

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5TH, 2019

The Posey County Commissioners met in regular session at the Hovey House on Tuesday, February 5th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present at said meeting: Commissioner Carl Schmitz, Commissioner Jay Price, and Commissioner Randy Thornburg; Auditor Sarah Beth Meighen and Commissioner Attorney Joseph Harrison.

C. Schmitz called the Posey County Commissioners Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 22nd, 2019 Commissioners meeting; J. Price 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.

COLISEUM AIR

C. Schmitz stated the Commissioners currently are contracted with Trane for the air system at the Coliseum. C. Schmitz stated Trane has quoted a price of \$28,000.00 for a new computer system on the existing unit. C. Schmitz stated the Commissioners are looking into replacing the existing unit. J. Price made a motion to advertise bids for a new heat and air unit in the Coliseum; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

EMS BOARD

C. Schmitz stated the Commissioners received a resignation letter from Donna Nix for the EMS Advisory Board. J. Price made a motion to appoint Jason Knowles to EMS Board for the remainder of Donna Nix's term; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

STOP SIGN ORDINANCE

C. Schmitz stated it has been brought to the attention of the Commissioners and Highway Department that a stop sign has been requested to be placed at the intersection of Lockwood and Frontage Road. R. Thornburgh stated he was contacted regarding this issue and inspected the intersection himself. Mr. Thornburgh asked Mr. Schenk what his recommendation would be. Mr. Schenk stated the complaint is that people are going through the intersection and hitting the guardrail at the dead-end; he suggest that it would not hurt to put up another sign and hopefully it would get the attention of other drivers.

Sheriff Latham stated the last crash at that location was reported in 2017. Mr. Latham stated the landowner contacted his department stating he has pulled several motorist from that area after becoming stuck.

R. Thornburgh made a motion to place a stop sign Lockwood going north; J. Price seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

C. Schmitz stated the ordinance would have to be advertised for two weeks.

SHERIFF SURPLUS FEE

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, is requesting permission from the Commissioners to declare fourteen vehicles as surplus. Mr. Latham stated the funds made from selling those vehicles

would go towards the purchase of other vehicles. Mr. Latham stated he is wanting to sell the vehicles to an auto dealership instead of going through a public auction/bidding. J. Price made a motion to surplus fourteen vehicles; R. Thornburgh seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0. J. Price asked that Mr. Latham let the Commissioners know what figures he is given by an auto dealership.

CHA BRIDGE STUDY

Bob Bullard, with CHA, addressed the Commissioners, giving them the supplemental Federal Highway Administration authorized bridge inspection report. Mr. Bullard stated these are annual inspections for bridges that would have been flagged during the original bridge inspections that are done every four years. Mr. Bullard stated this agreement with CHA is extending the engineering services from the previous agreement.

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

ALS INTERCEPT

Chuck Thompson, Posey County EMS Director, informed the Commissioner he would like the Commissioners to consider an ALS Intercept fee. Mr. Thompson explained this would be a fee for transferring a patient from BLS services to ALS services. Mr. Thompson gave an example of a White County Ambulance; that only provided BLS services, asking for assistance from Posey County; that provides ALS services, to meet at the State line. Mr. Thompson stated the EMS Board has suggested a fee of \$500.00 for this service. J. Price made a motion to amend the current fee ordinance to include a \$500.00 ALS intercept fee; R. Thornburgh seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

HOLDING CELL RESTROOM

C. Schmitz stated the restrooms in the Circuit Court holding cell are in need of replacement. Mr. Schmitz stated the Commissioners were quoted a price of \$8,000.00 per toilet fixture. Mr. Schmitz stated the Commissioners would like to gather more quotes for this project. R. Thornburgh made a motion to table this issue; J. Price seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

VIXEN DRIVE ISSUE

Ross Taylor, Vixen Drive resident, addressed the Commissioners regarding the County taking over Vixen Drive as a County Road. Mr. Ross stated he has been in contact with the Highway Department on what the requirements are for this to happen. Mr. Ross stated the cost to bring the road up to those standards are not within the resident's financial ability. Mr. Ross is asking if the residents of that area could pay the department for upkeep on an as needed bases.

J. Price stated the Commissioners would get with the Highway department and find out what the options are, and would get back in touch with Mr. Ross.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Steve Schenk, Posey County Highway Superintendent, stated all County Roads that are chip and seal have now been posted with a 10-ton weight limit. Mr. Schenk stated those who need to travel these roads with loads over 10-ton can obtain a permit by calling the Highway Department. Mr. Schenk stated those weight limits should be lifted by April.

Charles Thompson, Posey County EMS Director, informed the Commissioners the department is in need of replacing five of the beds in two different stations. Mr. Thompson stated two beds in

the St. Phillips station, two beds in the New Harmony station, and one bed at the Poseyville station need to be replaced. Mr. Thompson stated he has a quoted price of \$749.00 for each mattress and box springs. J. Price made a motion to replace all five beds; R. Thornburgh seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Thompson informed the Commissioners he received the quote for the new ambulance. Mr. Thompson stated with the added back up camera system the total comes to \$43,129.65. Mr. Thompson stated price takes into account the down payment the Commissioners have paid on this. J. Price made a motion to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$43,129.65 for the new ambulance; R. Thornburgh seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Posey County Resident, Earl Schroeder, addressed the Commissioners regarding the Office of Utility Consumer Councilor. Mr. Schroeder stated this group is supposed to represent residents to legislators regarding Vectren rate increases. Mr. Schroeder urged the community to research what Vectren is proposing to do.

Commissioner Attorney, Joseph Harrison, stated he has researched the question regarding the City Election. Mr. Harrison stated the City would have to get with State Legislators would have to adopt a new law changing the date of municipal elections.

C. Schmitz gave the January Animal Control Report as follows:

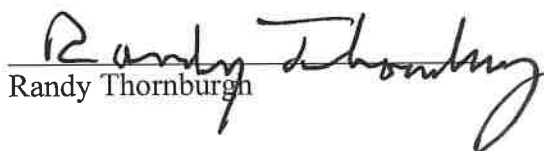
34 Complaints


10 Animals Picked Up

No further business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.


Carl A. Schmitz


Jay Price


Randy Thornburgh

ATTEST:  _____