

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY APRIL 16TH, 2019

The Posey County Commissioners met in regular session at the Hovey House on Tuesday, April 16TH, 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 April 2nd, 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

MIDWEST FERTILIZER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

C. Schmitz stated the Commissioners must sign on the approval of the Disaster Bonds from Midwest Fertilizer. R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this agreement; J. Price seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

HVAC UPDATE

C. Schmitz stated the computer program for the HVAC systems in the Courthouse, the Coliseum and the Hovey House are in need of upgrading.

Anna Wooley and Victory Voight with Harshaw Trane addressed the Commissioners regarding the current building automation service agreement with the Commissioners. Mrs. Wooley stated that agreement is coming to the end of the three year term and is in need of updating. Mrs. Wooley stated that agreement includes four annual service reviews and controls training once a year. Mrs. Wooley stated while the current agreement needs updated, the Commissioners also need to consider updating the actual system. Mrs. Voight addressed the Commissioners regarding the current system. Mrs. Voight stated the controls that are being referenced are considered the brains of the physical equipment.

Mrs. Wooley stated the following is the financial option Hershaw Trane is suggesting;

Year 1: \$8,827.00
Year 2: \$8,919.00
Year 3: \$9,014.00
Year 4: \$9,111.00
Year 5: \$9,212.00
Capital Cost: \$0.00

Mrs. Wooley stated there is no interest charged to the County through their funding. R. Thornburg asked if there were any other options than the one presented. Mrs. Wooley stated yes, other options would include using a small amount of capital funds, and lowering the yearly payments. Mrs. Wooley stated there are endless option that can be explored. R. Thornburgh and J. Price both asked for more information on options.

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

SHERIFF SURPLUS LIST

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, provided the Commissioners with a list of surplus items he no longer needs. Sheriff Latham stated he has a few more items to add but is requesting to lump all the emergency equipment that can no longer be used into surplus.

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

WOW INTERNET CONTRACT

Steve Kalesia, with WOW Internet, addressed the Commissioners regarding the current WOW Internet Contract. Mr. Kalesia stated WOW currently services all County offices. Mr. Kalesia stated the County would be saving roughly \$1,200.00 a year with the new proposed contract.

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

POSEY COUNTY CITIZENS FOR PROPERTY RIGHTS

Scott Fischer, with Posey County Citizens for Property Rights, addressed the Commissioners regarding the proposed wind farm project in the County. Mr. Fischer outlined the following concerns made by the group: setback concerns, safety concerns, shadow flicker, property values, weather radio interference, traffic/medical patterns, noise, and cost of decommissioning of wind turbines.

C. Schmitz stated Area Plan is looking into options for updating various ordinances regarding these issues.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT

Matt Schneider, with Posey County Community Corrections, addressed the Commissioners regarding the Community Corrections fiscal year. Mr. Schneider stated the Department of Community Corrections is changing the fiscal year from July- to- July to January-to-January. Mr. Schneider stated to fund the program, from the end of the current grant in July, to when the new grant will start in January, the State is granting the department a mini grant. Mr. Schneider stated this grant would be half of the full grant that was given this year for a total of \$320,000.00.

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

POSEY COUNTY TOURISM REQUEST

C. Schmitz stated the Commissioners split funding given to the Tourism Board, giving them funding twice a year. Mr. Schmitz stated the Tourism Board has requested an additional \$10,000.00 of their allotted money early. R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this request; J. Price seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Larry Robb, with Posey County EMA, informed the Commissioners the department has handed out 50 weather radios.

Steve Schenk, with Posey County Highway, stated his concerns with the wind farms would be for the County Roads. Mr. Schenk stated the County does not have any roads or bridges that will handle the weight that will be hauled while building the wind turbines.

C. Schmitz stated the Community Crossing Grant was awarded, allowing the County to pave three roads.

Charles Thompson, with Posey County EMS, informed the Commissioners the new Ambulance would be in soon.

Nancy Hoehn, Posey County Assessor, addressed the Commissioners regarding the Handbook Committee. Mrs. Hoehn stated the Committee is seeking to change part of the handbook regarding the social media policy. Mrs. Hoehn provided the Commissioners with the changes that have been proposed. Mrs. Hoehn stated she has been in contact with Mr. Harrison and the changes can be made via ordinances. Mrs. Hoehn stated those ordinances would have to have two readings before being passed. Mrs. Hoehn stated there are payroll issues, social media issues, per diem, and vehicle income issues. Mrs. Hoehn stated once the handbook is complete, there will be training offered. Mrs. Hoehn stated the per diem that is listed in the handbook is \$35.00 per day, and what the County is currently paying is \$26.00. Mrs. Hoehn stated what the committee would like to suggest is a \$26.00 flat rate but allowing up to \$35.00 per day if receipts are given to show those expenses over \$26.00.

Mrs. Hoehn stated she would like to have the first reading at the next Commissioners meeting.

Mr. Harrison stated the vehicle take home amount is suggested at \$3.00 per day with a total of \$15.00 per week for those individuals with take home vehicles. Mr. Harrison stated this excludes emergency vehicles.


Kay Kilgore, Posey County Clerk, informed the Commissioners the Clerks office will be closed, along with the other County offices. Mrs. Kilgore stated this is due to the fact that there is no primary election for the City.

Vicki Peerman, Posey County Treasurer, stated tax bills are out and will be due May 10th, 2019.

J. Price stated this week is National 911 Dispatchers week. Mr. Price thanked the County dispatchers for their hard work and dedication to Posey County.

C. Schmitz stated the next meeting will be held on May 8th, 2019.

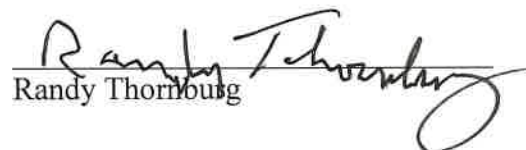
No further business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.



Carl A. Schmitz



Jay Price



Randy Thornburg

ATTEST: 
