

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY AUGUST 6th, 2019

The Posey County Commissioners met in regular session at the Hovey House on Tuesday, August 6th, 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 Maegen Greenwell 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.

C. Schmitz introduced Maegen Greenwell as the new Posey County Auditor. Mr. Schmitz stated the Commissioners are looking forward to working with Maegen in her role as Auditor.

MINUTES

R. Thornburgh made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 16th, 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. Thornburgh seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

COLISEUM PAINT BIDS

Jeff Woodford, President of the Coliseum Board, informed the Commissioners the Coliseum Board is in agreement on the need to have the exterior paint job completed, along with the stairwell outside the Building Commissioners office.

C. Schmitz opened the following bids for painting services:

Rose Painting:

Stairwell Wall: \$617.50

Front Step: \$650.00

Exterior Lower: \$8775.00

Exterior Doors: \$580.00

Total: \$10,622.50

Tri State Painting:

Concrete Step: \$2,890.00

Exterior Doors: \$640.00

Building Paint

Option A: \$7,980.00

Interior Wall: \$1,680.00

Total: 13,190.00

Ed Batteiger, Building Commissioner, stated the scope of work in each bid is comparable.

J. Price made a motion to accept the low bid from Rose Painting; R. Thornburgh seconded. C. Schmitz stated this would be paid from the Commissioners Contractual Repair line. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Woodford informed the Commissioners that the Coliseum Board has inspected the empty offices on the ground floor of the Coliseum. Mr. Woodford stated the office was generally in good shape, other than a few areas that need to be painted and routine carpet cleaning.

CELLULAR NATION CAMERA

C. Schmitz stated the Commissioners received a bid to place a camera in the stairwell outside of the Building Commissioners office. Mr. Schmitz stated Cellular Nation put a bid in of \$400.00

J. Price made a motion to approve this bid; R. Thornburgh seconded. Mr. Schmitz stated this would come from the Commissioners Equipment line. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

MT.VERNON POLICE CHIEF REQUEST

Tony Alldredge, Mt. Vernon Police Chief, is requesting permission from the Commissioner for the City to merge with the County on their Spillman software. Mr. Alldredge stated the biggest advantage to merging would be the ability for the County to have access to what calls the City is receiving and vice versa. Mr. Alldredge stated the City could purchase their own license, but this would not allow the two agencies to share information. Mr. Alldredge stated if the City could merge with the County, it would solve this issue. Mr. Alldredge stated there would be no additional cost to the County. J. Price asked Sheriff Latham and Dispatch Director, Jason Knowles, if they are in agreement with this plan. Sheriff Latham stated he has spoken with Chief Alldredge and he is in agreement with this merge; Mr. Knowles stated he thinks it would be beneficial to both agencies.

J. Price made a motion allowing the City Police to merge with the County on the Spillman software; R. Thornburgh seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE

C. Schmitz stated the Commissioners have been contacted by three departments regarding the interest in the empty office space in the Coliseum. Mr. Schmitz stated those departments are Probation, Clerk and Purdue Extension Offices.

Hans Schmitz, with Purdue Extension, stated his department has several employees who do not have offices and they are also needing some additional filing space. Mr. Schmitz stated his department wouldn't need the entire space. J. Price asked if they would want their department in two different spaces or if they would move their entire department to the open space. Mr. Schmitz stated they would not want both spaces entirely, and they could move the entire office to the empty space. Mr. Schmitz stated this would take some new wiring to be completed due to the fact that the Extension office is on a separate network than the rest of the building.

Kay Kilgore, Posey County Clerk, stated she is seeking more filing space for her departments.

C. Schmitz stated the Probation Department emailed the Commissioners asking for consideration in using the space also, but informed the Commissioners they would not be at the meeting.

C. Schmitz stated the Commissioners will plan to meet with each of the departments individually and discuss this issue further.

INTERTEK AGREEMENT

Sheriff Latham explained to the Commissioners this agreement is regarding having eight glass panels tested from the jail. Sheriff Latham stated since the jail was constructed, they have had six panels of glass broken. Sheriff Latham stated the glass has been broken from items ranging from a plastic mug, to a flip-flop and a wedding ring. Sheriff Latham stated this testing would determine if the glass panels were manufactured to specifications. Sheriff stated they have sent eight panels to Intertek to have tested at a cost of \$4,500.00.

J. Price made a motion to approve this agreement; R. Thornburgh seconded. J. Price stated this cost could possibly be recouped if determined the glass was manufactured faulty. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

RDA BOARD APPOINTMENT

C. Schmitz stated the Commissioners need to make an appointment to the Regional Development Board. R. Thornburgh made a motion to appoint Beth McFadin Higgins to the RDA Board for a term of four years, beginning July 19th, 2019 through July 19th, 2023; J. Price seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

BRIDGE INSPECTION

Steve Schenk, Posey County Highway Superintendent, informed the Commissioners every two years all the Counties bridges, over twenty feet in length, must be inspected, in accordance with Federal Highway regulations. Mr. Schenk stated last year, all the bridges were inspected. Mr. Schenk stated there are 13 bridges in the County that must be inspected every year.

Bob Bullard, with CHA, informed the Commissioners of the findings of that report and provided the Auditor with a hard copy of the inspection.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Steve Schenk, Posey County Highway Superintendent, informed the Commissioners VS Engineering is currently working on Bridge 59. Mr. Schenk stated Geotech will be making the plans and handling the permitting process.

Mr. Schenk stated there is a bridge on Raines Road that needs to be repaired. Mr. Schenk stated he is getting ready to collect to replace that concrete box culvert.

Larry Rob, with Posey County EMA, informed the Commissioners the Community Emergency Response training was just completed.

Jason Knowles, Posey County Dispatch Director, stated his department has been live on the new radio system for roughly three weeks. Mr. Knowles stated they are tweaking issues as they arise.

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, informed the Commissioners the jail is housing the following:

129 Inmates

57 from Vanderburgh

67 from Posey

5 from Sullivan

Sheriff Latham reminded the Commissioners it is National Night Out and that is being held in Cynthiana,

Carl Schmitz read the Animal Control Report as follows:

28 Complaints recorded

6 Animals Picked up

2 Bite Reports

Commissioners Randy Thornburgh updated the Commissioners on the Workforce Development Board updates as follows:

National Unemployment Average: 3.7

State of Indiana Unemployment Average: 3.3

Dubious County Unemployment Average: 2.5 *lowest in State

Posey and Davies County Unemployment Average: 2.7

Martin County Unemployment Average: 2.8

Warrick and Spencer County Unemployment Average: 3.0

Vanderburgh/Perry County Unemployment Average: 3.1

Knox County Unemployment Average: 3.2

Pike County Unemployment Average: 3.7

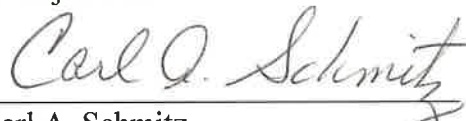
Kay Kilgore, is requesting permission to use the Courthouse Parking Lot the weekend of Riverdays . J. Price made a motion to approve this request; R. Thornburgh seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

C. Schmitz stated the meeting regarding wind turbines and solar energy that was planned for August 28th has been canceled. Mr. Schmitz stated that will have to be rescheduled.

C. Schmitz stated the State of the County Luncheon will be held on August 22nd at 11:30am.

Commissioner Jay Price asked Department Heads to make sure they are contacting the County Commissioners regarding county property issues, including furniture or any equipment that is purchased with tax payer dollars.

No further business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.



Carl A. Schmitz



Jay Price



Randy Thornburgh

ATTEST: 