

## POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY MAY 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

The Posey County Commissioners met in regular session at the Hovey House on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 May 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### CLERK'S AND TREASURER'S REPORT

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

### EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK REVISION ORDINANCE

C. Schmitz stated this is the second reading of the Employee handbook revision ordinance. Mr. Schmitz opened the meeting for public commenting; seeing no one to speak for or against, Mr. Schmitz closed the public commenting portion of the meeting.

C. Schmitz stated he has not received any comments regarding the revisions. J. Price and R. Thornburg both stated they had not received any comments regarding the revisions.

J. Price made a motion to approve the ordinance number 2019-05-08-01; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCES FOR CITY OF MT VERNON, TOWN OF CYNTHIANA, TOWN OF POSEYVILLE AND UNINCORPORATED POSEY COUNTY

C. Schmitz stated this ordinance was passed with the Area Plan Commission at their last meeting and now the Commissioners need to consider the ordinance.

Mindy Bourne, Area Plan Director, explained the following amendments that are being proposed:

Amendment 1: Section 153.042(D)(2)(a)

Amending R1 Zoning District for bulletin boards and identification signs. Amending the size, making the two signs consistent with the same square footage requirements. Amending the type of lighting that may be used.

Amendment 2: Section 153.042(D)(2)(b)

Amending the placement of lighting and regulating the direction of the lighting.

Amendment 3: Section 153.166(N)(3)

Amending the time signs may be illuminated and the amount of nits allowed during certain times.

Amendment 4: Section 153.245(C)

Amending several variances.

Mrs. Bourne stated there were no remonstrators at the Area Plan meetings where this was discussed.

J. Price asked if the lighting requirements are standard equipment on most signage. Mrs. Bourne stated yes.

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; the second reading will be at the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **CIRCUIT COURT SECURITY**

Rodney Fetcher, with Circuit Court Probation, addressed the Commissioners regarding the need to place a video monitor in the Coliseum Probation department office. Mr. Fetcher stated this will allow the probation officers to view the security footage within the Coliseum. Mr. Fetcher stated it will allow the officers to view the hallway and lobby area while their office doors are closed. Mr. Fetcher stated there will be no cost to the County, any cost will be paid from probation fees.

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 Superintendent, informed the Commissioners they have started chip and seal recycling and paving.

Michele Hudson, with the Southwest Indiana Economic Development Partnership, addressed the Commissioner regarding several updates with the Chamber and the Partnership.

Mrs. Hudson stated the Council Members and the Commissioners will give a State of The County address at the third quarter Chamber Luncheon to be held on Thursday, August 22nd from 11:30 to 1:00 at the 4H Community Center/Fair Grounds.

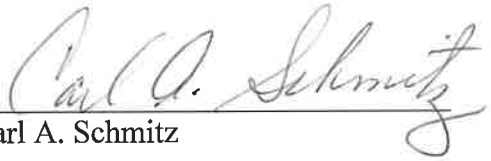
Mrs. Hudson stated the Posey County Economic Development Partnership will have their annual dinner on Wednesday, November 13th at 5:30 at the New Harmony Conference Center. Mrs. Hudson stated the featured speaker will be Les Wright, CEO/President of MidWest Fertilizer.

Mrs. Hudson stated the Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana is thankful for the partnership with Posey County and gave an update on the Community Development side of what the coalition does. Mrs. Hudson stated in the last three years Posey County has utilized 12 million dollars on projects through grants for improvements within Posey County; almost \$800,000.00 in Blight Elimination funding to demolish 47 homes in Posey County; they have submitted a \$700,000.00 grant for a water project; plus a grant to demolish the building at 4th Street and Main Street.

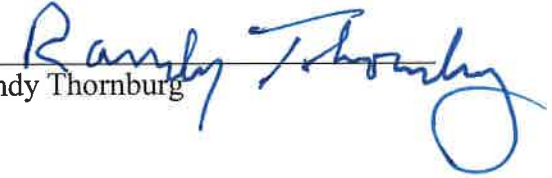
Mrs. Hudson introduced the new Executive Director for Posey County Economic Development, Jenna Alka, to the Commissioners.

J. Price stated this week is National EMS week and thanked the EMS department for their hard work.

No further business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.

  
Carl A. Schmitz

  
Jay Price

  
Randy Thornburg

ATTEST:  \_\_\_\_\_