

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2019

The Posey County Commissioners met in regular session at the Hovey House on Tuesday, September 17th, 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 September 4th 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

VACATION OF LAMONT ROAD

Joe Harrison, explained in June of 1996 the Commissioners vacated a portion of Lamont Road. Harrison stated once that vacation was completed; the landowners gave a portion of property allowing the County to move Lamont Road to where it is today. Mr. Harrison stated an error was made on the deed when it was deeded to the County prior. Mr. Harrison stated a corrected survey was done and the affidavit the Commissioners have before them for consideration cleans up the error.

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

CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OFFER BY VECTREN

C. Schmitz stated the Commissioners have an offer from Vectren to purchase three acres for an estimated cost of \$12,650.00. J. Price made a motion to approve this purchase; R. Thornburg seconded. C. Schmitz stated the appraisals the Commissioners gained were substantially higher. Mr. Harrison stated the County Council approved a resolution allowing the Commissioners to purchase this land at the meeting on Tuesday, September 10th, 2019. C. Schmitz stated the resolution number for the Commissioners is 2019-09-17-01. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

SEWER BOARD APPOINTMENT

C. Schmitz stated the Commissioner will need to replace Jake Tucker on the Sewer Board, as he has resigned. R. Thornburg made a motion to appoint Cheryl Reich to the Sewer Board to the remaining of Mr. Tuckers term; J. Price seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

K9 DOG FUND DISCUSSION

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, has presented an ordinance to the Commissioners for consideration of forming a K9 unit fund within the Sheriff's department. Sheriff Latham stated the Sheriff's department previously had a K9 but that officer had recently retired. Mr. Latham stated this ordinance is to allow a new fund to be created. Mr. Latham stated currently he has the following commitments from the coumnty in support of this:

\$10,000.00 committed for the K9

\$10,000.00 committed for kennels

\$40,000.00 committed for a K9 Vehicle.

J. Price made a motion to approve ordinance 2019-09-17-01 on its first reading; R, Thornburg seconded. Mr. Harrison stated this is the first reading. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Sheriff Latham stated as of today, the jail is housing the following:

DOC: 10 inmates

Sullivan: 4 inmates

Vanderburgh: 51 inmates

Posey County: 57 inmates

Total: 122 inmates

Sheriff Latham presented the Commissioners with a maintenance agreement from DeBra-Kuempel. Mr. Harrison stated he has looked over this and is in approval. Sheriff stated he has the funds in his department to fund this contract. Sheriff stated he spoke with Knox County who recommended this company.

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

Ed Goedde, Posey County Resident, provided the Commissioners with several pictures of an adjacent property to his own. Mr. Goedde stated this is not a new issue, it is the same one he has been bringing to the Commissioners for several years.

C. Schmitz stated the Commissioners are going to research how much of the culvert is on the road and the County right of way. Mr. Schmitz stated if the culvert is in the right of way, it will be removed. Mr. Schmitz informed Mr. Goedde that if the culvert is removed, it will disturb landscaping on Mr. Goedde's property. Mr. Goedde stated that would be fine.

J. Price stated the Commissioners will be looking into that.

J. Price stated he has been in contact with several residents in the Wolfinger Road area. Mr. Price stated they have concerns regarding the railroad tracks in that area. J. Price is suggesting the Commissioners draft a letter, similar to the one recently done for Smith Road, to INDOT to urge the placement of a rail crossing.

C. Schmitz urged everyone to be on the lookout for farmers, seeing as harvest has begun in the area.

No further business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.


Carl A. Schmitz


Jay Price


Randy Thornburg

ATTEST: 