

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY FEBRUARY 19TH, 2019

The Posey County Commissioners met in regular session at the Hovey House on Tuesday, February 19th, 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

J. Price made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 5th, 2019 Commissioners 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'S REPORT

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

CLERK'S REPORT

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

STOP SIGN ORDINANCE

C. Schmitz stated the Commissioners agreed to place a stop sign at the intersection of Lockwood Road and Frontage Road at their last meeting. Mr. Schmitz stated the Commissioners now have the Ordinance written, and it will have to go through two readings by the Commissioners and be advertised in the papers. R. Thornburg made a motion to approve ordinance number 2019-02-19-01 regarding placing a stop sign on Lockwood Road and Frontage Road; J. Price seconded. Joe Harrison, Posey County Commissioners Attorney, stated this will be the first reading of this ordinance, with the second reading being March 5th, 2019. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

BROADBAND READY COMMUNITY

Mr. Harrison stated the ordinance will designate the unincorporated areas of Posey County as a broadband ready community. Mr. Harrison stated this will allow business that provide expanded or new broadband internet service to locate to this area. Mr. Harrison stated the Commissioners would name a person of contact for business to use when requesting information or permits to install or improve broadband in the unincorporated areas of Posey County. Mr. Harrison explained this is the first step that is laid out in state statutes for this ordinance. Mr. Harrison stated this process will allow the County to apply for grants to help with broadband. Mr. Harrison stated this will be ordinance 2019-02-19-02. J. Price made a motion to approve this ordinance; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0. Mr. Harrison stated this is the first reading of the ordinance, with the second reading being at the March 5th, 2019 meeting.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT ZONE

Mr. Harrison stated this is a follow up ordinance to the broadband ready ordinance. Mr. Harrison explained this ordinance would enable business that install broadband facilities to have a five-year personal property abatement for the installation of the equipment that would enable expanded or new internet services. Mr. Harrison explained the entire unincorporated area would be considered the development zone. Mr. Harrison stated since notice must be published prior to the final reading, the Commissioners will have the second reading on March 19th, 2019. J. Price made a motion to approve the Infrastructure Development Zone Ordinance; R. Thornburg seconded. C. Schmitz stated the ordinance number will be 2019-02-19-03. C. Schmitz stated this will allow the County to apply for grants. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

EMS FEE ORDINANCE

C. Schmitz stated the Commissioners agreed to a \$500.00 ALS Intercept fee at their last meeting. Mr. Schmitz stated this would amend the current ordinance to include this fee. J. Price made a motion to approve this amendment; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0. Mr. Harrison stated this will be the first reading of the ordinance, with the second reading at the March 5th, 2019 meeting. C. Schmitz stated this will be ordinance number 2019-02-19-04

CIRCUIT COURT COPIER

Judge Craig Goedde informed the Commissioners their Circuit Court copier is in need of replacement. Judge Goedde stated in working with Alpha Laser, the best option for that department is to add an additional copier to the current lease with the probation department. Judge Goedde stated this would be a 60-month lease at \$90.00 per month. R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this request; J. Price seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Steve Schenk, Posey County Highway Superintendent, informed the Commissioners he has advertised for bids for asphalt. Mr. Schenk stated bids would be opened at the March 5th, 2019 meeting.

Bob Bullard with CHA informed the Commissioners the State had recommended several small changes with the CHA Agreement that was discussed at the last Commissioners meeting. Mr. Bullard stated the changes recommended by the State added up to just under \$1.00 difference per bridge. Mr. Bullard stated the State just needs the verbal okay by the Commissioners for the changes. Mr. Bullard explained this now goes back to the State for approval; it will then come to the Commissioners for signatures, then back to the State who will submit it to the Attorney General for final approval and notice to proceed.

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

Charles Thompson, with Posey County EMS, informed the Commissioners the St. Phillips station is in need of a new desktop and is seeking permission to contact AOS for quotes. The Commissioners agreed he could contact AOS for quotes. Mr. Thompson stated the mattresses were delivered that were ordered, and one of the St. Phillips bed frames are in need of replacement.

Jason Knowles, Posey County Dispatch Director, informed the Commissioners they are still holding on the weather to proceed with VEI and tower work.

Mr. Knowles stated he has hired a part-time dispatcher, and is still in need to hire one more part-time person.

Mr. Knowles informed the Commissioners he is looking into options to allow his department to outsource calls that include EMD calls. Mr. Knowles explained this as calls that come into dispatch that are medical in nature. Mr. Knowles stated once the dispatch receives a medical call, they immediately have a protocol to follow and must stay on the call until first responders arrive on scene. Mr. Knowles stated the issue with this is only having two dispatchers, and multiple calls coming in at once, it ties a dispatcher up for the duration of the call. Mr. Knowles stated he feels the burden could be lifted if those calls were outsourced. Mr. Knowles explained that although the dispatcher would take the initial call, and then direct it to an outside company, the dispatcher would be able to follow along on a muted line with the progress allowing them to update first responders.

No further business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.



Carl A. Schmitz



Jay Price



Randy Thornburg

ATTEST: 
