POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Monday, May 4, 2020.
Commissioners Carl Schmitz, Randy Thornburg, and Jay Price; Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were in attendance.

C. Schmitz opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

J. Price made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2020 regular meeting; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

CLAIMS

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the claims as presented; J. Price seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

CLERK'S REPORT

J. Price made a motion to approve the March Clerk's report as presented; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

COUNTY STATE OF EMERGENCY

C. Schmitz stated the current State of Emergency is in effect until Tuesday, May 5, 2020. C. Schmitz stated the Courts are not anticipating opening back to full operation until May 18, 2020.

J. Price made a motion to further extend the current County State of Emergency closing County buildings through May 12, 2020; R. Thornburg seconded. Mr. Schmitz stated he has spoken to many residents who have requested the State of Emergency continue. Mr. Thornburg stated if those individuals are wanting to continue to self-quarantine they have that right, just as those who wish to begin to move about in the County have the same right. Mr. Schmitz stated he would like to see respect for those individuals who are wishing to be left alone.
The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Schmitz stated the Commissioners are working with a local business to manufacture sneeze guards for the County offices. Mr. Schmitz stated they will sit on either the counters or individual desks. Mr. Schmitz stated they will cost the County roughly $130.00 each.
Mr. Schmitz stated he has confirmation from the following offices who have requested these:
Probation-1
Clerk- 5
Circuit Court- 4
Assessor- 1
Building Commissioner-1
Area Plan- 1
Treasurer- 1 solid piece.
Mr. Schmitz stated the Recorder and Auditor both declined due to inefficiency with the office structures.
Mr. Schmitz stated he is expecting the cost to be roughly $2,000.00 and has spoken with the Council to help secure funding for these. J. Price made a motion to move forward on this purchase; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

QUALITY CORRECTIONAL CARE CONTRACT

County Attorney, Joe Harrison, stated this is a contract renewal for the current vendor that the Posey County Jail has been using for medical care at their facility.
Mr. Harrison stated this is a two-year contract to end on December 31, 2021 for a cost of $151,100.00 per year. Mr. Harrison stated this amount has been budgeted for the current year.
R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this contract; J. Price seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

R. Thornburg gave the following report from the Regional Workforce Development Board:

- 30.3 million people nationwide are unemployed
- Top five sectors in our Region that have been affected:
    - Construction
    - Manufacturing
    - Administration Waste Management
    - Retail
    - Mining
- End of March, 168,161 unemployment claims for the State
- Top five frequently listed jobs for our Region:
    - Farm Work
    - Heavy Equipment Operator
    - Post-Secondary Teaching
    - Maids/Housekeeping
    - Taxi Drivers
- 3 million Americans are in arears on their mortgage payments at least a month

RECYCLE CENTER

C. Schmitz stated the Recycle Center has requested permission to reopen with several guidelines put in place. Mr. Schmitz stated they would only be allowing one drop off, of presorted and broken-down cardboard at a time. Mr. Schmitz stated they would not be allowing children at this time.
J. Price made a motion to approve this request; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

MIDWEST FERTILIZER

C. Schmitz stated he has been in contact with Les Wright, with Midwest Fertilizer. Mr. Wright assured Mr. Schmitz plans are still moving forward on this project. R. Thornburg asked if the original June timeline is still in place for this project. Mr. Schmitz he gave no new timeline.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

C. Schmitz stated the Commissioners received the following quotes to update the HVAC computer units at the Courthouse and Coliseum:
AOS: $1,923.86
Skanska: $1268.00
R. Thornburg made a motion to accept the low bid of Skanska; J. Price seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Martye Fitts, County Health Nurse, stated the County has currently 14 total cases of COVID-19; six of those are active.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, asked all department heads to get their Form 1's submitted as soon as possible.

R. Thornburg stated the Harbor Town sewer system is up and running.
Posey County Sewer District representative, Aaron Wilson, stated they held their first public hearing regarding the Wadesville/ Blairsville project and the next public meeting is coming up in the next few months.

Heather Allyn, Posey County Council President, stated the Council will meet at their regularly scheduled May meeting.

Posey County Resident, Sara Newton, asked the Commissioners what the plans were for nail and hair salons moving forward. R. Thornburg stated the website, backontrack.in.gov lays out the rules and regulations for that industry.
Mr. Schmitz stated as of now, the Commissioners are following the lead of the Governor.

C. Schmitz stated he would like to thank the Mt. Vernon Relay for Life Committee for planning a remembrance celebration this weekend. Mr. Schmitz stated he would also like to thank they Mt. Vernon Garden Club for their hard work in keeping the gardens around the County buildings looking great.

No other business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.

Carl Schmitz

Jay Price

Randy Thornburg

Maegen L. Greenwell

Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell