

**POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 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, April 22, 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**

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

**CLAIMS**

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

**CLERK'S REPORT**

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

**TRESURER'S REPORT**

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

**PETITION TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICT TO A RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT AND ORDINANCE FOR REZONING- MINDY BOURNE, AREA PLAN DIRECTOR**

Mindy Bourne, Area Plan Director, brought before the Commissioners a rezoning application to rezone property located at 2325 Highway 69 North in New Harmony, owned by Adam W. Schmitt, includes 9.54 acres and is currently zoned Agricultural. The goal of Mr. Schmitt is to subdivide the property. The property has been split numerous times and in order to comply with the requirements of the Subdivision Ordinance he would have to do a minor subdivision plat. Part of that process requires the property to be rezoned from Agricultural to Residential 1. The Planning Commission has met in regards to this property on April 10<sup>th</sup>, no remonstrators were present and the application was approved by the Planning Commission. J. Walden made motion to approve the application and J. Alsop seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

**POSEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP- INNKEEPER'S TAX**

The Inn Keeper's tax was discussed and it is noted that the Agenda stated Board Appointments, however, an Ordinance needs to be prepared and approved prior to Board Appointments. It is stated that Attorney Bender will prepare an Ordinance based on the Morgan County Ordinance for the Inn Keeper's Tax by the second meeting in May on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The Commissioners determined that it would be in the best interest of the county for the Conventions and Visitors Board to contain seven members as opposed to five. It is suggested that members from the incorporated areas of the county be chosen as follows: two appointees from the Commissioners; two appointees designated by the Council; one member to represent Mount Vernon; one member to represent New Harmony; and one member to represent Poseyville. All members must be Posey County Residents. It is proposed that the Board Appointments be tabled until the meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>. It is questioned as to what is considered tourism in the county. J. Alsop made motion to table the discussion until the Commissioners' meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

**EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM- KEELY WINIGER, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**

Keely Winiger, Executive Assistant, addressed the Employee Drug and Alcohol Substance Abuse Program that is stipulated in the Employee Handbook. The program will be put into place through Deaconess Concern for a counseling assistance type program. It is intended to assist employees, and/or members of the household, with counseling and does not include treatment. The fee is \$16 per year per employee and the prices are guaranteed for two years. The limit to the amount that can be utilized by an employee depends on the situation and if additional services are needed then Deaconess Concern will recommend alternative methods for services. J. Walden made a motion to approve Deaconess Concern for the Employee Assistance Program for the Handbook J. Also seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 3-0. In addition, Mrs. Winiger mentioned that the Sheriff had some additions to the Employee Handbook as well as the Auditor, Kyle Haney. It is anticipated the Employee Handbook will be available for final review June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PHASE II WEB DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL- KEELY WINIGER, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**

Keely Winiger proceeded to present to the Commissioners in regard to the website development for the County's Website page. The website development is entering into Phase II, which includes mobile development and a user friendly website development. Mrs. Winiger presented two proposals for the Phase II web development, one from the current website developer, Jeff Goodrich, and the second is from Mobile Idea. It is recommended that the Commissioners approve Phase II with Mobile Idea at the cost of \$8,000 for the web component and \$6,000 for the maintenance. Mobile Idea possess the capability of producing a workable and interactive website for Posey County as well as maintaining it. It is added that it is the intention of Mobile Idea to establish the Posey County website as a (.gov) as well. John Taylor stated that it is possible for the Inn Keeper's Tax to pay for the cost of the website development. AOS recommended Mobile Idea as well. J. Also made motion to approve Mobile Idea as the website developer and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 3-0. It is added that Bob Price will submit W-9 and the paper work necessary for the Commissioners to sign.

**ESTABLISHING IN-HOUSE EMAIL SYSTEM-KEELY WINIGER, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**

Keely Winiger spoke in regards to bringing the email system in-house. Currently the county email is setup with Jeff Goodrich on a WOW, residential service. The email system does not support attachments or certain documents. It is clarified that the Mr. Goodrich houses the email system and it costs \$208 extra as opposed to establishing an email system in-house. It is requested that the server be upgraded so that it can support the email system in house. The options for servers are \$12,397 for the highly-efficient server with a high level of capabilities and \$8,738 for a moderate server with moderate capabilities. It is agreed that the high level server would be ideal, making it possible to expand in the future. It is also mentioned that this is a fourth quarter project and it is not anticipated to occur in the immediate future. J. Also made a motion to upgrade to the higher level server and bring the email system in-house and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 3-0. It is suggested that once the email system is in place that the firewall be established to restrict the use of any other email services.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Steve Schenk, Highway Superintendent, stated to the Commissioners that they are in the process of applying for a Distressed Road Fund which is \$1,000,000 and is interest free. The application process requires that the Commissioners submit 2 letters, that state the Commissioners will repay the previous distressed road loan of \$661,283 and re-borrow a distressed road loan amount of \$1,000,000. Mr. Schenk added that Council has already approved the loan. The road list included roads that have incurred heavy damage from the harsh winter. These roads are old and have not had over lay in many years. The list

