

## POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' room at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Members present: Carl A. Schmitz, Jerry R. Walden, James Alsop, Attorney Bill Bender and Auditor Nicholas J. Wildeman.

Commissioner President Schmitz opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

### MINUTES

Commissioner Alsop notes that there are spelling changes on the minutes from the previous meeting. J. Alsop made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with corrections. J. Walden seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### CLAIMS

J. Walden made a motion to approve the claims, and J. Alsop seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### MS4 WAIVER, BRIAN MUNDY, WESSLER ENGINEERING

Brian Mundy with Wessler Engineering reports to the Commission on behalf of Beth Powlen and Wessler Engineering. He presents the update to the MS4 designation. He states that based on the population of the county, and proximity to Evansville, that the county qualifies for an exemption. He informs that a letter needs to be sent to IDEM explaining the reason for exemption. J. Alsop clarifies that the letter has already been prepared and that it just needs to be signed off on. Wessler Engineering has prepared the letter for a waiver from MS4 on behalf of the county and the Commissioners are to review the letter and sign off on the letter. J. Alsop made a motion to approve the letter subject to review by the Commissioners, J. Walden seconded and the motion passed with a vote 3-0.

### CLERK'S REPORT

J. Walden made a motion to approve the Clerk's Report, and J. Alsop seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote 3-0.

### BOARD APPOINTMENTS 2014, ADA COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE, COMMON CONSTRUCTION WAGE BOARD, VETERAN SERVICES

Commissioner Schmitz opens with the Board Appointments. He made recommendations for the Drainage Board, Dale Koester and Jerry Walden. C. Schmitz made motion to approve, J. Alsop seconded and the motion passed 3-0. The ADA Compliance Board, the new appointees are Marsha Droege, Carol Redman and the returning appointees are Ray Duncan, Ed Batteiger, Martha Breeze, Judy Hueber, and Nancy Hoehn. J. Alsop made motion to approve, J. Walden seconded and the motion passed 3-0. The purpose for the Common Wage Board is clarified at this time. Common Wage board serves the purpose of establishing common wages for all public projects in the county. The Common Wage Board consists of three members, two of which are tax payers. J. Alsop made motion to table the designation of appointees to the Common Wage Board, J. Walden seconded and the motion to table the Common Wage Board appointments passed 3-0. The Commissioners discuss the Veteran Services Officer at this time. There are several recommendations for candidates from Vicki Travis from the DAV, who would like to make a proposal for a candidate. Commissioner Walden also has several candidates who are interested. It is decided that the appointment be tabled and that a date be set for Executive Session for interviews of potential candidates. J. Alsop made the motion to table the appointment of a Veteran Services Officer, C. Schmitz seconded, and the motion passed 3-0. At this time the Commissioners schedule a time to interview 3-5 candidates during an Executive Session. The date is set for Monday, January 13, 2014 at 6 p.m. at the Hovey House. J. Alsop made motion to hold Executive Session to interview

candidates for the Veteran Services Officer, J. Walden seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES**

Commissioner Schmitz introduces Kyle Haney as the selected appointee to replace the resigning Posey County Auditor, Nicholas Wildeman. Mr. Wildeman states that while he has had a good experience with Posey County, he has accepted another offer. Kyle Haney will fulfill the remainder of Mr. Wildeman's term. Mr. Haney is a Mount Vernon native, having been born and raised here as well as attending and graduating from Mt. Vernon High in 2008. Martha Breeze speaks on behalf of the Health department to introduce Kristina Carter as the new Health Department Nurse. Mrs. Carter has experience in public health and long term care in the medical surgical hospital setting. Mrs. Carter plans on changing some of the programs to focus on community education, bio-terrorism and emergency preparedness, immunization program and disease investigation.

### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Commissioner Schmitz states that there is a need for Community Corrections to appear before the Commissioners at the next meeting. He would like Community Corrections to clarify their intentions for the coming year. He acknowledges that no one has appeared before the Commissioners on behalf of the board since the resignation.

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE – STEVE SCHENK, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

Steve Schenk gave the Highway Department Update. During this meeting he gave the progress report for the process of getting permits for bridge number 64. He reports that there is a problem with IDEM. They are not permitted to cut trees after March, however they cannot do any work in the creek because of the red water snake until after April. He confirms that they are coming to a solution and that they are meeting next week to determine the best way to go. Mr. Schenk raises a question at this time in regards to the Common Wage Board, he inquires whether or not they the Board will remain intact until the new appointees are assigned. He is concerned because the Board is a necessary component to his upcoming contracts with regards to the bridge. The Commissioners assure that the Board will remain as it is until the new appointees are designated. Mr. Schenk adds they are not posting any chip and seal roads yet, however after the thaw they will have to post the chip and seal roads with a 10 ton weight limit. He adds that the list of the roads can be posted on the internet to inform the public that on these roads they will need a permit to haul. Commissioner Schmitz raises the question in regards to the bridge on Caborn Road. Mr. Schenk reports that the cost will be split with the Drainage Board and the Highway Department in regards to the removal of the debris. Commissioner Walden adds that if there is an issue with money the bridge fund can be utilized. Commissioner Alsop inquires as to whether or not there is news from INDOT in regards to the bridge inspection. Mr. Schenk reports that he received a letter, from Jackie Foot, who made apologies for the delay and would work on the approval letter. He adds that he did receive a draft for a bridge book from United and told them it was okay to send to INDOT for approval. He informs the Commissioners that they are needed to approve a contractor for the next bridge study coming soon, however the process is waiting upon the actions of Jackie Foot at this time.

### **SABRINA HARMS, GENERATOR QUOTE UPDATE**

Sabrina Harms informs the Commissioners at this time she is having trouble obtaining a second quote in regards to the generator needed at Dispatch. She states that Evapar is assisting her in getting a second quote. She has contacted Scance, however her emails have not been returned. She requests that the Commissioners sign off on current quote as she has allotted the money for this generator and is ready to move forward with this project. Commissioner Walden confirms that he has spoken with Mrs. Harms in regards to the troubles with getting another quote and dealing with a particular company. Mr. Walden does not see any reason not to move forward with the process. J. Walden made a

motion to accept the quote from Evapar for a new generator at the EMS Building, J. Alsop seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

### **ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT**

Commissioner Schmitz reports on behalf of Posey County Animal Control. Their report for December was 41 complaints and 10 animals were picked up. It is stated that no animals were euthanized and 3 bites were reported. The Animal Control reports that \$42 was turned in.

### **COURTHOUSE CONDITIONS**

Commissioner Schmitz reports that pipes from the sprinkler systems have frozen and that the Judges benches are taking on water. There is a cleanup crew on the way and it is undetermined as to how long Courts will be delayed.

### **DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES**

Sheriff Greg Oeth reports on departmental updates. Chuck Thompson reports on departmental updates, an Advanced EMT class and Brenda Thompson has retired after 37 and a half years as a Paramedic with the county. Ed Batteiger reports that they have the credit card up and running. Betty Postlethweight reports that candidates start signing up to run for election in the next day and that they are looking for an employee for the election office. Larry Robb reports that they are fortunate that the bulk of the bad weather bypassed the county. Commissioner Alsop recognizes the efforts of Mr. Robb, Mr. Oeth and Mr. Schenk, who went out over the weekend, to make sure preparations for the weather were in order.

### **LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE**

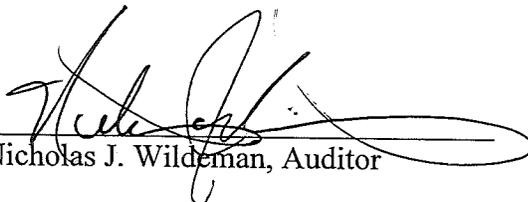
Commissioner Walden introduces information concerning the Legislative Conference in Indianapolis on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. He suggests that they should have representation at that conference and volunteers to go because of the information that will be discussed may be important and informative to the county. It is discussed that the Commissioners meeting will need to change because the conference falls on a Commissioners meeting date. It is decided that the Commissioners meeting date will change to Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. J. Walden made a motion to approve the meeting date change, J. Alsop seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

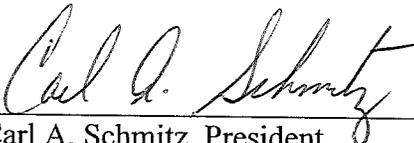
### **HEALTH INSURANCE**

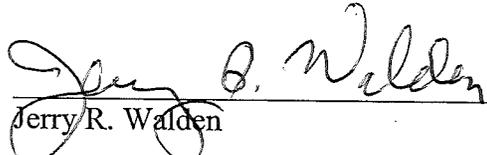
Commissioner Alsop makes mention to Health Insurance for the Elected Officials. Mr. Alsop informs that they recommended to Anthem to allow Elected Officials eligible for health insurance within the first of the month following sixty days of employment.

No other business was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

ATTEST:

  
Nicholas J. Wildeman, Auditor

  
Carl A. Schmitz, President

  
Jerry R. Walden

  
James Alsop