

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Commissioners Carl Schmitz, Jay Price and Randy Thornburg; Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were in attendance.

C. Schmitz opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

J. Price made a motion to approve the minutes from February 4, 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.

CLERK'S REPORT

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

JAIL ROOF BIDS

C. Schmitz stated the Commissioners received one bid for the Jail roof project. Mr. Schmitz read the following bid:

Midwest Roofing: \$256,260.00

J. Price made a motion to take this bid under advisement until the March 17, 2020 Commissioners meeting; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

EMPOWERMENT BEHAVIORAL SERVICE AMENDMENT

Michelle Fortune, Chief Probation Officer, explained the grant cycle for this project is July to August 31, instead of January to December. Mrs. Fortune stated this is amending the original contract to allow Mr. Whittler to be paid in full by September 1st. Mrs. Fortune stated he will continue to provide services through December.

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

SOUTH TERRACE PTO REQUEST

Jennifer Hoehn, with South Terrace PTO, is requesting the use of Haines Road for a 5K her organization is hosting. Mrs. Hoehn stated the race will be held on April 17th, 2020 beginning at 6:00pm. Mrs. Hoehn stated the route will be Haines Road to Donner Road and back.

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

INDOT GRANT DISCUSSION WITH MAYOR CURTIS

Mt. Vernon Mayor, Bill Curtis, addressed the Commissioners regarding the upcoming INDOT project on Tile Factory Road. Mr. Curtis stated in order to proceed with this process, the County would need to have an agreement with the City to include the bridge over McFadden's Creek in this project.

Mr. Curtis stated the grant is for roughly 6.5 million dollars for this entire project, including the bridge.

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

Mayor Curtis stated this project will not begin until 2025. C. Schmitz asked for Mr. Harrison to work with Beth McFadden to submit a letter on behalf of the Commissioners.

The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

PUBLIC ACCESS REQUEST RESOLUTION

County Attorney, Joe Harrison, stated this is a Resolution to adopt a formal Public Access Request Form for County Departments to use. Mr. Harrison stated many Counties in Indiana use this type of form.

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

SEWER DISTRICT GRANT INFO

Debbie Bennett Stearsman, with Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana, addressed the Commissioners regarding the Sewer District OCRA Grant. Mrs. Stearsman stated they are seeking the Commissioners to agree to sponsor a grant application on behalf of the Posey County Regional Sewer District.

Aaron Wilson, with the Regional Sewer District, stated this grant will help bring the sewer district to areas of Wadesville and Blairsville. Mr. Wilson stated the grant is for \$700,000.00 but could be for more. Mr. Wilson stated this will not cost the County any money, this is just backing the project.

Mrs. Stearsman stated they will be required to hold public meetings for this project. R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this request; J. Price seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

DEPARTEMENT UPDATES

C. Schmitz stated the Mt. Vernon Garden Club has requested permission to continue to plant flowers on the corners of the Courthouse.

C. Schmitz read the following Animal Control report for February:

40 Complaints

4 Animals Picked up

\$60.00 taken to Auditor's office.

Posey County Sheriff Chief Deputy, Jeremy Fortune, read the following housing report:

114 Inmates total

45 Vanderburgh County

14 DOC

55 Posey County

C. Schmitz stated residents can start filing online Census information on March 12th, 2020.

C. Schmitz stated Jenna Richardt and Audrey Burkett with Posey County Economic Development are seeking letters of support from the public for the Broadband Project. Mrs. Richardt stated her office has templates for the public to use.

No further business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.



Carl Schmitz



Jay Price



Randy Thornburg