

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' room at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Members present: Carl A. Schmitz, Jerry R. Walden, James L. Alsop, Attorney Bill Bender and Auditor Kyle J. Haney.

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

MINUTES

Commissioner James Alsop makes note that there are misspellings in the minutes. Mr. Alsop states that while there is nothing of substance that needs to be changed, the corrections to the misspellings are important as it pertains to historical record. Commissioner Jerry Walden agrees, and calls attention to the names Angermeier and Don Synder, which need to be corrected. J. Alsop made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with corrections and 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.

CLERK'S REPORT, DECEMBER 2013

The Clerk's Report is presented to the Commission at this time. It is clarified that it is the December 2013, Final of the Year report. Commissioner Schmitz inquires as to whether or not all the issues pertaining to the State have been cleared up. Betty Postlethweight informs the Commissioner's that they are still consulting with the bank on the previous issues concerning the funds that were erroneously being deposited into the Clerk's account by the State. The bank and the State are at a disagreement as to which entity needs to address the correction. Mrs. Postlethweight ensures that it will get worked out, but it may take some time. J. Alsop made motion to approve and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL OF AUDITOR AND RECORDER'S BONDS

The Auditor and the Recorder have been caucused in and it is necessary to approve the bonds of these two positions. It is suggested that the bonds be approved yearly or at the beginning of the terms. The Auditor carries a \$30,000 bond required by the State and the Recorder carries a \$15,000 bond as required by the State. It is established that the Auditor and Recorder have received official bonding. J. Alsop made motion to approve the bonds for the Auditor and Recorder and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

PURDUE EXTENSION SERVICES UPDATE, JON NEUFELDER

Jon Neufelder gives an update to the Commissioner's at this time in regards to the Purdue Extension Services. He introduces the Making a Difference document and the program that works with children to develop skills for the 4H Fair. Mr. Neufelder also informs the Commissioner's that the annual meeting that usually occurs in February will be in November this year. He concludes by thanking the Commission for their support. Commissioner Alsop announces that there is a dinner dance this weekend in support of the Fair.

LPA CONSULTING CONTRACT, 2014-2016, COUNTY WIDE BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM

Attorney Bill Bender opens the discussion by stating that LPA is a local consulting agency. Steve Schenk, Highway Superintendent, explains details concerning the LPA Consulting Contract and where the county is in the contract approval process.

Mr. Schenk states he sent the contract to INDOT who is required to approve the contract before the Commissioners can sign it. INDOT responded by requesting clarification on three items. INDOT requested that the engineering firm clarify those three items. Mr. Schenk states that they are waiting for CHA to answer the questions asked by INDOT. Mr. Bender suggests that the item be tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Schenk adds that the last bridge study was \$248,600, and while the county only pays about 20% of that, the current contract is \$228,950 which is about \$20,000 less. It is clarified that the item of discussion is in regards to a consulting agreement for county wide bridge inspections. The agreement is for four years starting from the date of approval until March 31, 2018 and includes inspections on bridges of various types. The contract also includes a termination option with a fifteen day notice. Mr. Schenk informs that he believes that this company is eager for the county's business and that may be the reason that their bid is \$20,000 lower. He adds that the contract does include the same number of bridges and culverts. J. Walden made motion to table the contract approval until the State has approved the contract and J. Alsop seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE- STEVE SCHENK

