

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Monday, July 20, 2020. Commissioners Carl Schmitz, Randy Thornburg, and Jay Price; Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were in attendance.

Pastor Naal opened the meeting with a prayer.

MINUTES

J. Price made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2020, regular meeting; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the joint Commissioner and Council meeting minutes from July 7, 2020; J. Price 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

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

OCRA GRANT

C. Schmitz stated the County held a public hearing last Friday via Zoom. Mr. Schmitz stated the Commissioners need to consider a resolution that recognizes the need to stimulate growth and the need to maintain a sound economy in Posey County during this global pandemic. Mr. Schmitz stated the County is applying for \$250,000.00 to be distributed to local businesses via an application process. Mr. Schmitz stated the maximum that will be granted to a business would be \$10,000.00.

J. Price made a motion to approve resolution number 2020-07-20-01; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Schmitz stated the Commissioners also need to sign several other authorization letters that include; a letter to OCRA, federal funding accountability and transparency certificate; an applicant disclosure update report; four-factor analysis; an English proficiency certificate; certification of tax-exempt forms; and authorization for direct deposit.

J. Price made a motion to allow the signing of needed material for the OCRA grant; R. Thornburg seconded.

The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Schmitz stated there would be another public hearing coming soon regarding this grant.

AREA PLAN REZONE REQUEST

Mindy Bourne, Posey County Area Plan Director, addressed the Commissioners regarding a rezoning request for 6250 Ford Road North. Mrs. Bourne stated this request is to rezone the property from a Commercial High-Intensity Zone of B3 to a Residential Single Family Zone of R1. Mrs. Bourne stated this address is currently being utilized as a home, but in the past was a business. Mrs. Bourne stated the Area Plan Commission heard this request at their July meeting with no remonstrators. Mrs. Bourne stated the motion passed with a 7-0 vote with the Area Plan Commission.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this rezoning request; J. Price seconded.

C. Schmitz opened the public portion of the meeting for comment.

C. Schmitz closed the public portion of the meeting for comment.

The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, informed the Commissioners that the July MVH funds are down \$50,000.00 from last year. Mr. Schenk stated the department is down \$160,000.00 for the previous three months compared to the previous year.

Mr. Schenk stated the department would begin paving next week. Mr. Schenk stated the Raines Road box culvert project is moving along, and the design work and engineering work for the Broadway Road project is still in the works.

Posey County Chief Deputy, Jeremy Fortune, addressed the Commissioners regarding radio issues that the department had experienced last week. Mr. Fourtune stated the department had deputies that were having to use personal cell phones to communicate with one another and dispatch. Mr. Fortune stated the issues have since been resolved, and he has received no more complaints. Mr. Fourtune stated he was informed that dispatch was experiencing a slow response from their radio vendor, VEI, as it was an issue for ten days.

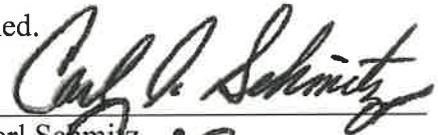
R. Thornburg stated he had spoken with Jason Knowles and Sheriff Latham regarding this issue.

Councilmember, Heather Allyn, stated the Council will be meeting tomorrow but are awaiting word on the Broadband grant.

Posey County Health Department is reporting 111 positive COVID-19 as of today.

Posey County EMA Director, Larry Robb, stated the National Weather Service surveyed the damage in the Denzer Road area and classified the storm as an F1 tornado with top wind speeds at 95 mph. Mr. Robb stated clean up in the area is progressing, and there were no injuries reported. Mr. Robb reminded department heads that his department has N95 mask available as needed.

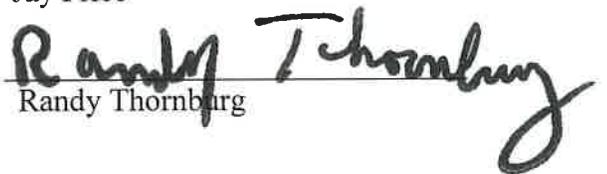
No further business was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned.



Carl Schmitz



Jay Price



Randy Thornburg



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell