

**POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020.**

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, December 1, 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. Pastor Wayne Nall shared a prayer.

**MINUTES**

J. Price made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2020 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.

**FIRST RESPONDER OF THE YEAR**

Larry Robb, Posey County EMA Director, presented the Harry Logan First Responder of the Year Award to Posey County Health Nurse, Martye Fitts. Mr. Robb stated Mrs. Fitts tireless efforts to combat COVID-19 in Posey County were the contributing factor for selecting her to receive this award.

**YEARLY BID AWARDED**

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, gave the following recommendations for awarding the yearly bids:

Section 1 Gasoline: Wabash Valley (only bid)

Section 2 Diesel Fuel: Wabash Valley(only bid)

Section 3 Tire/Tubes: Ries Tire (only bid)

Section 4 Culvert/Pipe: Utility Pipe (low bid)

Section 4 Metal Culvert/Bridges: Civilcon and E3 (accepting both)

Section 5 Gravel: Mulzer Stone (only bid)

Section 6 Stone: Mulzer Stone (only bid)

Section 9 Rates and Labor: Chastain Excavating and Russell Excavating (accepting both)

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the recommendations on the yearly bids; J. Price seconded.

J. Price asked if the fuel bid included EMS and Sheriff. Maegen Greenwell, Posey County Auditor, stated they were in the advertisement but was unaware if the bid from Wabash Valley stated EMS and Sheriff. Mrs. Greenwell stated she would follow up and bring this back to the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

**BLUEGRASS ESTATE**

David Esche, the owner of Bluegrass Estates, addressed the Commissioner regarding Olivia Drive. Mr. Esche is requesting the Highway Department and the County take over Olivia Drive. Mr. Esche stated he has spoken with Mr. Schenk, and he has inspected said road. Mr. Schenk stated he had inspected the road, and it is up to the County's specifications to take over. Mr. Schenk stated the only recommendation he has is for Mr. Esche to supply the road signs. Mr. Schenk stated the County would provide the hardware for the signs. Mr. Esche stated that this has been taking care of.

R. Thornburg made a motion to accept Olivia Drive as a County Road; J. Price seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

**PROBATION CONTRACT**

Michelle Fortune, Posey County Chief Probation Officer, addressed the Commissioners regarding a contract with Empowerment Behavioral Service LLC. Mrs. Fortune stated this is a renewal of a current contract the department has with Empowerment. Posey County Commissioner Attorney, Joe Harrison, stated he has looked at this document and approves.

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

### **CODE RED AGREEMENT**

Larry Robb, Posey County EMA Director, presented the Commissioners with a renewal for the Code Red emergency system that the County uses. Mr. Robb stated this is a renewal of a current contract and will extend for three years. Mr. Robb stated the new contract includes two updates to the current system; one will allow for up to three different language options and the other an option to integrate the system with IPAWS, allowing for message transmission to other devices. Mr. Robb stated this is a three-year contract and paid yearly.

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

### **2021 COMMISSIONERS SCHEDULE**

J. Price made a motion to approve the 2021 Commissioners Schedule as presented; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **2021 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the 2021 Holiday Schedule; J. Price seconded.

C. Schmitz stated this would include two floating holidays for the non-election year. Mr. Schmitz stated the two floating holidays do not have to be used by at the same time by every employee.

The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **CLERK SURPLUS**

Kay Kilgore, Posey County Clerk addressed the Commissioners with a need to surplus an old desk. Mrs. Kilgore stated the desk would be available for the remainder of the day for anyone in the County wanting to come look at it, to see if they could utilize the desk.

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

### **LAMONT ROAD AGREEMENT**

C. Schmitz stated the Commissioners need to sign an agreement with Structure Point for the proposed project on Lamont Road. Mr. Harrison stated this is a financial plan for the proposed project. Mr. Harrison stated the total cost of the project would be \$4,448,000.00, with the local match cost to the County of \$889,600.00. Mr. Harrison stated this would be spread over three years as follows:

2022: \$112,000.00

2024: \$22,600.00

2026: \$755,000.00

Mr. Harrison stated this agreement just lets the State know where we will gather funds for this project if awarded.

R. Thornburgh made a motion to approve this request; J. Price seconded.

C. Schmitz stated he has spoken with the Economic Development Commission in regards to using AstraZeneca TIF funds for this agreement.

The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **SHERIFF GRANT**

Mrs. Greenwell stated a COVID Relief Grant was applied for regarding the Sheriff's Office.

Mrs. Greenwell stated this was for a total of \$56,763.31 that will be used for overtime expenses and to place new filters on the jail.

J. Price made a motion to move forward with the grant application; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, presented a quote for replacing bridge 243 on Broadway Ave. Mr. Schenk stated this is a modular bridge that will be built at their shop and delivered to the site. Mr. Schenk stated the price for the bridge is \$79,870.00 only, not the design or installation.

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

Mr. Schenk informed the Commissioners that there is a contractor working on building a cell tower on St. Phillips Road that he is having issues with tearing up the roads. Mr. Schenk stated this is a newly paved road, and he has spoken with them previously about tracking mud and rocks onto the road. Mr. Schenk is asking permission to send a bill for repairs to the road to the contract company.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this request; J. Price seconded. Mr. Harrison asked if photos were taken. Mr. Schenk stated he was not sure but would check. Mr. Harrison stated if it happens again, to take photos.

The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Posey County Health Department gave the following updated:

1303 Total COVID Cases in Posey County

198 Active COVID Cases

18 Deaths

Posey County will be in Orange for the week with a total positive rate of 2.2%.

Posey County EMS Director, Chris Neaveill, informed the Commissioners he has three companies that are interested in bidding on the Ambulance that was advertised.

Posey County Commissioner, Randy Thornburg, stated the handicap ramp at the Coliseum is moving along. Mr. Thornburg stated he has spoken with the contractor completing the painting project at the Courthouse, and that will hopefully be moving along faster.

Posey County Chief Deputy Sheriff, Jeremy Fortune, gave the following report:

17 DOC Inmates

35 Vanderburgh County Inmates

61 Posey County Inmates

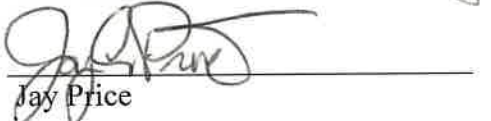
113 Total.

Deputy Fortune informed the Commissioners that the Sheriff is on a ten-day quarantine.


Posey County Sewer District representative, Aaron Wilson, stated the district just closed on the Schneider Lane property for the Regional Sewer District project. Mr. Wilson stated there will be a public meeting on December 2 and 6pm at South Terrace School.

No other business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Jay Price

  
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Randy Thornburg

  
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Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell