

POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL TUESDAY JULY 21, 2020

The Posey County Council met in regular session at the Hovey House on Tuesday, July 21st, 2020 at 9:00 am. The following members were present at the said meeting: Heather Allyn, Tom Schneider, Marilyn Brenton, Aaron Wilson, Dave Pearce, Stefani Miller, County Attorney Joe Harrison, and Auditor, Maegen Greenwell. Robert Gentil was absent.

H. Allyn called the Posey County Council meeting to order at 9:00 am with the Pledge of Allegiance, and The Pastor from First Presbyterian Church shared the prayer.

H. Allyn reminded the Council that R. Gentil would be having a medical procedure done today and asked that he be remembered in their thoughts and prayers.

MINUTES

T. Schneider made a motion to approve meeting minutes from the June 2020 Council meeting; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

D. Pearce made a motion to approve the Joint Commissioner and Council meeting on July 7, M. Brenton second. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0, with T. Schneider abstaining due to being absent that day.

CLERK'S REPORT

S. Miller made a motion to approve the June Clerk's report; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

M. Brenton made a motion to approve the May Treasurer's report; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ABATEMENT REVIEWS

CountryMark

Mark Chestnut, representing CountryMark, addressed the Council regarding the two current abatements that CountryMark has with the County.

2013-09-10-01: Mr. Chestnut stated the real property for this abatement is the visitors' center; at that time, CountryMark employed 271 employees and promised to hire one additional employee with a total of 272. Mr. Chestnut stated the actual number for 2019 is 319.

Mr. Chestnut stated the personal property for this abatement is for a project for new manufacturing equipment and new IT equipment. Mr. Chestnut stated CountryMark had 271 employees prior to this abatement and promised to retain all those employees. Mr. Chestnut reported CountryMark is employing a total of 319 for 2019.

2017-03-14-01: Mr. Chestnut stated this abatement is for manufacturing equipment. Mr. Chestnut noted at the time, the current number of employees totaled 304 with a promise to retain all current employees. Mr. Chestnut stated the actual number as of 2019 is 319.

T. Schneider made a motion to continue the 2013-09-10-01 and the 2017-03-14-01 abatements for CountryMark; S. Miller seconded.

H. Allyn thanked CountryMark for being an involved member of Posey County.

A. Wilson asked what the percentage of Posey County residents were employed by CountryMark. Mr. Chestnut stated he did not have that information readily available but stated it had not changed significantly since last year.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

AstraZeneca

Bill Hayes, representing AstraZeneca, addressed the Council regarding the three current abatements that AstraZeneca has with the County.

2010-12-16-01: Mr. Hayes stated this is the final year for this abatement that was initially granted to Bristol Meyers and involved the relocation of a lab to the Mt. Vernon campus. Mr. Hayes stated this abatement included the promise of an additional 28 additional employees with a final number of 52 additional employees.

2011-02-08-07: Mr. Hayes stated this abatement was initially granted to Bristol Meyers and transferred to AstraZeneca. Mr. Hayes stated at the time, 30 additional employees were promised, and that total is currently 87 additional employees. Mr. Hayes stated there is one more year for this abatement.

2016-12-13-05: Mr. Hayes stated this abatement is for manufacturing equipment and IT equipment. Mr. Hayes stated there is one more year of additional equipment to add and one more year of employees to add. Mr. Hayes stated AstraZeneca promised to add an additional 70 employees and currently have hired an additional 84 employees.

Glen Baldwin, with AstraZeneca, answered several questions about the current status of a vaccine for COVID-19 in process with AstraZeneca. Mr. Baldwin stated most of the work for that is being done at the Cincinnati plant.

A. Wilson made a motion to continue abatements 2010-12-16-01, 2011-02-08-07 and 2016-12-13-05; M. Brenton seconded.

H. Allyn asked how many Posey County residents are employed by AstraZeneca. Mr. Hayes stated he is not sure on the exact number but guessing in the high 20%.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Valero

Chris Ray, with Valero, addressed the Council regarding the current abatement that Valero has with the County.

