

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY APRIL 2ND, 2019

The Posey County Commissioners met in regular session at the Hovey House on Tuesday, April 2nd, 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 March 19th, 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.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT ZONE ORDINANCE

Joe Harrison, County Attorney, stated this is the second reading of an ordinance establishing an Infrastructure Development Zone in the unincorporated areas of Posey County. Mr. Harrison stated the first reading of the ordinance was on February 19th, 2019 where it passed on the first reading. Mr. Harrison stated this will help the unincorporated areas of Posey County with future broadband enhancement services. Mr. Harrison stated this is a way to enable the County take advantage of State grants to help provide broadband to the rural areas of the County. Mr. Harrison stated pursuant to IC code 6-1.1-12.5-43 the Board of Commissioners of Posey County will find as follows with this ordinance:

- A. The unincorporated areas of Posey County currently lack adequate eligible broadband service.
- B. Equal education to all persons within the unincorporated areas of Posey County is limited by the lack of eligible broadband services to homes and businesses.
- C. The lack of eligible broadband services within the unincorporated areas of Posey County hinders the expansion and growth of commercial and residential development.
- D. The designated Infrastructure Development Zone shall include the unincorporated areas of Posey County, Indiana.
- E. It is encouraged that improved broadband services be installed and available for those residents and businesses within the designated Infrastructure Development Zone (the unincorporated areas of Posey County).
- F. That a five year personal property tax exemption shall be provided to a person or business for investing in facilities and technologies used in the deployment of broadband service within the unincorporated areas of Posey County and such personal property tax exemption will promote the investment of adequate eligible broadband services and provide economic development benefits with the designed Infrastructure Development Zone.

C. Schmitz opened the public portion of the meeting to hear comments for or against this ordinance.

Seeing no one C. Schmitz closed the public portion of this meeting.

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

KONSOLIDATED HARDWARE AGREEMENT E911

Jason Knowles, with Posey County Dispatch, stated this is a one year agreement with VIA. Mr. Knowles stated VIA handles the server for Spillman, which is the CAD system that Dispatch uses. Mr. Knowles stated this includes any update or maintenance on the server, including access to 24-hour service. Mr. Knowles stated he has sent this agreement to the Commissioner's attorney who has made a few changes. J. Price made a motion to approve this contract; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

PITNEY BOWES AGREEMENT

C. Schmitz stated this agreement is for the two postage machines, one housed in the Courthouse and one housed in the Coliseum. Mr. Schmitz stated the County will have two new machines at a cost increase of .05 cents a month. Mr. Schmitz stated this will include a five year service agreement. Mr. Harrison stated he has reviewed this contract. J. Price made a motion to approve this agreement; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

AREA PLAN

Mark Seib, Posey County Area Plan President, addressed the Commissioners regarding the current state of Area Plan. Mr. Seib stated in 2010, Area Plan implemented a new master plan, including new ordinances. Mr. Seib stated the State recommends that be updated every five years. Mr. Seib stated since 2010, different scenarios and issues have arisen, causing the need to have several ordinances updated and possibly implement new ordinances.

Mr. Seib stated the Area Plan Commission is confident the current Master Plan is sufficient, with the exception of a few areas that could be adjusted; the Area Plan Commission is seeking to update and create ordinances regarding wind, solar and cell towers. Mr. Seib stated the Commission will need funding for this plan. Mr. Seib stated they have begun to gather quotes from people who are considered experts in those fields and will be speaking with the County Council regarding the funding that will be needed. Mr. Seib stated he will be speaking with the other Cities and Towns in the unincorporated areas of Posey County. Mr. Seib stated the Commissioners would be signing off on any new Ordinances.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Steve Schenk, Posey County Highway Superintendent, informed the Commissioners the weight limit ban on chip and seal roads has been lifted and all signs will be removed today.

Mr. Schenk stated the Community Crossing Grant has been awarded at a total of \$793,865.62. Mr. Schenk stated this is a 75/25 matching grant from the State. Mr. Schenk explained the County pays the 25% and the State will give the County the other 75%.

Charles Thompson, with Posey County EMS, stated the new Ambulance has been ordered and we should have it within two months.

Jason Knowles, with Posey County Dispatch, stated VEI is working on the new radio system and is hopeful within the next few months to be operational.

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, informed the Commissioners they are currently housing 118 inmates with 49 of those being from Vanderburgh.

Vicki Peerman, Posey County Treasurer, informed the Commissioners that tax bills have gone out.

C. Schmitz read the March Animal Control report as follows:

39 Complaints

9 Animals Picked Up

0 Bite Reports


No further business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.



Carl A. Schmitz



Jay Price



Randy Thornburg


ATTEST: _____