Steve Schenk, Highway Superintendent, reports on the request for the total patcher. Currently, they have a truck with a 1000 gallon tank on it in Boonville. The process to obtain the truck and fill the tank is time consuming and costly. Mr. Schenk suggests that having a truck and a tank in Posey County would prove to save time and money. He can purchase a 6,000 gallon tank for \$47,500 and there is a payment plan that can be stretched out over 5 years. The payment plan would obligate \$10, 891 per year. Mr. Schenk plans to pay it off early, as he did in the past for the total patchers by paying double payments. He intends to store the tank at the Poseyville garage and use a crane to lift the tank on and off a truck. They will use the 1,000 gallon tank for the Mt. Vernon garage. He will pour concrete slab to set the tank on and it does not need a retaining wall. It is agreed that this would be a time saving and cost effective option. J. Walden made motion to approve the purchase of a 6,000 gallon tank and J. Alsop seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Mr. Schenk updates the Commissioners in regards to the Caborn Road Bridge. All the debris has been cleaned up and is burning. It will probably burn for another month or two. He also informs that the roads are not posted because they are still frozen.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Chuck Thompson gives an update on behalf of the EMS. He reports on the yearly runs from 2013. Mr. Thompson informs the Commission that last year they made a total of 2,378 runs; 1,179 from Mt. Vernon, 466 from New Harmony, 490 from Poseyville, and 343 from the St. Phillips station. The amount of money that was brought in is unavailable because the December budget is unavailable at this time. Mr. Thompson predicts that they would have collected more than \$670,000 for billing from last year. He continues to update in regards to the ambulances. Mr. Thompson is looking for a replacement vehicle for the Poseyville truck. Considerations were being made towards remounting, however the price for the remount came in at over \$98,000. It was more than Mr. Thompson had anticipated. Commissioner Schmitz suggests that Mr. Thompson check with Wilderman's. Mr. Thompson intends to check with Wilderman's today to see if they can give a price or if there is a possibility they will do a remount. This company does work for Marrs Township and is currently building a fire truck for a department. Mr. Thompson states that the only other option would be to purchase a used ambulance. It is clarified that used equipment can be found from all over the country and Mr. Thompson may have to travel to look at the used equipment. He reports that he has contacted Alexis Fire to look for trade-ins and he has also searched the website. Mr. Thompson informs that there is a particular ambulance, located in Pennsylvania, is a 2008, has 35,000 miles, however there is no price information listed and he has not been able to reach a contact for more information. It is unknown as to whether this ambulance has been a remount or if it has been sitting without being used. It is also discussed as to whether or not it would be better to purchase a new ambulance and it is confirmed that that may be a possibility. Mr. Thompson and Commissioner Walden discuss the unreliability of the remount and the problems with leaking. He also states that the remount would take close to two months, the backup unit would be used in its place

and in the event of another unit breaking down or needing service, and the department would be down an ambulatory unit. Mr. Thompson informs that if they can find a used unit close to the area that is suitable, then that would be the best option. In his prior experience he was able to find a unit in Greendale, Indiana. Mr. Thompson was able to purchase the used unit for \$25,000 with 35,000 miles and he intends to check with this same contact to see if they have another unit available. Mr. Thompson states that the money has been set aside for the purchase and it is just a matter of finding an acceptable price and acceptable unit. Mr. Thompson also reports that a citizen of the county, Herbert Curry, donated \$2,500 to the county for EMS. Mr. Thompson is looking to purchase a tablet for one of the units so that they can get their run reports done faster. Larry Robb offers an update on EMA. He reports that everything is good and they are preparing for the winter storm expected for Wednesday.

Kyle J. Haney, Auditor, gives an update in regards to Malcon and the agencies efforts in recovering reimbursement funds, from the Federal government and Medicaid through the State, for ambulance services. He reports that for 2011 Malcon is able to recover \$27,846 and for 2012 \$103,394. The net, after fees, is \$112,240.

Betty Postlethweight announces that the entry deadline for candidates occurs February 7, 2014 at Noon. Currently there are 69 candidates registered.

Mr. Haney announces the Commissioner Sale on March 10, 2014. In addition, Mr. Haney reports on quotes received from ESPY in regards to savings on cell phone plans. Annual savings that they found were \$43.68, \$1,440, \$67.08. J. Alsop made motion to proceed with ESPY, J. Walden seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Carl Schmitz states that the Bridge Study book is lengthy and will take some time to get through. They are working on approving the next Bridge Study as well.

No other business was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

Did not Attend
Carl A. Schmitz, President

Jerry R. Walden
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James L. Alsop
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ATTEST: Kyle J. Haney
Kyle J. Haney, Auditor