

POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12TH, 2019

The Posey County Council met in regular session at the Hovey House on Tuesday, February 12th, 2019 at 9:00am. The following members were present at said meeting: Heather Allyn, Stefani Miller, Marilyn Brenton, Dave Pearce, Tom Schneider and Aaron Wilson; Council Attorney William Bender; and Auditor, Sarah Beth Meighen. Council member Robert Gentil, was absent.

H. Allyn called the Posey County Council meeting to order at 9:00am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

M. Brenton made a motion to approve the Minutes from the January Council meeting; S. Miller seconded. T. Schneider stated the start time needs to be updated in the second paragraph. M. Brenton amended her motion to reflect the time change in the second paragraph; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

TREASURER REPORT

T. Schneider made a motion to approve the December and January Treasurer's report; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

TREASURER'S YEAR END REPORT

Posey County Treasurer, Vicki Peerman, read the Treasurer's 2018 year-end report to the Council as follows:

Bank account balances as of December 31, 2018:

United Fidelity Operating \$10,084,956.65
Community State Bank Interest: \$3,000,000.00
Community State Bank: \$57,626.72
Trust Indiana: \$10,141,641.63
United Fidelity Interest: \$26,965.77
United Fidelity Blight: \$1,336.25
Old National Bank: \$1,586,041.08
Total: \$24,898,568.10

Now Interest:

Community State Bank Interest: \$2,095.89
Community State Bank: \$219.56
Old National Bank: \$99.39
Trust IN: \$148,175.12
United Fidelity Interest Checking: \$78,026.35
United Fidelity Checking: \$113,306.22
Total: \$341,922.53

Mrs. Peerman broke down the two CD's that the County has invested in for 2018:

Edit Fund United Fidelity Bank

Purchased: 10/12/17
Matured on: 1/11/2018
Rate: .55%
Amount Invested \$303,578.28
Interest: \$416.28

Reinvested:

Purchased: 1/18/2018

Matured on: 7/11/2018

Rate: .80%

Amount Invested \$403,994.56

Interest: \$1,611.59

Edit Fund Community State Bank

Purchased: 7/12/2018

Matured on: 7/12/2019

Rate: 1.75%

Amount Invested \$

Interest: \$

Congressional School Community State Bank

Purchased: 10/12/2017

Matured on: 7/12/2018

Rate: .70%

Amount Invested \$44,000.00

Interest: \$230.37

Reinvested:

Purchased on: 7/12/2018

Matured on: 7/12/2019

Rate: 1.75%

Amount Invested \$44,000.00

Interest: \$

Mrs. Peerman stated the County also has a US Agency Bond as follows:

Purchased on: 6/26/2018

Matured on: 6/26/2020

Rate: 2.75%

Amount Invested \$488,250.15

Interest as of now: \$3,375.00

A. Wilson made a motion to approve the 2018 Treasurer's year-end report; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

A. Wilson thanked Mrs. Peerman for the in-depth report.

SHERIFF ADMINISTRATIVE SALARY

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, spoke to Council regarding removing the Administrative Assistant position from the Sheriff and Jail matrix. Mr. Latham stated he was unaware when that position became part of the matrix but would like to have it placed on the pay scale the County uses for the majority of their offices. Mr. Latham explained the Administrative Assistant for the Sheriff Department recently resigned and he is in the process of hiring a new Admin. Assistant. Mr. Latham stated he would like to start his new employee at a salary of \$35,883.00. Mr. Latham stated he had consulted with the Auditor to get an idea of what other Administrative Assistants made in the county. A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request for \$35,883.00; S. Miller seconded. T. Schneider asked about the \$1,000.00 salary deduction for new hires. A. Wilson amended his motion to reflect the \$1,000.00 salary deduction for a starting salary of \$34,883.00; S. Miller seconded. The Council discussed the fact the salary ordinance spells this out \$1,000.00 deduction directions for the Auditor's office and the starting on the salary ordinance should actually state \$35,883.00. A. Wilson amended his motion to reflect the starting salary of \$35,883.00; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

