

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, February 4, 2020.

Commissioners Carl Schmitz, Jay Price and Randy Thornburg were in attendance.

Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were in attendance.

MINUTES

J. Price made a motion to approve the minutes from January 22, 2020; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

CLAIMS

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

SHERIFF'S RESERVE FUND ORDINANCE

C. Schmitz stated this is the second reading of ordinance 2020-01-22-01, which is allowing the Sheriff to create a Sheriff Reserve Fund.

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

COLONIAL VILLAGE LABRADOODLES

C. Schmitz stated this contract is with Colonial Village for the purchase and training of Brody, the Probation departments new facility dog. Michelle Fortune, Chief Probation Officer, informed the Commissioners Brody is on his official first day of work. Mr. Harrison stated both contracts have been reviewed.

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

TAX SALE ORDINANCE

Posey County Treasurer, Vicki Peerman, informed the Commissioners that the Commissioners tax sale had been scheduled for April 6, 2020. Mrs. Peerman is requesting the Commissioners raise the minimum bid from \$50.00 to \$100.00 to cover the rising cost of conducting the tax sale. C. Schmitz asked if all twenty- seven properties were still on the list. Mrs. Peerman explained no, there are several factors that would allow a property to be taken off the list.

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

J. Price made a motion to approve resolution 2020-02-04-01; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

J. Price made a motion to raise the minimum bid from \$50.00 to \$100.00; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

MV CITY REQUEST

Sherry Willis, Mt. Vernon City Building Commissioner, read the following letter addressed to the Commissioners:

Dear Sirs:

As the Building Commissioner for Dilapidated Properties for the City of Mt. Vernon, I am faced with getting properties cleaned up that have dilapidated structures located on them. Once the properties go through the hearing process, a raze order is obtained and if the owner fails to tear down the structure, the city will request quotes from contractors to tear the structures down with City funds. After the structures are town down and the owners fail to pay the costs, a lien is applied to the property to be collected through property taxes.

The City is not only faced with tearing down dilapidated structures, but we also have the task of mowing those same properties when the owners fail to maintain their lawns. Once the owners fail to pay those charges for mowing their lawns, another lien is applied to their property.

These lots, where we remove structures and mow yards, are the same lots that go up for tax sale and are frequently left unsold. These lots go unsold because the back taxes and liens amount to more than the empty lots are worth.

At this time, I am looking at five of those parcels. The City has torn down each house that once sat there and the City has mowed each of the parcels several times and several mowing seasons. These parcels have been identified by the County for their upcoming Commissioners Certificate Sale. The City of Mount Vernon is asking the Commissioners for Tax Deed of those parcels listed below:

1. Sale ID 651900086, Parcel #65-27-05-345-015.000-018, Address: 137 West 9th Street, City tore structure down 11/16/2017
2. Sale ID 651900101, Parcel #65-27-08-211-047.000-018, Address: 718 Mill Street, City tore structure down 3/30/2018
3. Sale Id 651900107, Parcel #65-27-08-231-014.001-018, Address: 628 West 6th Street, City tore structure down 12/15/2017
4. Sale ID 651900108, Parcel #65-27-08-233-006.000-018, Address: 613 Wolflin Street, City tore structure down 02/05/2020
5. Sale ID 651900111, Parcel #65-27-08-244-036.000-018, Address 417 West 4th Street, City tore structure down 02/05/2019

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Willis

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

COURTHOUSE SURPLUS

C. Schmitz stated the Commissioners were provided with a list of items that would need to be declared as surplus. Mr. Schmitz stated the items included outdated computer equipment, and several desk and chairs. Mr. Schmitz stated anyone that would like to view these items can view those at the Courthouse.

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

HIGHWAY YEARLY REPORT

Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, provided the Commissioners with the Highway's yearly report.

Mr. Schenk stated the following:

Chip and Seal: 9.90 miles \$419,261.11
Recycled: 8.78 miles \$291,697.71
Overlay on Blacktop: 13.16 miles \$1,395,250.92
Overlay on Chip and Seal: 10.65 \$1,323,666.20
Community Crossing: 7.25 miles \$927,742.38

Total miles: 49.74
Total cost: \$4,357,618.32

Mr. Schenk stated 2 million dollars of those funds came from the EDIT tax.

Mr. Schenk stated according to the State of Indiana, the department is required to have an asset management tracking program, and every road in the County must be driven and rated every two years. Mr. Schenk stated the County will have to complete this again this year. Mr. Schenk stated this is also part of the Community Correction Grant process. Mr. Schenk stated this also helps him determine what will be paved for the year.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Larry Rob, EMA Director, stated they will be holding a Weather Spotters class on Saturday, February 15th at the Mt. Vernon Fire Station beginning at 9:00am.

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, informed the Commissioner the jail is currently housing the following:

126 inmates total

55- Vanderburgh

8- DOC


63- Posey County

Sheriff Latham stated the jail is in need of a new roof on the administrative side of the building. Sheriff Latham stated this was not replaced during the construction of the new jail and remodel of the existing structure.

J. Price stated this would have to bid out from the Auditors office.

Commissioner Price requested that all legal questions or correspondence from Commissioner Thornburg be filtered through the County Attorney.

No further business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.



Carl Schmitz



Jay Price



Randy Thornburg