

**POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, AUGUST 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 Tuesday, August 5, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. Members present: Jerry R. Walden, James L. Alsop, Attorney Jacob Weis and Auditor Kyle J. Haney. Commissioner President Carl A. Schmitz was not present. Commissioner Walden 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 2-0.

**CLAIMS**

J. Alsop made a motion to approve the claims and J. Walden seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

**OPENING OF SEALED BIDS, SOCCER FIELD**

There were three sealed bids opened and were as follows: Russell Excavating for \$123,800; Blackenburger for \$187,400; and DK Parker Company for \$139,500.04. J. Alsop made motion to accept Russell's Excavating for \$123,800, which is the lowest bid, and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR FLOOD MAPS,  
MINDY BOURNE, AREA PLAN DIRECTOR**

Mindy Bourne, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners to present an update to the Flood Ordinance that is in the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Mount Vernon, Cynthiana, Town of Poseyville and Unincorporated Posey County. The amendment of the Flood Ordinance is required to reflect the new flood maps and all the incorporated jurisdictions must approve the Ordinance. Mrs. Bourne stated that there is no change in substance and that the changes include clarification of definitions. The Planning Commission approved the Ordinance on July 10<sup>th</sup>. J. Alsop made a motion to approve the amendment to the Flood Ordinance in the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Mount Vernon, Cynthiana, Town of Poseyville and Unincorporated Posey County and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

**BEP PROGRAM, DEBRA BENNETT-STEARMAN, VICE PRESIDENT  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COALITION  
OF SOUTHWEST INDIANA**

Debra Bennett-Stearman, Vice President of Community Development for the Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana, appeared before the Commissioners in regard to the Blight Elimination Program that was explained at the previous meeting. J. Alsop made a motion to approve the County's application for the BEP Grant and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 2-0. Mrs. Bennett-Stearman stated that she will forward the scoring matrix to Commissioner President Schmitz to sign.

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT, DEBRA BENNETT-STEARMAN,  
VICE PRESIDENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT COALITION OF SOUTHWEST INDIANA**

Mrs. Bennett-Stearman introduced Pam Drach, Deputy Director, and Chief Transportation Engineer with the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization. She stated that they are responsible for the rural transportation planning for Posey County. She stated that her agency will support the Commissioners in the grant process should they decide to move forward with the Transportation Planning Grant. Mrs. Bennett-Stearman stated that the Grant offers \$10,000 and a County match of \$2,500. J. Alsop made a motion to approve the grant application for the Transportation Feasibility Study for Posey County and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

**ADA TRANSITION PLAN, NANCY HOEHN, ASSESSOR**

Nancy Hoehn, Assessor, requested the Commissioners to approve Lochmueller to complete the ADA Transition Plan. She stated that the funds could come through Contractual Services or can be budgeted into the next year's budget. J. Alsop made a motion to approve Lochmueller Group for the ADA Transition Plan contingent upon funding approval by the County Council and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

**AMENDED TYLER CONTRACT, NANCY HOEHN, ASSESSOR**

Mrs. Hoehn also requested that the Commissioners approve the amendments to the Tyler Contract. The changes have been made to follow Indiana State Code. J. Alsop made a motion to approve and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

**E-911 ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS, SABRINA HARMS, DISPATCH DIRECTOR**

Sabrina Harms, Dispatch Director, informed the Commissioners of the two people who are interested in the position for the E-911 Advisory Board, Doug Saltzman from the Poseyville Police Department and Thomas Rueger, Detective, Mount Vernon City Police Department. The position includes the responsibility of representing the Town Marshall's and the Mount Vernon City Police Department. Mrs. Harms stated that she has not conducted interviews and that each candidate has expressed verbal interest. J. Alsop made a motion to table the appointment until the next meeting and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

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

Ed Batteiger, Building Commissioner informed the Commissioners that the property located at 11948 Diamond Island Road and owned by James and Patricia Ann Davis, is in violation of the Nuisance Ordinance. He stated that the property owners have not been properly notified and asked the Sheriff to serve the notification and the Sheriff agreed. Mr. Batteiger stated that the properties located on Loren Drive are private property and cannot be seen from a public right of way and therefore are not subject to the Nuisance Ordinance.

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

Steve Schenk, Highway Superintendent, reported to the Commissioners that the total mileage for the recycled and re-chipped/ re-sealed roads was 25.9 at a cost \$949,475 and for the spots that were re-sealed was 10 miles at a cost of \$311,649. He stated that because of the increased expenses for the repairs because of winter damage, the Highway Department had to reduce the list for the new chip and seal roads to cover 3 miles at a cost of \$120,000. The total for the roads is \$1,381,786 which comes from EDIT Funds. He continued to state that the EDIT Fund is tremendously helpful to the Highway Department. Mr. Schenk adds that they are fixing some of the blacktop roads as well. The Commissioners requested his opinion in regard to Bufkin-Springfield and Copperline Road intersection and the visibility issues. Mr. Schenk commented that visibility is limited and it is a dangerous intersection.

**DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES**

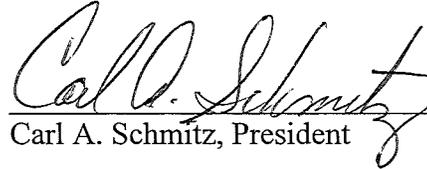
Sabrina Harms, Dispatch Director, made a comment in regard to taking incoming calls via text.

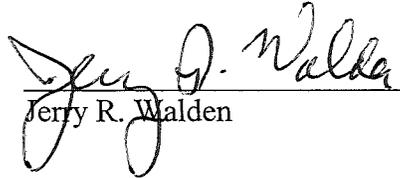
Commissioner Alsop added that the GIS will be adding information for review in order to prevent semi-trucks from traveling on Goad Cemetery Road and Smith School House Road to get to WSI.

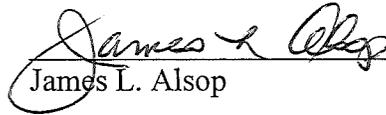
ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

Commissioner Jerry Walden reported on behalf of Animal Control and stated that there were 43 animal complaints, 1 euthanized, 4 bites, 10 picked up and no rabies tests.

No other business was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, August 19, 2014.

  
Carl A. Schmitz, President

  
Jerry R. Walden

  
James L. Alsop

ATTEST:   
Kyle J. Haney, Auditor