SHERIFF COMMISSARY ORDINANCE

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, spoke to the Council regarding the Commissary Ordinance. Mr. Latham stated yearly the Sheriff and County Council must agree on how the Sheriff's Commissary funds are to be spent. Mr. Latham stated he would be using these funds for training, equipment, and kitchen food. T. Schneider asked what funds were currently in the Commissary line. Mr. Latham stated that varies from day to day but roughly \$60,000.00. Mr. Latham stated the Ordinance the Council is agreeing to is 2013-12-10-01. A. Wilson made a motion to adopt the Sheriff's Commissary Ordinance; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Dennis Schaffer, with the Posey County Health Department, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,115.00. Mr. Schaffer stated this is money needed to reimburse Cum Capital for title work expenses on the new Health Department building. A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Dennis Schaffer, with the Posey County Health Department, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$25,000.00. Mr. Schaffer stated this money is needed reimburse the County for work done on the new Health Department building. A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Steve Schenk, Posey County Highway Superintendent, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,106.06. Mr. Schenk stated this a reimbursement from Farm Bureau for damaged guard rails. S. Miller made a motion to approve this request; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Steve Schenk, Posey County Highway Superintendent, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$78,605.50. Mr. Schenk stated this is money reimbursed from the State for the bridge study. Mr. Schenk stated this a Federal program that is administered by the State, with the state reimbursing the County 80% once the study is complete. S. Miller made a motion to approve this request; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$125,000.00. Mr. Latham stated this request is made every year so that funds may be used from Jail Maintenance fund for Repairs and Maintenance. D. Pearce made a motion to approve this request; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$125,000.00. Mr. Latham stated this request is made every year so that funds may be used from Jail Maintenance fund for equipment. D. Pearce made a motion to approve this request; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$15,586.00. Mr. Latham stated this request is made every year so that funds may be used from Jail Maintenance fund for supplies. S. Miller made a motion to approve this request; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, is request a reimbursement in the amount of \$14,036.3. Mr. Latham stated this a refund check from EMC due to damage done to a vehicle. A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

UPDATES

Steve Schenk, Posey County Highway Superintendent, read the Council the following year-end information on County roads:

Overlay on Blacktop:

Total miles: 17.8

Total: \$1,448,278.92

Average Per Mile: \$81,363.99/mile

Overlay on Chip and Seal:

Total miles: 12.36

Total: \$1,351,340.38

Average Per Mile: \$109,331.75/mile

Recycled Roads:

Total miles: 15.31

Total: \$510,882.76

Average Per Mile: \$33,369.22/mile

Chip and Seal:

Total miles: 12.76

Total: \$451,541.10

Average Per Mile: \$35,387.24/mile

Total Miles: 58.23

Total: \$3,762,043.16

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, informed the Commissioners the jail is currently housing 102 inmates with 50 of those being housed for Vanderburgh County.

Posey County Council member, Stefani Miller, informed the Council at the January Solid Waste meeting, it was determined that the department is now operating in the black. Mrs. Miller stated the department is expecting not to need the \$75,000.00 loan from the County this year, and if they do, it will be much less than \$75,000.00.


Carl Schmitz, Posey County Commissioners, introduced Jason Knowles as the newly appointed E-911 Director.

Mr. Knowles informed the Council that the radio project is still moving forward and is expecting to be complete in March. Mr. Knowles stated all departments are ready for the switch.

Posey County resident, Earl Schroeder, addressed the Council regarding a recent house bill proposed to do away with County Township Trustees. Mr. Schroeder stated he is not in favor of this bill. Mr. Schroeder asked the Auditor to update the County Website with meeting dates and asked where cancelations will be posted.

Carl Schmitz, Posey County Commissioner, stated there will be a Cracker Barrel Session held on Saturday, February 16th, 2019 at the First United Methodist Church from 9am to 11am. Mr. Schmitz stated this will include seven of our local legislators.

No further business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.




Heather Allyn, President



Stefani Miller, Vice President

Robert A. Gentil



Marilyn Brenton



Dave Pearce



Thomas Schneider



Aaron Wilson

ATTEST:



Sarah Beth Meighen, Posey County Auditor