

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, July 7, 2020. Commissioners Carl Schmitz, Randy Thornburg, and Jay Price; Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were in attendance.

MINUTES

J. Price made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 16, 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.

TREASURER AND CLERK REPORT

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

SURPLUS

J. Price made a motion to approve the listed surplus items from the prosecutor; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

R. Thornburg made a motion to allow the listed items to be disposed of; J. Price seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

LOCHMUELER COLISEUM PROPOSAL

C. Schmitz stated he has met with the Coliseum Board who are in favor of updating the handicap accessible aspect of the Coliseum. Mr. Schmitz stated this would help with building security, as there would only need to be one unlocked door to the building.

Mr. Schmitz stated he received a consultation proposal from Lochmueller Group for the amount of \$27,500.00. Mr. Schmitz stated this would be for needed permits, plans, and any consulting needs for this project.

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

C. Schmitz stated the County has been advised it would be able to use COVID funds to help secure the building. J. Harrison stated Carl and Jay's last names are spelled incorrectly and that should be fixed. C. Schmitz stated once the plans have been delivered, the Commissioners would have to take those to the Coliseum Board and the Historical Society for approval.

The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

COMMUNITY CORRECTION

Justin Rutledge, Posey County Community Correction Director, informed the Commissioners that Walter Brunton has stepped down from the Community Correction Board and that spot needs to be replaced. Mr. Rutledge also said Wendy James had stepped down from her position at Southwestern Behavioral Health and therefore was replaced by Michelle Lovelady-Smith who took her spot on the Board by default. Mr. Rutledge stated that was never brought to the Commissioner's attention. J. Price made a motion to appoint Michelle Lovelady-Smith to the Community Correction Board; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Schmitz asked if Mr. Rutledge had a recommendation to replace Mr. Brunton. Mr. Rutledge did have someone in mind but would like to speak to her first.

Mr. Rutledge informed the Commissioners of the yearly grant proposal. Mr. Rutledge stated his department is seeking \$660,757.00 for this year's grant. Mr. Rutledge reminded the Commissioners that his department uses no County funds and is dependent on this grant money and project income funds.

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

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, informed the Commissioners that his department has finished chip and seal. Mr. Schenk stated paving will start soon. Mr. Schenk stated Motor Vehicle Highway funds are down \$110,000.00 from this time last year. Mr. Schenk stated that equates to two miles of an overlay.

Mr. Schenk stated the Community Crossing Grant is onto the next stage.

Posey County Treasurer, Vicki Peerman, stated the property tax extension ends on this Friday.

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, informed the Commissioners on the following housing at the jail:

102 Total inmates

73 Posey County

6 DOC

23 Vanderburgh County

\$26,250.00 collected from Vanderburgh

\$6,335.00 collected from DOC

Commissioner Randy Thornburg gave the following Workforce Development update:

63.2% Labor participation

4.8 million new jobs added in June

US unemployment: 11.1%

Indiana unemployment: 12.3%

New building permits: 400

Posey County unemployment: 7.3%

Dubois County: 5.7%

Spencer County: 8%

Warrick: 9%

Pike County 9.8%

Perry County 11.7%

Gibson County 13%

Larry Robb, EMA Director, informed the Commissioner of the following:

The County has distributed 16 gallons of hand sanitizer, 600 gowns, 700 face shields, 10,000 masks, 1,300 masks to County schools.

Martye Fitts, Posey County Health Nurse, informed the Commissioners as of today the case number will be 44. Mrs. Fitts stated they are expecting the numbers to increase greatly in the next few weeks. Mrs. Fitts stated the department is trying to secure a grant for a testing facility at the health department.

Posey County Commissioners, Carl Schmitz, stated the next community food drive will take place July 16th, 2020 from 10 am-12 pm in North Posey and 1:30 pm until depleted in Mt. Vernon.

Mr. Schmitz gave the following Animal Control report for June:

Complaints: 28

Picked Up: 7

Bite Reports: 4

\$120.00 to Auditor

Mr. Schmitz stated the next Commissioners meeting will be held Monday, July 20, 2020, with the Council meeting being held Tuesday, July 21, 2020.

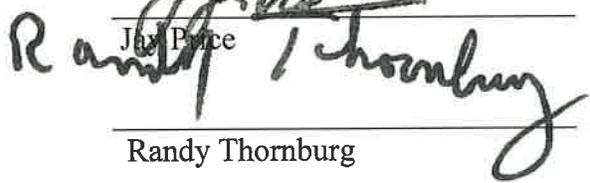
No other business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.



Carl Schmitz



Jax Price



Randy Thornburg



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell