, Tadd Pratt, Joe Wolf, Recorder Rosemary Brown, Treasurer Kay Gatton, Assessor Kim Erdly, Planning Director Nathan Bilger, Nadean Lamle, Engineer Brad Allen, Veteran Service Officer Joshua Smith, Joan Null, Brad Goble, Curt Laukhuf, Martin Leininger, Matthew Meyer, Judy Koontz, David & Sherri Ayres, Michael Veenhuizen, Stan Reiff, Allie Daugherty, Kathleen Hicks, Rick Hicks, Rick Reiff, Terri Reiff, Doug Reiff, Claire Hersha and Randee Reiff.

Chairman Banks opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: The Commissioners recognized employees with over 20 years of service. Nadean Lamle has 39 years of service, Joe Wolf and Jody Hollenbaugh have 30 years of service.

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE UPDATE: Josh Smith, the Veteran Services Officer gave Commissioners an update. Josh has been able to meet with or speak to approximately 30 veterans over the last month and really enjoys what he does. Josh has been able to get out in the Community in several ways, one of those was going to Indian Springs Middle School to speak to 8th graders. This is something that the school has asked that he come back for quarterly.

RE-ZONING REQUESTS: Planning Director Nathan Bilger was present with two re-zoning requests, both by Doug & Terri Reiff. Both requests are for AG to AGP, the first is for Petition 24-W-REZ-4, being 80 acres located on the north side of 800 South, 2,000 feet east of 850 West. The second 24-W-REZ-5, being 179 acres generally located on the south side of 1000 South, one mile west of SR 105. Both received a favorable pass from the Plan Commission. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-17, waiving the second reading, seconded by Baysinger, passing with a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-18, waiving the second reading, passing with a 3/0 vote.

HEALTH FIRST INDIANA CONTRACTS: Commissioners reviewed five contracts with partners within the community for the Health First Indiana funds. Commissioner Baysinger made a motion to approve all five contracts, seconded by Schuman, passing with a 3/0 vote. Scott Wagner wanted to let Commissioners know that his intern starts November 9th with Ameriacorp. This intern will need a desk phone, and Scott would like to use grant funds to pay for it. Commissioners were in favor of this. Scott also wanted to let Commissioners know that

he will be purchasing a fire safe storage unit that costs \$16,000, this will be to hold the card index for birth and death certificates.

PTABOA MEMBER APPROVAL: Assessor Kim Erdly was present to ask Commissioners to keep Greg Fahl, Jeff Walker, and Treasa Sideris as PTABOA board members. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve, with a second by Baysinger and carried with a 3/0 vote.

ADDENDUM TO HIGHWAY 2025 BID NOTICE: Highway Director Ryan Getts was present with an addendum to the 2025 annual bid notice that had previously been approved. A vendor let Getts know that there is a stipulation that you can add that states if fuel and or liquid asphalt prices fluctuate prices can be amended. Attorney Boxberger prepared the document. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve the addendum, seconded by Baysinger, passing with a 3/0 vote.

CONTRACT ORDINANCE: Commissioners have worked with Attorney Boxberger in putting together a contract ordinance for the county. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-19 & waive the second reading, seconded by Baysinger, passing with a 3/0 vote.

OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioners received a quote from SOS to move the phone system and servers from the current jail location to the Government Center. The quote was for \$3,566.99, Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve, seconded by Baysinger, passing with a 3/0 vote.

MINUTES AND CLAIMS: The claim distributions from October 22, 2024, through November 4, 2024, were reviewed by Commissioners Schuman & Baysinger. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve the payroll claims, seconded by Baysinger, passing 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 October 21st. Baysinger made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes, seconded by Schuman, and carried with a 3/0 vote.

OTHER BUSINESS: Attorney Boxberger let Commissioners know that there was another ordinance that needed to be adopted that went along with the contract ordinance. Commissioner Schuman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-20, waiving the second reading, seconded by Baysinger, passing with a 3/0 vote.


PUBLIC COMMENT: Several members of the public spoke to Commissioners about their opposition of the CFO that is wanting to be added to 80 acres located on the north side of 800 South, 2,000 feet east of 850 west. These individuals were Judy Koontz, Curt Laukhuf, Matthew Meyer, Brad Goble, and Kathleen and Rick Hicks. Marlin Leininger spoke on behalf of the jail dedication that took place on October 29th, 2024.

There being no further business and no comments from the public, Chair Banks adjourned the meeting at 2:00 PM.


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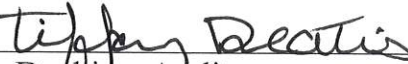
Chair Chad Banks



Vice Chair Robert Schuman



Commissioner Theresa Baysinger

Attest: 
Tiffany Deakins, Auditor

