

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, June 16, 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. Keith Oeth led the Commissioners in prayer.

MINUTES

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2020 regular meeting; J. Price seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

CLAIMS

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

SPRINGFIELD SURVEY

Posey County Assessor, Nancy Hoehn, addressed the Commissioners regarding the ongoing discussion of the Springfield area. Mrs. Hoehn stated there are alleys, streets and public areas that need to be vacated and re-plated. Mrs. Hoehn stated she has spoken with Greg Kissell to survey the area. Mrs. Hoehn stated the Council has agreed to find the funds for this project. Mrs. Hoehn is presenting a proposal from Mr. Kissell for a price not to exceed 14,000.00. J. Price made a motion to approve this proposal; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

GIS USE REQUEST

Posey County Assessor, Nancy Hoehn, addressed the Commissioners regarding a request from WTH to allow Posey County Soil and Water to access information on the GIS program. Mrs. Hoehn explained this will be used for a County entity therefore they are requesting to wave the \$250.00 fee. J. Price made a motion to approve this request; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

EMS HARDSHIP POLICY

Posey County EMS Director, Chris Neaveill, addressed the Commissioners regarding the need for a County approved Hardship Policy. Mr. Neaveill stated this would be for residents who request to write off part of a bill. Mr. Neaveill stated this is something the department already does but would like to see a policy in place. Mr. Neaveill presented the Commissioner's with a proposed application for this. R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this request; J. Price seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

SURPLUS VEHICLE BIDS OPENED

2004 Dodge Ram:

1. Tim Mccloud \$1440
2. Lawrence Mattingly \$1503
3. Alan Topper \$3150
4. Steven Yengling \$750.00
5. PCHD: \$2150.

2009 Ford F150:

1. Tim Mccloud \$1027
2. Yousef Dabbagh \$425.00
3. Lawrence Mattingly \$1503.00
5. Alan Topper \$2780.00
6. Steven Yengling \$750.00

2013 Charger Vin 27671:

1. Yousef Dabbagh \$868.00
2. Steven Yingling \$500.00
3. Mason Clark \$4020.50

2016 Dodge Charger Vin 20773:

1. Yousef Dabbagh \$2568
2. Mason Clark \$2575.50

2016 Dodge Charger Vin 20774:

1. Yousef Dabbagh \$2368.00
2. Mason Clark \$5675.50

1982 Ford F350 Bucket Truck:

1. Anthony Marrow \$806.00
2. John Matthews \$1265.00
3. Tom Scheller \$630.00
4. Steven Reed \$2275.00
5. Gerald Benton \$300.00
6. Lawrence Mattingly \$703.00
7. Cypress Lakes \$2322.00
8. Jim Hirsh \$511.00

C. Schmitz stated the Commissioners will be awarding the bid to the highest bidder and payment will need to be made to the Posey County Auditor no later than Tuesday, June 23rd, 2020 at Noon; if payment is not made by this date the winning bid will be given to the second highest bidder.

2004 Dodge Ram: High bidder Alan Topper, back up bidder PCHD
2009 Ford f150: High bidder Alan Topper, back up Lawrence Mattingly
2013 Dodge Charger; High bidder Mason Clark, back up Yousef Dabbagh
2016 Dodge Charger; High bidder Mason Clark, back up Yousef Dabbagh
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1982 Ford F350; high bidder Gerald Benton, back up Cypress Lakes

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

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Jenna Richardt, with Posey County Economic Development Partnership, addressed the Commissioners regarding the County Logo contest that had been ongoing. Mrs. Richardt stated the selection panel narrowed it down to three contestants. Mrs. Richardt stated a \$500.00 award was given to the winning submitter.

Posey County Commissioner, Randy Thornburg, gave the following update regarding unemployment:

Claim trending:

Manufacturing: down 2,165

Retail: down 560

Health Services: down 530

Food Services: down 505

Construction: down 278

Nationwide Unemployment: 13.3%

Indiana: 15.4%

Posey County Unemployment: 7.5% (before COVID-19 2.5%)

Posey County Black Township, Jerry Walden, addressed the Commissioners regarding the current situation. Mr. Walden stated his office took early measures to prevent the spread. Mr. Walden read the following letter:

To the Posey County Commissioners:

Black Township is requesting COVID-19 funds distributed through the CARES ACT.

The Township encounters many members of the community through the course of their daily activities. In order to maintain the safety of the employees and the clients, the Township would like to purchase touchless soap dispensers for the bathrooms (2) and kitchen (1), touchless hand sanitizer dispensers for the waiting room (1) and in the office area (3), and also mask and gloves. The dispensers will also need soap and antibacterial hand sanitizer supplies.

Preventative cleaning supplies to maintain a sanitary environment are also needed, such as Lysol, bleach wipes, disinfectant spray and wipes.

We respectfully submit our request and will provide any necessary documentation and receipts.

Thank you,
Jerry Walden
Black Township Trustee.

Posey County Attorney, Joe Harrison, advised Mr. Walden to work with Posey County Health Department on the current needs.

Commissioner Carl Schmitz stated the Posey County Family Matters recently coordinated a countywide food distribution event on June 11th, 2020 that handed out food at two locations in the County. Mr. Schmitz stated another food distribution event will take place on June 25th, 2020 at North Elementary between 10:00am- 12:00pm and Mt. Vernon Jr. High between 1:00pm and 3:00pm.

Posey County Council President, Heather Allyn, stated the Council will begin budget hearings after the July and August meetings with a full budget hearing date on September 8th, 2020. Mrs. Allyn stated Abatement hearings will begin soon. Mrs. Allyn stated the County should hear something regarding the Broadband grant by end of August.

Aaron Wilson, with Posey County Sewer District, stated a public meeting would be scheduled soon.

Commissioner Jay Price, stated that all County Offices are now fully open to the public with the exception of Purdue Extension who will be open July 1, 2020.

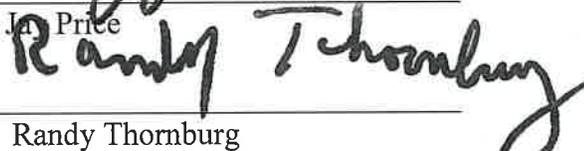
No other business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.



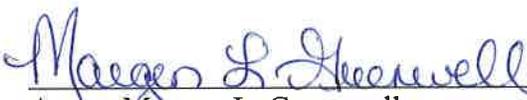
Carl Schmitz



Jay Price



Randy Thornburg



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell