

## **POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 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, November 3, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. Members present: Commissioner President Carl A. Schmitz, Jerry R. Walden, James L. Alsop, Attorney Jacob Weis and Auditor Kyle J. Haney.

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

### **MINUTES**

J. Alsop called notice to errors in the minutes which were, "EMS" change to 911 Dispatch and satellite voting was only opened two Saturdays as opposed to three. J. Alsop made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with changes 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**

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

### **HARMONY WAY BRIDGE COMMITTEE**

The Commissioners discussed updates in regard to the Harmony Way Bridge Committee. The members that were selected previously in a meeting had been changed. Commissioner Walden took a moment to speak about the opportunities with Regional Cities Initiative which included funding for cities that were trying to attract and retain population. The initiative was supported by recent legislation. Mr. Walden mentioned that the opportunity is similar to Stellar Grant, yet on a larger scale. He stated that it is aimed to develop bridges, infrastructure and development. Commissioner Alsop stated the need to address the members of the committee. It was discussed that the list of names will now include Jerry Walden, a County Council Representative, Andrew Wilson, Linda Henning, Ryan Rapp, Spud Egbert, David Brown, and it was stated that Zach Weinzapfel was no longer on the list and had not been notified of the change yet. It was clarified that the committee was for recommendations only and that outlines for duties will be developed.

### **TRANSPORTATION FEASIBILITY STUDY GRANT**

The Commissioners recognized that the terms of the Transportation Feasibility Grant had been reviewed and that the County qualifies for the grant. The study will assess the feasibility of public transportation throughout Posey County. It was noted that the total grant is \$12,500, which is \$2,500 matched by Posey County and \$10,000 from INDOT. J. Walden made a motion to move forward with the grant application and J. Alsop seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

### **POSEY COUNTY EMPLOYEE INSURANCE RENEWAL INFORMATION**

The Posey County Employee Insurance renewal was discussed. It was stated that at present time Posey County contributed 86.77% to employee insurance and that 235 people are employed, including part-time, and 175 people that were eligible for insurance. The increase for 2015 is 4.25% from Anthem. The employee portion will increase \$4.31, the employee-spouse tier will increase \$8.72, employee-children will increase \$7.87, family \$13.09, and all increases are on a per month basis. The increases are contingent upon funding approval from Council. J. Alsop made a motion to table the discussion on the County's portion of increase until the Council has had the opportunity

to review and approve the increases and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

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

Steve Schenk, Highway Superintendent, reported to the Commissioners. He stated that the Woolsey Road Bridge had been closed the previous week by the State until repairs were made. He added that the bridge may not be necessary and may be able to be replaced by a culverts. Mr. Schenk presented the proposal from Wessler Engineering for permits as well as engineering. He added that because the costs will be low, that advertising for bids would not be necessary and that they can use three local contractors that turn in their yearly bids. He informed that the costs will not exceed \$13,500 for permits and engineering. The repairs are necessary to support transportation routes for those who need to access the oil drills around that location. J. Alsop made a motion to approve Wessler Engineering for permits and engineering and J. Walden seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 3-0. Mr. Schenk added updates for the Highway Department.

### **ROAD ORDINANCE FOR HEAVY HAULING**

Attorney Jacob Weis presented a drafted Ordinance for the Road Ordinance for Heavy Hauling. Mr. Alsop mentioned that the "Final Notice" should increase from three days to five days. Mr. Schmitz expressed that the concerns that were brought to him was, who to place responsibility of damages on when there were several companies working in the area. Atty. Weis suggested that pulling permits from the State to establish what companies were using the road ways for. It was decided that the Ordinance will be on next meeting's agenda and that it is agreed that the notice will be changed from three to five days' notice.

### **COURTHOUSE LAWN QUOTES**

Auditor Kyle Haney explained that Mr. Schmitz requested a second quote for the maintenance of the Courthouse Lawn. The TruGreen quote was \$1,300 and the quote for Stockard's Landscaping was \$1,175, and includes weed control, aeration and seeding for the Courthouse Lawn. J. Alsop made a motion to choose Stockard's Landscaping for Courthouse lawn maintenance and J. Walden seconded. C. Schmitz abstained from voting because his nephew was married to Charlie Stockard's daughter. J. Alsop rescinded his motion and J. Walden seconded. Motion was removed until further research was conducted. J. Alsop made a motion to table the discussion until further review and J. Walden seconded. Motion to table carried with a vote of 3-0.

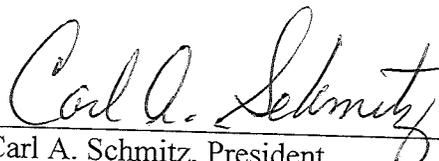
### **DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES**

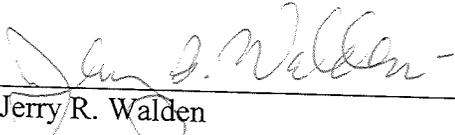
Clerk Betty Postlethweight mentioned voting updates.

Auditor Kyle Haney informed the Commissioners that the Gibson Refund had been received. It was noted that those were the funds necessary for the in-house email project, however, the process will be time consuming and the current email service provider needed to move forward with renewing the licensing subscription. It was suggested that the subscription for the current service be renewed while the in-house email project is postponed for adequate time requirements. It was also mentioned that the funds will be put back into County General and Mr. Alsop made the statement that the funds should be earmarked for this project particularly.

Mr. Alsop inquired about Inn Keeper's Visitors and Conventions Bureau. Mr. Haney stated that New Harmony appointed Sheryl Ballard as one of their appointee and that Poseyville will make an appointment next Wednesday and that New Harmony is still working on making their second appointment. Mount Vernon still has not responded.

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

  
Carl A. Schmitz, President

  
Jerry R. Walden

  
James L. Alsop

ATTEST:   
Kyle J. Haney, Auditor