2014-05-13-01: Mr. Ray stated they continue to maintain their staffing level of 68 employees. Mr. Ray stated of those 29 reside in Posey County.

Mr. Ray stated Valero was ahead of the curve when it came to implementing COVID safety measures for their employees.

S. Miller made a motion to continue abatement 2014-05-13-01; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

SHERIFF SALARY

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, addressed the Council regarding State Statute 36-2-13-2.8. Mr. Latham stated per IC code, his salary is set based on a percentage of what the Judge and Prosecutors make. Mr. Latham stated that changes on July 1 every year. Mr. Latham stated his salary should be \$93,625.00 as of July 1.

TRANSFER REQUEST

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, is requesting a transfer in the amount of \$15,873.24 from his 1173 Vehicle Supply line to the Vehicle line.

S. Miller made a motion to approve this request; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

MARRS TOWNSHIP CEMETERY ISSUES

H. Allyn stated both her and Tom Schneider have recently been contacted regarding cemeteries in Marrs Township not being mowed. Mr. Schneider stated several people had contacted him stating that the Marrs Township trustee will not mow those cemeteries. Mr. Schneider stated he is unsure of who to reach out regarding that. Mr. Schneider stated the current Trustee is not reading the IC code the same way. A. Wilson stated there is no County oversight for trustees, and the state statutes reads that the Trustee is responsible for those cemeteries within their jurisdiction. A. Wilson asked who is currently mowing those cemeteries. H Allyn stated several residents of that area are mowing.

Mr. Schneider stated the Trustee has also closed several cemeteries to burial.

Joe Harrison, County Attorney, stated the IC Code that covers these issues is 23-4-68. H. Allyn stated she would reach out to the State Representative regarding this.

Posey County Commissioner, Carl Schmitz, stated the Commissioners have tried to rectify this situation for several years. Mr. Schmitz stated funds were moved from Cemetary funding to fund health insurance for the Trustee.

A. Wilson asked if the Council could send a letter to each Trustee and request they appear before the Board regarding budgets for 2021.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, stated the jail is housing the following numbers:

35 Vanderburgh County Inmates

77 Posey County Inmates

8 DOC Inmates

\$26,250.00 was taken in from Vanderburgh

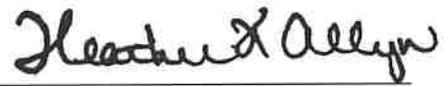
\$6,335.00 from DOC

Posey County Economic Development is in search of a portable generator to aid in the new city mural.

Posey County Assessor, Nancy Hoehn, stated a public meeting for the Springfield re-plat issues would be held this evening.

A. Wilson stated on July 28th at 6:00 pm, a public hearing will take place for the Wadesville/Blairsville Sewer project. Mr. Wilson stated this would be Zoom call.

No further business was discussed, and the meeting adjourned.

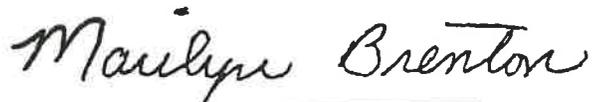


Heather Allyn, President

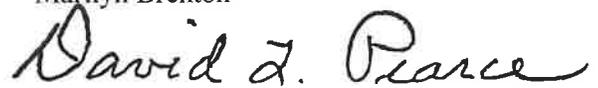


Stefani Miller, Vice President

Robert A. Gentil



Marilyn Brenton



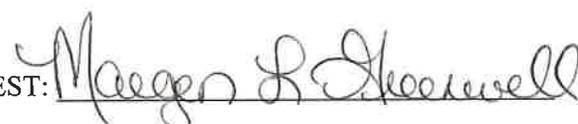
Dave Pearce



Thomas Schneider



Aaron Wilson

ATTEST: 
Posey County Auditor