

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MONDAY, MAY 5, 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, May 5, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Members present: Carl A. Schmitz, Jerry R. Walden, James L. Alsop, Attorney Jacob Weis and Auditor Kyle J. Haney.

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

MINUTES

J. Alsop addressed the corrections to the minutes. J. Alsop made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting 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.

PAINTING THE TOWN PURPLE, MARISSA PRIDDIS, RELAY FOR LIFE REPRESENTATIVE

Marissa Priddas, Representative for Relay for Life, addressed the Commissioners to discuss the Relay for Life in Mount Vernon. Ms. Priddis is responsible for the marketing and publicity for the event in Mount Vernon on June 7th. She stated there is a signage event and that several local businesses have agreed to use the color purple in their marquee to assist in advertising for the Mount Vernon Relay for Life as well as generating awareness of the event. She requested that the Commissioners grant permission to display purple ribbons and banners for Relay for Life at municipal sites such as the Court House, Coliseum building and the Hovey House. The Commissioners granted Mrs. Priddas permission to add the municipal buildings to the Relay for Life, Paint the Town Purple campaign. The decoration may include purple ribbons, signage and banners. The Commissioners agreed that changing the lighting would be extreme. J. Walden made a motion to approve and J. Alsop seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 3-0. It was added that the signage campaign will take place May 18th and the event takes place June 7th at the Mount Vernon High School Track at 10 AM and will continue to Sunday morning at 6 AM.

APPROVAL OF SRI SERVICES MASTER AGREEMENT AND TAX SALE SUPPORT SERVICES ADDENDUM, KYLE J. HANEY, AUDITOR

Auditor Kyle J. Haney brought before the Commissioners the SRI Services Master Agreement. Mr. Haney stated that the contract for their services with the tax sales is being renewed. The fee has changed from \$75 to \$70. It is noted that the rate has decreased by \$5.00. J. Alsop made a motion to approve the SRI Services Master Agreement and Tax Sale Support Services Addendum and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

CONGRESSIONAL SCHOOL FUND ANNUAL REPORT, KYLE J. HANEY, AUDITOR

Auditor Kyle J. Haney presented the annual report for the Congressional School Fund to the Commissioners. One portion of the fund comes from the State and another portion comes from interest earned on CD investments. The total amount for the fund is \$44,000, which is eligible for investment and about \$25,000 that was earned from interest. The Treasurer has knowledge of how the funds are appropriately used. The annual report needed to be signed and sent to the State. J. Alsop made a motion to approve the annual report and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF NUISANCE ORDINANCE: PAUL COAN, 371
OLD SAND ROAD, ED BATTEIGER, BUILDING COMMISSIONER**

Ed Battieger called attention to the property located at 371 Old Sand Road and stated that the property is in Violation of Nuisance Ordinance. It is stated that the occupant has been contacted and that the occupant is a renter. The owner or renter of 371 Old Sand Road were not in attendance. It was the recommendation of the Commissioners that a letter be sent allowing thirty days to clean up the property. After thirty days the process of the Nuisance Ordinance will allow the county to clean the property and attach the expense to the tax bill for the property. J. Alsop made the motion to approve the process of sending a letter to the owner of the property and permit 30 days for the property to be cleaned up and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 3-0. Mr. Battieger stated that the property located in Stewartsville, owned by Charles and Clarissa Cleveland, was being cleaned up; however progress was slow.

**ROAD REPAIRS AGREEMENT FOR MATZ ROAD AND CONTINENTAL
CAMP ROAD**

Attorney Jacob Weis discussed that the Attorneys for the oil companies involved in the maintenance and repair agreement for Matz, Continental Camp and Fifer Hill Road have requested that some of the language in the agreement be changed. It was stated that the intention is to establish more specific language content rather than change any of the dollar amounts. Commissioner Alsop stated that the previous agreement would need to be rescinded and that a new agreement will need to be proposed. Attorney Weis asked about the 30 day time limit and whether or not the companies can go to work on the roads. Steve Schenk stated that the companies may work on the roads at any time and that there are certain companies that perform work on the roads cooperatively and other companies are not as cooperative. Mr. Schenk suggested that the sooner the agreement is set the better because the roads are in bad condition. It was stated that the oil companies need to be compliant with what the County is requesting of them as opposed to the County adjusting to the demands of the oil companies. J. Alsop made a motion to rescind the previous agreement and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried with a vote 3-0. It was decided that the companies are responsible for reaching an agreement and submitting the final document for the Commissioners' approval by May 20th. The Commissioners will review the agreement and upon their approval, the oil companies will have 10 days to sign the final document. In the event that the agreement is not reached by May 30th, the roads will close, except to local traffic. J. Alsop made a motion and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

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

Steve Schenk, Highway Superintendent, reported that the recycling for chip and seal roads, Upper Upton, Farm Bureau Road and Welborn Church Road, will begin Wednesday, May 7th. The roads will be closed for a period of time. The residents will be able to get in and out, however there will be a minor inconvenience. The maximum expected time frame to complete the roads in this one area is two days. It was noted that the roads will have to be completely closed for about half of the day, residents will be able to have access through alternative routes however the farming equipment will not be able to get through the roads during this time. It was stated that the information can be posted on the website to inform the public. Mr. Schenk added that all the paper work for the Distressed Road Fund has been completed and will be sent to Vincennes.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

Commissioner Schmitz reported on behalf of Animal Control the monthly report for April was as follows: 63 animals were picked up, 3 bites and \$102 collected.

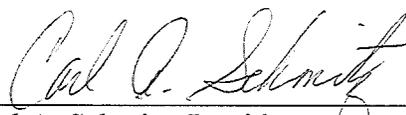
DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Sheriff's Department reported that the road crews were out and working and that there has been feedback from that.

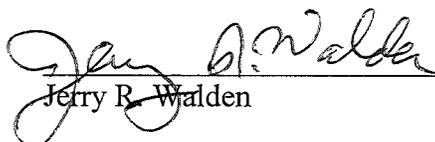
Larry Robb noted that the storm shelter signs have been placed in the municipal buildings. He added that State Road 69, Old Evansville Road, was mislabeled. He explained that INDOT has been contacted and at some point he may ask the Commissioners to approve a letter to INDOT requesting that they change the road sign. Mr. Robb stated that the confusion in road names may cause delayed response time in the event of an emergency.

Keely Winiger updated the Commissioners on behalf of the Treasurer's Office that they have collected about \$40,000 in fees as a result from the agreement with American Financial Credit Services, Inc. to recover past unpaid tax fees.

No other business was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, May 20, 2014.



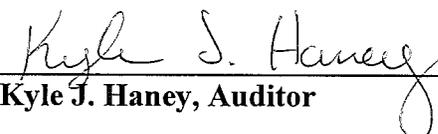
Carl A. Schmitz, President



Jerry R. Walden



James L. Alsop

ATTEST: 

Kyle J. Haney, Auditor

