

## POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, November 2, 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. Judge Clowers led the Commissioners in the opening prayer.

### MINUTES

R. Thornburg stated C. Schmitz was the Commissioner who seconded the Executive Order proposal, not himself.

J. Price made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2020 regular meeting pending correction of the seconding of the Executive Order; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### CLAIMS

J. Price made a motion to approve the claims as presented; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Posey County Health Officer, Dr. Kyle Rapp, and County Health Nurse Martye Fritts addressed the Commissioners regarding the current state of the County in regards to COVID-19.

Dr. Rapp stated the County did move from the red designation back to the orange. Dr. Rapp stated the Department is recommending the Commissioners extend the Executive Order limiting gatherings to 150 people for one more week.

J. Price asked if the Health Department has experienced any backlash from this order. Dr. Rapp stated not much. Dr. Rapp stated the Department had taken several calls to have events over 150 people approved. Dr. Rapp stated those requests are not being denied, and the Department is helping to mitigate those requests. Dr. Rapp gave the following update on numbers:

198 active cases today

873 total cases

Eleven deaths as of today. 5 of those deaths from long-term care facilities

J. Price made a motion to extend the Executive Order for one week; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-1, with R. Thornburg voting against.

Dr. Rapp stated the part-time nurse that was discussed at the last Commissioners meeting has since declined the contract. Dr. Rapp stated they have another part-time nurse who is willing to help with the Poseyville location on Wednesdays. Dr. Rapp stated they would not be working the entire 29 hours.

County Attorney, Joe Harrison, stated Carl has the authority to extend the Executive Order outside of a Commissioner meeting.

### PARK AND REC DISCUSSION

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

### COUNTY INSURANCE

County Insurance Agent, Ted Thompson, stated at the last Commissioners meeting he was waiting for Anthem to respond to his request to reconsider their offer. Mr. Thompson stated Anthem came back with a 2% decrease. Mr. Thompson stated everything else stayed the same and that a 2% decrease would be passed along to the employee.

J. Price made a motion to approve using Anthem for County Insurance; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### STRUCTURE POINT LAMONT ROAD CONTRACT

C. Schmitz stated this is an updated contract for \$3,000.00 with Structure Point for design work on the INDOT/Lamont Road construction proposal. Mr. Schmitz stated the updated contract only goes to Lower Mt. Vernon Road, as requested.

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

### INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT SHERIFF

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, is requesting to enter an inter-local agreement with Madison County to house inmates at the Posey County Jail.

Mr. Harrison stated he had reviewed this agreement, and it is in order.

Sheriff Latham stated this should give a more consistent number of inmates, as Madison County is in need of space.

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

### ARC CONTRACT/ADA RAMP

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the contract with ARC Construction for the construction of the ADA ramp for the Coliseum; J. Price seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, gave the following update on housing numbers:

17 DOC Inmates

42 Vanderburgh County Inmates

68 Posey County Inmates

128 Total

Sheriff Latham thanked the Commissioners, the Council members, and Mr. Thompson for working hard to lower the cost of the insurance for County employees.

Posey County EMS Director, Chris Neaveill, stated he had provided Commissioner Price with a proposal for a new ambulance. Mr. Neaveill stated the proposal is for \$164,962.00, with a trade-in total of \$3,500.00. Mr. Neaveill stated the timeline would be 25-45 days until delivery.

C. Schmitz asked if this is the only bid.

Mr. Neaveill stated he only had one other bid that was six to seven thousand dollars more.

Mr. Harrison stated the Commissioners would need to be provided with these quotes, and if one more could be obtained, that would be optimal. C. Schmitz asked this be done at the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, informed the Commissioners that open enrollment for insurance would be taking place Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> through Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Greenwell stated Mr. Thompson's schedule is as follows:

November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at the Mt. Vernon Garage from 7:00 am to 8:00 am.

November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Poseyville Garage from 7:00 am to 8:00 am.

November 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> at the Coliseum from 8:30 am until 2:00 pm.

C. Schmitz stated the Commissioners would like to thank the Highway Department for their hard work during the recent heavy rain.

Posey County Council President, Heather Allyn, stated the Council had a special meeting recently to approve the hiring of two new Sheriff Deputy positions in Posey County. Mrs. Allyn stated the Sheriff was also able to hire one more Deputy to fill a vacant position, and all three Deputies were sworn in Thursday of last week.

Ed Battieger, Posey County Building Commissioner, informed the Commissioners that the Coliseum Board was able to secure a volunteer contractor who is willing to re-finish the front doors to the Coliseum at no cost to the County. Mr. Battieger stated this is a local contractor who has done paintwork on the Coliseum exterior previously.

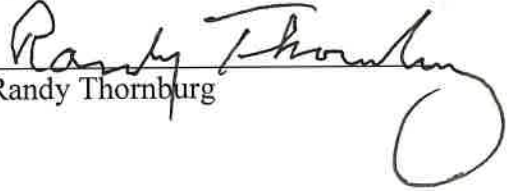
No other business was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned.

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Carl Schmitz



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Jay Price

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Randy Thornburg



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Maegen L. Greenwell  
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