of roads has to go to the contractor who will then provide a formal proposal, which must also be included in the application process. Mr. Schenk requested that the Commissioners agree to the two letters and sign them. It is inquired as to if there is any room to add additional roads if an emergency occurs. It was clarified that the loan includes the roads that are listed only. J. Walden made a motion to approve the letters presented by Mr. Schenk and J. Alsop seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 3-0. Mr. Schenk added that \$351,000 has been spent since the first of the year on rock. That would include 73's and rip raff that went into the chip and seal roads for total patching. He is trying to recover some of that from the State. He added that money will have to come out of EDIT and some out of Bridge Fund, however there is a program through the State that is available and he may be able to recover some of that money. Attorney Bill Bender addressed the prior concerns about Matz Road and Continental Camp Road and stated that an agreement had been reached with the oil companies involved for repair and maintenance of the roads. Mr. Schenk stated that the agreement is acceptable, however, some issues remain such as the chip and seal cost, the rock cost and the concern that next winter will require the companies to repair the roads as well. Attorney Bender requested the Commissioners to approve and sign the agreement. J. Alsop made a motion to approve the road repair agreement with the oil companies and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 3-0. Mr. Schenk added that Vectren had cut into a county paved road recently without a permit. Vectren is the only utility company that does not obtain permits for work on county roads. Mr. Schenk stated that Vectren should be required to post a bond and obtain permits if they are going to occupy county roadway to ensure that the roads are repaired properly. It is agreed that Vectren will have to obtain a permit and provide a bond. Commissioner Schmitz stated that prior to the coming winter that these issues be addressed so that the companies involved understand that they are responsible for repairing and damages they cause.

#### **COURTHOUSE DOME**

Commissioner Schmitz inquired about the condition of the courthouse dome. Keely Winiger replied that the courthouse dome is not under warranty because it is not a part of the roof and is actually the sides of the structure. Mrs. Winiger added that the dome did not get to this condition overnight and that it should have been reported prior to the damages incurring. The cost of repairs are being addressed.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES**

Sheriff Greg Oeth announced the National Prescription Drug Take Back Program will take place on Saturday. Prescription drugs that are no longer being used or empty prescription bottles may be turned in and they will be confiscated by the DEA.

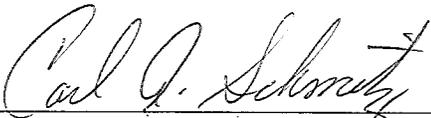
Chuck Thompson reported to the Commissioners that Jerry Wildeman is able to do the ambulance remount for \$30,000.

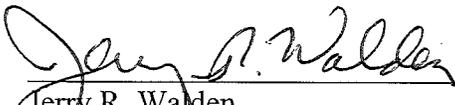
Betty Postlethweight reported that early voting will be for the next two Saturdays from 8 AM to 4 PM. She added that scheduled training will take place and that she still needed 5 more workers.

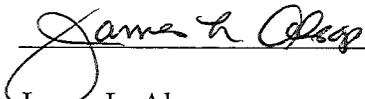
#### **PROPERTY EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND COUNTRY MARK- ATTORNEY BILL BENDER**

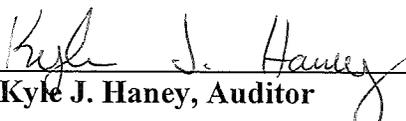
Attorney Bill Bender made a final announcement that the property exchange between the County and Country Mark has been approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals. Attorney Bender will meet with Dr. Todd Camp of North Posey with the goal of discussing the location of the new soccer field for informational purposes.

No other business was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned until Monday, May 5, 2014.

  
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Carl A. Schmitz, President

  
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Jerry R. Walden

  
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James L. Alsop

ATTEST:   
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Kyle J. Haney, Auditor