

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, May 19, 2020.

Commissioners Carl Schmitz, Randy Thornburg, and Jay Price; 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 the May 4, 2020 regular 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 April Treasurer's report; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER

C. Schmitz stated the current State of Emergency expires today. Mr. Schmitz stated the Judges can not open until May 30, 2020 at the earliest. R. Thornburg asked why the County offices could not open before the Court, with the protective measures that have been put in place. Mr. Schmitz stated all County offices are open and have been open, they are by appointment only currently.

Joe Harrison, Posey County Commissioner Attorney, stated the proposed extension would run through end of the day on May 25, 2020. Mr. Harrison stated the Commissioners could then sign a final extension to run through June 1st or June 2nd. Mr. Thornburg asked what Vanderburgh County was doing. Mr. Harrison stated they are looking at either June 3rd or June 15th. Mr. Harrison stated the Courts must submit plans to the State Supreme Court by May 30th regarding reopening.

J. Price made a motion to sign the extension through May 25, 2020 with the intent to sign a final extension through June 3rd; R. Thornburg seconded. Mr. Thornburg stated the Governor should leave guidelines up to the individual Counties.

The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

J. Price stated the Commissioners need a plan moving forward after May 25th. C. Schmitz stated the intent is to remain closed to the public until after the June 2nd Election Day. C. Schmitz asked if they Commissioners want to open the building on Monday, June 1st then close on Tuesday for Election and reopen Wednesday the 3rd. R. Thornburg stated no that doesn't make sense.

J. Price made a motion to keep the building closed until June 3, 2020; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

COMMUNITY CROSSING GRANT BID

C. Schmitz stated the Commissioners received the following bids:

J. H Rudolph: \$775,621.85

David Enterprise: \$836,694

E&B Paving: \$861,921.00

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, is recommending the Commissioners approve the low bid from J.H Rudolph.

J. Price made a motion to approve the low bid from J.H Rudolph; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

AREA PLAN REZONE REQUEST

Mindy Bourne, Posey County Area Plan Director, addressed the Commissioners regarding a rezoning request from Barton Automotive. Mrs. Bourne stated the applicant is requesting to rezone .13 acres at 9019 Highway 66 Wadesville from AG to B3. Mrs. Bourne stated the applicant purchased the .13 acres that is adjacent to his current business and would like to adjoin to the current business. Mrs. Bourne stated the Area Plan Commission heard this request at the

May 14th meeting and it passed with a 7-0 yes vote. Mrs. Bourne stated there were no remonstrators.

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

SURPLUS VEHICLE REQUEST

C. Schmitz stated the Posey County Sheriff is requesting to surplus the following vehicles:

2004 Dodge Ram

2009 Ford F150

2013 Dodge Charger

2016 Dodge Charger

2016 Dodge Charger

C. Schmitz stated these are vehicles that have been replaced.

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

C. Schmitz stated the Posey County Highway Department is requesting to surplus the following vehicle:

1982 Bucket Lift Truck

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

R. Thornburg made a motion to place the requested vehicles for sale via sealed bids to be opened at the June 16th, 2020 Commissioners meeting; J. Price seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

C. Schmitz stated the ad should state the Sheriff's vehicles could be viewed at the Sheriff's Office and the Highway vehicle could be viewed at the Poseyville Garage.

CHA AGREEMENT

Steve Schenk, Posey County Highway Superintendent, informed the Commissioners this is an agreement with CHA who conducts the Bridge Inspections. Mr. Schenk stated once the Commissioners approve this agreement, it will be sent to the State for approval.

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

MATCHING GRANT AGREEMENT

Steve Schenk, Posey County Highway Superintendent, informed the Commissioners this is an agreement between the State of Indiana and the Posey County Commissioners regarding the matching grant for the Community Crossing Grant. Mr. Schenk stated Mr. Harrison has seen this contract.

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

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Steve Schenk, Posey County Highway Superintendent, informed the Commissioners that chip and seal, and recycling of roads have not yet started do to the weather. Mr. Schenk also informed the Commissioners that the April MVH distribution was down \$41,000 from last April.

Schmitz stated the Commissioners need to reschedule the June meeting date due to Election Day. J. Price made a motion to hold the June Commissioners meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2020; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

R. Thornburg gave the following Workforce Development updates:

The top 4 effected industries for Posey County during the COVID-19 pandemic:

Manufacturing

Construction

Food Services

Retail Trade

The top 6 areas of unemployment claims:

Food Service 19.9%
Manufacturing 17.2%
Construction 12.6%
Health Care 9.62%
Retail 8.03%
Administrative 6.50%

Education level for unemployment claims:

8th Grade 0.62%
9th- 11th Grade 7.1%
High School Education 46.14%
College Education 43.43%

Mr. Thornburg stated there are 110 million people in the workforce and 33.2% of those have filed for unemployment during this pandemic. Mr. Thornburg stated these are levels higher than during the Great Depression.

Commissioner Attorney, Joe Harrison, stated the Federal Government has given the State of Indiana 300 million dollars to help relief funds for Cites, Towns and Counties. Mr. Harrison stated Posey County is eligible for \$826,000.00 in reimbursements for expenses incurred between March 1st and December 31st of this year. Mr. Harrison stated he is working with Barns and Thornburg to aid the County in recouping expenses. Mr. Harrison stated he would have an agreement for the Commissioners to sign with Barns and Thornburg for the assistance at the next Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Attorney, Joe Harrison, stated the Posey County Redevelopment Commission will meet on June 5, 2020 at 9:00am.

Posey County Health Department stated as of Friday the State testing site has provided roughly 90 tests. The department stated they do not have those results currently.

C. Schmitz stated currently 65% of the population have taken the census report. Mr. Schmitz stated door to door work would begin soon.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated she would be in contact with those office holders who have not turned in their form 1's.

J. Price stated this week is Nation EMS Week. Mr. Price stated on behalf of the Commissioners he thanks all of our EMS employees.

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, informed the Commissioners of the following housing numbers:

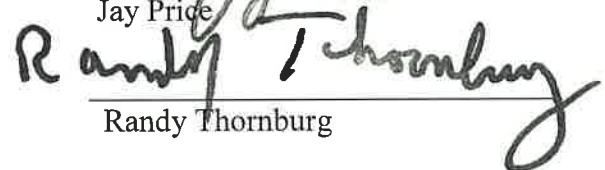
11 DOC
61 Posey County
18 Vanderburgh County
90 Total

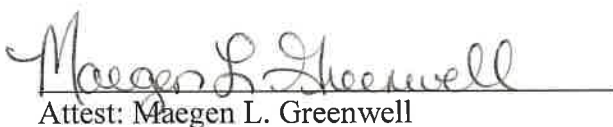
Sheriff Latham stated once it is safe to do so, he would be taking more Vanderburg County inmates.

No other business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.


Carl Schmitz


Jay Price


Randy Thornburg


Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell