

**POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, JULY 1, 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, July 1, 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 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. J. Alsop made motion to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting and J. Walden seconded. 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.

**ORDINANCE FOR LICENSURE OF CONTRACTORS AND CONSTRUCTION TRADE PROFESSIONS IN POSEY COUNTY, ADAM FARRAR AND ED BATTEIGER**

Attorney Adam Farrar presented a draft for an Ordinance to require the licensure of Contractors and, or, Construction Workers who conduct business in Posey County. The Ordinance is modeled after the Vanderburgh County Ordinance. The Ordinance would require Contractors to be licensed, to carry bond insurance, and to carry Workman's Comp Insurance. Contractors must also be clear of felony convictions for a specified period of time. Licenses expire after two years and are renewable. Attorney Farrar also presented the schedule of fees. The process would require contractors to take a test in Vanderburgh County and trade specific areas carry separate licensing requirements. The Ordinance does not pertain to individuals who work on their own property as well as relatives who work on personal property. The motivation for the licensing process is to ensure that only contractors with professional capabilities perform work in Posey County in order to protect homeowners who are exposed to fraudulent activity in the absence of licensure requirements. J. Alsop made a motion to table the discussion until further information can be gathered and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF NUISANCE ORDINANCE, ED BATTEIGER, BUILDING COMMISSIONER**

Ed Batteiger reported three properties that were in Violation of Nuisance Order. The property located at 11948 Diamond Island Road, James and Patricia Ann Davis, was in violation of the Nuisance Ordinance. Junk remained in the yard although the grass had been maintained. J. Alsop made a motion to send a letter granting the property owners thirty days to address the problem and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 3-0. The properties located on Loren Drive are subject to private properties. It has been tasked to the neighbors and other property owners to exhaust all private remedies before the Commissioners take action. Commissioner Alsop inquired about the Cleveland property located on Stewartsville Road. Mr. Batteiger replied that he believed they were getting it cleaned up.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT, LARRY ROBB, EMA DIRECTOR**

Larry Robb requested the Commissioners approval and signature for the Emergency Management Performance Grant through the Indiana Homeland Security. The grant

covers half of the annual salaries for Larry Robb and Carrie Thompson. J. Alsop made a motion to approve and sign the grant and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **CHANGES TO POLLING PLACES, BETTY POSTLETHEWEIGHT, CLERK**

Betty Postlethweight requested permission to combine four of the election precincts into two polling places. The precincts will not change. She requested to combine Black 9 and Black 10 at the Library and to combine Black 2 and Black 3 at Blacks Chapel. The plans have been approved by the Election Board. J. Walden made a motion to approve the changes to the polling places for the election precincts and J. Alsop seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 3-0. Mrs. Postlethweight mentioned the proposal to pay for meals as well and the intentions of the Election Board discuss the option.

#### **IT QUARTERLY REVIEW, JUSTIN FAITH, AOS REPRESENTATIVE**

Justin Faith reported to the Commissioners the AOS IT Quarterly Update. He reported that the three year plan has change slightly as some projects have been added while some have been moved to sooner or later dates. He mentioned the printer solutions for cost savings and departments will be receiving the reports by the end of the week. Mr. Faith reported that the network now has restrictions. The third quarter project for the exchange server and email integration is ready to move forward. The cost for this project needed to be approved. Keely Winiger spoke to the Commissioners and explained that the IT budget has depleted however the security and abilities of having in-house email are valuable. It was suggested that Mrs. Winiger and Auditor Kyle Haney meet and discuss opportunities to accrue the funding needed to complete the project. J. Alsop made a motion to table the discussion until the next meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup> and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

#### **ORDINANCE FOR AMBULANCE BILLING SERVICES, CHUCK THOMPSON**

Chuck Thompson requested the Commissioners to approve and sign the Ordinance for Ambulance Billing Services increase. The increase is \$16 per mile. The Ordinance has been approved at the meeting on June 17, 2014. The Commissioners signed the Ordinance. Mr. Thompson reported that they have purchased the used ambulance as previously discussed and the vehicle has already been operated and works well.

#### **SOCCER FIELD SITE, CHANGE OF BID AWARD DATE**

David Schminke, Project Manager for Wessler Engineering handed to the Commissioners plans for the soccer field project. The process timelines and publication deadlines were discussed. It was decided that the bid notices will be posted for advertisements the week of July 7<sup>th</sup> and July 14<sup>th</sup>, the plans will be made available for the Contractors by July 10<sup>th</sup>. The bids will be opened August 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Schminke stated that while IDEM does not issue a formal approval, the County is responsible for sending a letter of intent. J. Alsop made a motion to review site development and drainage plans and advertise notice to bidders and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 3-0. J. Alsop made a motion to sign the permits for IDEM Rule 5, Notice of Intent for Soil and Water and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

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

Steve Schenk, Highway Superintendent, requested the Commissioners to sign the contract from Vincennes. The contract is for the Bridge Inspections and a signed contract is required as part of the administrative process. Mr. Schenk also reported that they are still in the process of paving chip and seal roads and the Highway Department will be complete with the chip and seal soon and then move on to pothole patching. In regard to Continental Camp Road and Matz Road, Mr. Schenk added that the oil companies are close to having the repairs complete and that they have stabilized the ground with cement. Mr. Schenk stated that he will expect them to patch the potholes in the road that follows the interstate as well.

**ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT**

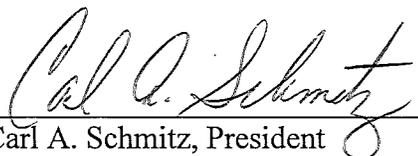
Commissioner Carl Schmitz reported on behalf on Animal Control that there were 64 complaints, 18 animals picked up and 3 bites.

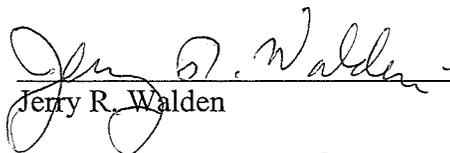
**DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES**

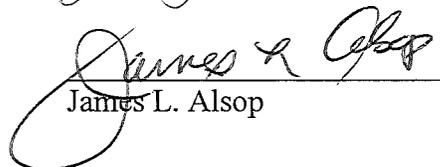
Auditor Kyle J. Haney stated that the timecard system should be ready for implementation soon.

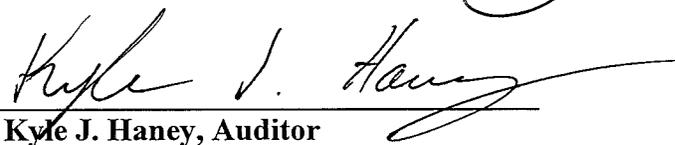
Commissioner Alsop added that the Wabash River Bridge is now free and the toll has been removed.

No other business was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, July 15, 2014.

  
Carl A. Schmitz, President

  
Jerry R. Walden

  
James L. Alsop

ATTEST:   
Kyle J. Haney, Auditor