

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. Commissioners Carl Schmitz, Randy Thornburg, and Jay Price; Chief Deputy Auditor Shelley Hargrove and County Attorney Joe Harrison were in attendance.

C. Schmitz opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Deacon Mark McDonald, with St. Francis Xavier at Poseyville, lead the Commissioners in the opening prayer.

MINUTES

J. Price made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 15, 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 August Clerk's report; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

COURTHOUSE ROOF BIDS

C. Schmitz stated the Commissioners received one bid for the Courthouse Roof Project as follows:

Tri State Painting:

Waterproofing System: \$196,091.00

Copula: \$157,471.00

Rubber Coat Copula: \$31,000.00

R. Thornburg stated three other contractors were contacted, but due to the specialized equipment needed, they declined to turn in bids.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve Tri-State Painting's bid at a cost of \$196,091.00; J. Price seconded. J. Price asked if this would be paid from Cum Capital. C. Schmitz stated, yes. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

LAMONT ROAD

C. Schmitz stated Lamont Road is the road that is south of where the Keck Bypass dead ends into Highway 62. C. Schmitz stated the County settled a lawsuit with United Consulting seven years ago regarding work done on this road. Mr. Schmitz stated INDOT recently opened up road projects for 2026, and after speaking with several members of the Posey County Economic Development, the County would like to apply for Lamont Road to be added to the INDOT list. Mr. Schmitz stated the cost for the County to apply is \$3,000.00.

Mr. Schmitz stated StructurePoint would be doing all the paperwork for INDOT. Mr. Schmitz stated this process is due to INDOT in November.

Steve Schenk, Posey County Highway Superintendent, asked if Bluff Road was mentioned. Mr. Schmitz stated no. Mr. Schenk stated Bluff Road dead-ends into Lamont Road, and he is worried if they open up traffic, this would cause an issue with the ditch along Bluff Road. Mr. Schenk stated the Highway Department has issues with this area already, and adding more traffic would not help. Mr. Schenk stated Bluff Road would need to be added to this project also.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this request and to include Bluff Road; J. Price seconded. Councilmember Heather Allyn stated the need for this area is there. Mrs. Allyn stated often the rail crossing overpass over the Highway is low, and often big loads will have to navigate around that. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Steve Schenk, Posey County Highway Superintendent, informed the Commissioners they are finishing up paving in the next few weeks.

Cheryl Reich, Posey County Health Department, updated the Commissioners on the current COVID numbers in Posey County. Mrs. Reich stated the County currently has 133 active, positive cases and 449 total. Mrs. Reich stated the schools have had a total of 37 cases since school began, and this includes private schools also. Mrs. Reich stated this does not include students in quarantine. Mrs. Reich stated the number for the nursing home was 19 residents with positive cases and six staff with one resident and one staff recovered. C. Schmitz stated North Posey is out on fall break currently and utilized virtual learning for one week.

R. Thornburg asked if North Posey would be going back next week to in-person classes. The Health Department stated as far as they have been informed, yes.

Vicki Peerman, Posey County Treasurer, stated not all properties sold at the recent tax sale; however, roughly \$119,000.00 was brought in on that tax sale. Mr. Schmitz stated the County will hold a Commissioner sale next year.

R. Thornburg gave the following updated from Indiana Workforce Development:

Unemployment Rates:

U.S 8.4%
Indiana 6.4%
Vanderburgh 6.4%
Perry 5.5%
Pike 5.4%
Knox 5.1%
Gibson 4.7%
Spencer 4.7%
Warrick 4.7%
Dubois 4.5%
Posey County 4.1%

Top 5 percentage of claims:

Manufacturing 18.8%
Food Service 15.7%
Retail 10.2%
Admin/Waste 9.2%
Construction 8.4%

Top 5 job listings:

1. Cutting/Punch/Press Machinist
2. Production Workers
3. Farm Workers
4. Customer Service
5. Registered Nurses

Shelley Hargrove, Chief Deputy Auditor, stated the Auditor has spoken with Carl Schmitz and Heather Allyn regarding the County's Annual Christmas Party. Mrs. Hargrove stated both Carl and Heather, along with Maegan, did not believe that it was safe to have the entire County gather for the annual Christmas Party. Mrs. Hargrove stated the Christmas planning committee met to brainstorm several ideas. Mrs. Hargrove stated she is asking permission from the Commissioners to close the County Buildings on Tuesday, December 8th, 2020, for an hour and a half. Mrs. Hargrove stated this would allow each department to decide how to celebrate within their own offices. R. Thornburg made a motion to allow this request; J. Price seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Commissioner Jay Price read the following Sheriff's report:


Current housing:

29 Vanderburgh County
16 DOC
65 Posey County
Total 110

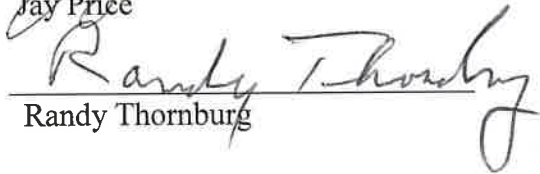
\$30,400.00 was taken in from Vanderburgh County.

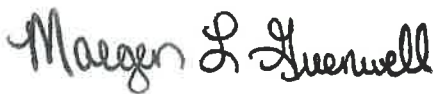
C. Schmitz reminded everyone that early voting has begun.

No other business was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned.


Carl Schmitz


Jay Price


Randy Thornburg



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell


Chief Deputy Auditor