

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2020.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Thursday, June 4, 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 19, 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.

CLERK'S REPORT

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

COMMISSIONER PRE-BUDGET ESTIMATE

J. Price made a motion to submit the budget numbers as presented; R. Thornburg seconded. C. Schmitz stated the Commissioners are requesting the following changes:

Increasing Insurance by \$200,000.00
Increasing Legal Council line by \$5,000.00
Increasing Computer Hardware line by \$5,000.00
Subtracting \$500.00 from IT Supply line

C. Schmitz stated he would like to discuss adding a line to the budget to purchase a new Animal Control vehicle. Mr. Schmitz stated the current truck has nearly 150 thousand miles on it.

J. Price made a motion to amend his motion to include a line in the Commissioners budget for a new Animal Control vehicle at \$40,000.00; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

CIVILCON AGREEMENT

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, addressed the Commissioners regarding the Civilcon Bridge Agreement for Bridge 243 on Broadway. Mr. Schenk stated the contract is for \$46,600.00 with Civilcon. Mr. Schenk stated this would be for the design work of the new bridge, but does not include the actual structure. J. Price made a motion to approve this agreement; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Schenk updated the commissioners on the bridge on Shotgun Lane. Mr. Schenk stated the bridge has been set and he is estimating the project to be completed in three weeks.

HIGHWAY YEARLY REPORT

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, stated this report is required for the County to continue to seek grants. Mr. Schenk states it is a breakdown of the department's expenses. Mr. Schenk stated it just needs the Commissioners signatures.

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

INTERCOM SYSTEM FOR ASSESSORS/RECORDERS OFFICE

Nancy Hoehn, Posey County Assessor, addressed the Commissioners regarding the need for an intercom system for her office. Mrs. Hoehn stated she has been looking into ways to secure her office. Mrs. Hoehn presented a quote for a system that will allow her to keep her door locked, giving entry access to employees, and the ability to open the door remotely for customers. Mrs. Hoehn stated the cost would come from her budget. R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this request for the Assessor and Recorder; J. Price seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

SHERIFF SURPLUS

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, is requesting to surplus outdated tasers that are no longer useable or able to be fixed. Sheriff Latham is asking to be able to destroy this equipment. J. Price made a motion to approve this request; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

BARNES AND THORNBURG AGREEMENT

County Attorney, Joe Harrison, stated this agreement will allow the County to work with Barnes and Thornburg on recouping funds related to COVID-19. Mr. Harrison stated the County is eligible to receive \$826,000.00 in reimbursements. Mr. Harrison stated the fee for this service is \$5,000.00. J. Price made a motion to approve this agreement; R. Thornburg seconded. C. Schmitz stated he has been contacted by Economic Development who will also provide this service for a percentage fee of the total amount. Mr. Schmitz stated he felt Barnes and Thornburg would be a better fit for this. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Commissioner Randy Thornburg gave the following Workforce Development Report:

U.S Unemployment: 35-40 million claims

Indiana: 17% unemployment

Posey County: 11.5%

Top Regional Industries impacted by COVID-19:

Manufacturing: 27.9%

Food Service: 15.1%

Retail: 9.8%

Construction: 8.7%

Health Care: 8%

Frequently Listed Jobs:

Farm Labor Work

Home Health Work

Post-Secondary Teaching

RN

Customer Service Representatives

Mortgage Application Rate: up 6%

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, stated the Highway Department has turned in the Community Crossing Grant application. Mr. Schenk stated the County is now waiting for the State to send the proposal for the Commissioners to sign.

Mr. Schenk stated the Highway Department will begin chip and seal and recycling roads Monday and will last for roughly three weeks.

Posey County EMS Director, Chris Neaveill, stated on April 3rd the Commissioners halted sending patients to collections during the pandemic with a June 1st reevaluation date. Mr. Neaveill is asking when the Commissioners would like to start back with this process. J. Price made a motion to resume collections on August 1st, 2020; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Posey County Clerk, Kay Kilgore, informed the Commissioners the recent election went well. Mrs. Kilgore stated a total of 3,800 votes with 1200 absentee ballots turned in.

C. Schmitz stated the only calls he received on the new vote centers were people stating it would be beneficial to have 'vote here' signs.

R. Thornburg stated he received a complaint on a dog bite report where the dog is not being quarantined. Mr. Thornburg stated he would speak to Chuck on this issue.

C. Schmitz read the May Animal Control Report as follows:

- 31 Complaints
- 1 Animal Picked Up
- 3 Bite Reports

Dennis Schaffer, with the Posey County Health Department, stated the County has tested 303 individuals with no positive test from Posey County residents. Mr. Schaffer stated the County has 16 cases and 16 recovered cases.

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, informed the Commissioners he has reached out to the Company that completed his security system at the jail, to come look into the Courthouse and Coliseum security issues.

Sheriff Latham stated they currently have 94 inmates and will be taking more Vanderburgh County inmates starting Monday June 8th and they will be required to quarantine for seven days.

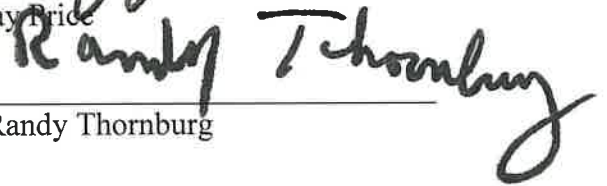
No other business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.



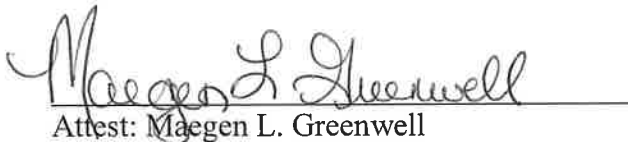
Carl Schmitz



Jay Price



Randy Thornburg



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell