

## POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

The Posey County Commissioners met in regular session at the Hovey House on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The following members were present at said meeting: Carl Schmitz; Jay Price; Randy Thornburg; Commissioners Attorney Joe Harrison; and Auditor Maegen Greenwell.

C. Schmitz called the Posey County Commissioners meeting to order at 9:00am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### MINUTES

J. Price made a motion to approve the August 20<sup>th</sup> Commissioners minutes; 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 July Clerk's report; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### SMALL PURCHASE POLICY

C. Schmitz stated at the last Commissioners meeting, the Commissioners passed a small purchase policy ordinance. Mr. Harrison stated this ordinance allows the County to make purchases under \$50,000.00 with one quote. Mr. Harrison stated this would be for purchases of equipment, material, and supplies. Mr. Harrison explained this ordinance was passed on the first reading, and now will be considered for a second reading.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve ordinance 2019-08-20-01; J. Price seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### ELECTRONIC POLL BOOK PURCHASE CONTRACT

Posey County Clerk, Kay Kilgore, informed the Commissioners the next Election Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Mrs. Kilgore stated with the County moving to Vote Centers, the County must start using electronic poll books in all vote centers. Mrs. Kilgore explained this will replace paper poll books.

Mrs. Kilgore stated this contract is for purchasing thirty poll books from VR Systems. Mrs. Kilgore stated she is not asking for any additional funds.

J. Price made a motion to approve this contract; R. Thornburg seconded. Mr. Harrison asked if the State of Indiana has certified this vote system. Mrs. Kilgore stated yes, she has the letter from the State Election Board. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### ROADWAY VACATION REQUEST

Mr. Schmitz stated the landowner in Roadway vacation request is still notifying adjacent landowners, and this request must be tabled until those notifications have occurred.

### SALT BUILDING APPRAISALS

C. Schmitz stated the Commissioners have been working with Vectren to locate an area that might allow for a salt storage building to be built in the Marrs Township area. Mr. Schmitz stated

Vectren has offered a three acre plot of land along Wolfinger Road. Mr. Schmitz stated for the Commissioners to be able to consider this purchase, they first must have the land appraised; then the County Council must hear an ordinance for the consideration of this land purchase by the Commissioners. C. Schmitz stated the following appraisals were given:

Curren Miller: \$6500-\$8000 per acre

Bill Wilson and Ken Johnson: \$12,000 per acre

C. Schmitz stated Vectren is offering the three acres at just under \$13,000.00

C. Schmitz stated Council will have a resolution to consider at the next Council meeting.

R. Thornburg made a motion to accept the appraisals; J. Price seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **BROADBAND READY CERTIFICATE**

Jenna Alky, Posey County Economic Development Partnership Director, addressed the Commissioners about the Broadband Ready status. Mrs. Alky stated this allows Posey County to accept internet providers as a community that is ready for broadband. Mrs. Alky stated over the next few months the Partnership will be out in the community explaining this process, and asking residents to take a short survey regarding their current internet access and availability. Mrs. Alky stated this survey will be making its way around in the next few months. Mrs. Alky stated this survey will allow the Partnership to show the current need for Countywide broadband, also allow for funding options, including grants.

### **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Steve Schenk, Posey County Highway Superintendent, informed the Commissioners paving has begun and should be running through October.

Mr. Schenk stated the Community Crossing Grant money has come in. Mr. Schenk stated this grant money will also be used for paving.

Larry Robb, Posey County EMA Director, stated the importance of having your home address visible on a mailbox or on the exterior of the house. Mr. Robb stated this will aid emergency vehicles in finding a house in an emergency.

Charles Thompson, Posey County EMS Director, informed the Commissioners that the new ambulance is in, and awaiting the final touches before it can be placed into service.

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

DOC: 9

Sullivan County: 5

Vanderburgh County: 57

Posey County: 53

For a total of 124 inmates

Sheriff Latham stated last month he took in the following amounts:

Vanderburgh: \$65,666.00

Sullivan: \$5,425.00

Sheriff Latham stated he is still trying to figure out the formula that accompanies the DOC lump sum for the inmates that Posey County is housing for them. Sheriff Latham stated he has reached out multiple times with no response. Sheriff Latham informed the Commissioners he would continue to try to find this out.

C. Schmitz stated the Commissioners will be looking into forming a Posey County Census Bureau Committee. Mr. Schmitz stated this will include a representative from the County, and also from each of the Cities and Towns in the County.

Vicki Peerman, Posey County Treasurer, informed the Commissioners that the 2019 Tax Sale will be held Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Mrs. Peerman stated currently they have 65 parcels on the sale list.

Earl Schroeder, Posey County Resident, expressed his concern over internet situation in the County. Mr. Schroeder asked if the Partnership was planning on providing the website for the Survey to the newspapers and suggested they urge people without current internet to use the libraries to help them complete this survey. Commissioner Price stated they are planning to utilize the news media, along with paper copies of the survey as well.

C. Schmitz read the Animal Control report of August as follows:

39 Complaints

30 Animals Picked Up

1 Bite Report

C. Schmitz stated the Health Department will have an open house at the new building on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 1pm to 3pm.

The Commissioners discussed the hours of operation for the Area Plan and Building Commissioners.

No further business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Jay Price

  
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Randy Thornburg

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