

## POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, August 18, 2020. Commissioners Carl Schmitz, Randy Thornburg, and Jay Price; Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were in attendance.

The Commissioners observed a moment of silence for former elected official, Sandra Elpers.

C. Schmitz stated the former State Trooper, John Neidig, funeral would be held today at the Roofless Church in New Harmony.

### MINUTES

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

J. Price made a motion to approve the minutes from the Executive Session held on August 4, 2020; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

J. Price stated during that Executive Session the Commissioners held interviews for the open maintenance position. J. Price made a motion to approve the hiring of Sharon Rush; R. Thornburg 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/CLERK'S REPORT

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

### FAIR HOUSING AGREEMENT

C. Schmitz stated this agreement is amending the original Fair Housing Ordinance so the County can continue with the OCRA grant that will allow the County to help area business with COVID relief.

C. Schmitz stated this is the second reading of this amendment.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the amendment of Chapter 93 of the Posey County Code of Ordinance; J. Price seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION SYSTEMS ORDINANCE

J. Price made a motion to draft a letter with the following recommendation to amend the Renewable Energy Generation System Ordinance, to the Area Plan Commission:

Adding the term mitigation and consultation zone as determined by the NOAA to the ordinance;

R. Thornburg seconded. C. Schmitz stated the Area Plan Commission has 60 days to address the recommendation and send back to the Commissioners.

The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### COLISEUM RENOVATION STUDY

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

### INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Commissioner Attorney, Joe Harrison, explained this is an agreement with the City of Mt. Vernon regarding the Tile Factory Project. Mr. Harrison stated the County is responsible for the bridges within the City and County. Mr. Harrison explained this agreement states the County will be responsible for the bridge on Tile Factory Road as part of the City's project.

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

### AMENDED BRIDGE STUDY

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, explained the original contract with INDOT was for four years with a not to exceed cost of \$381,166.29 for the County Bridge Study. Mr. Schenk stated this contract needs to be updated to include two new bridges the County has built.

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

### DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, stated he received three quotes to build a storage building next to the new salt building in the St. Phillip area. C. Schmitz read the three quotes as follows:

James Reynolds Construction: \$47,502.67

Don Koester Masonry: \$45,920.00

Weiss Renovations: \$49,788.00

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the Don Koester Masonry bid of \$45,920.00; J. Price seconded. J. Price asked if this would be paid from Cum Capital. C. Schmitz stated yes. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, stated paving has begun and he is anticipating the Community Crossing Grant money to be dispersed any day.

Posey County Chief Sheriff Deputy, Jeremy Fortune, gave the following housing update:

Vanderburgh County: 48

DOC: 6

Posey County: 71

Total: 125

C. Schmitz gave the following Animal Control Report for July:

29 Complaints

6 Animals Picked Up

1 Bite Reported

Posey County Resident, Sarah Newton, asked the Commissioners that the letter submitted by POCO Wind Attorney and all relevant material be submitted to Area Plan along with the letter from the Commissioners.

C. Schmitz stated the Commissioners are responsible for the maintenance of the flashing school zone lights in the County. Mr. Schmitz stated that Mounts Electric has informed the Commissioners of the need to replace the time clock systems in two of the flashers at a cost of \$583.00 each.

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

C. Schmitz stated Census representative, Jill Bond, informed the Commissioners that the County is at roughly 80% accounted for on the 2020 Census. Mr. Schmitz urged anyone who has not taken the Census to please do so in the next two weeks. Mr. Schmitz stated this data is imperative to State and Federal funding.

Schmitz stated the next Community Food Drive will be this Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Red Wagon in Poseyville and from 3:00pm to 4:00pm at the Co-Op in Mt. Vernon.

Posey County Resident, Earl Schroeder, asked that the Sheriff consider monitoring the speed in the Marris School area.

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

  
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