

POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL TUESDAY MAY 12TH, 2020

The Posey County Council met in regular session at the Hovey House on Tuesday, May 12th, 2020 at 9:00am. The following members were present at said meeting: Heather Allyn, Tom Schneider, Marilyn Brenton (via teleconference), Aaron Wilson, Robert Gentil (via teleconference); County Attorney Joe Harrison; and Auditor, Maegen Greenwell. Council members Dave Pearce and Stefani Miller were absent.

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

MINUTES

T. Schneider made a motion to approve meeting minutes from the April 2020 A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Wilson made a motion to approve the March Treasurer's report; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

CLERK'S REPORT

A. Wilson made a motion to approve the February and March Clerk's report; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

H. Allyn asked Vicki Peerman, Posey County Treasurer, if she had an update on property tax collections.

Mrs. Peerman stated deadline was Monday, May 11th and as of end of day on deadline the County was down roughly \$200,000. Mrs. Peerman stated this was a good figure compared to other years. Mrs. Peerman stated the State has a procedure to help with settlement and at the most, entities would receive their funds ten days later than a normal year.

Mrs. Peerman explained that settlement would be done on June 30, if there would be shortfall, there will be an advance draw on fall of 2020.

H. Allyn asked if most of the larger companies in the County have paid on time. Mrs. Peerman stated yes.

R. Gentil asked if we have any idea how the local option income tax will be affected. Mrs. Peerman stated as far as settlement, there would be no effect.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Posey County Treasurer, Vicki Peerman, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$259.00 for School Travel. Mrs. Peerman stated because of Covid-19 the Treasurers Conference was canceled, this request is to place those funds back into her School Travel line.

T. Schneider made a motion to approve this request; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Posy County Clerk, Kay Kilgore, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$102.09 for the Clerk's Circuit Court Supplies. H. Allyn stated this is placing funds credited to the Clerk from Office Depot back into her supply line to be used this year.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Posey County Superior Court Judge, Travis Clowers, is requesting two additional appropriations in the amounts of \$894.00 and \$62.00. Judge Clowers stated \$894.00 for the Pauper Attorney Fees is due to an overpayment to an attorney that was returned, this would be placing those funds back into that line. Judge Clowers stated 62.00 for the Superior Court Supply line. Judge Clowers explained these funds were from returned toners.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve these requests; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

H. Allyn asked Judge Clowers for an update on his Pauper and Guardian Ad Litem accounts. Judge Clowers stated they have roughly \$50,800.00 in the Pauper Attorney line and \$28,267.00 in the Guardian Ad Litem line. Judge Clowers stated he feels that Superior Court is in a good spot with these lines, although he is not sure what will happen when the Courts re-open fully. Mrs. Allyn asked when that is looking to happen. Judge Clowers stated he is looking from directions from the Supreme Court to be handed down today regarding that.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$4,000.00 in the Insurance line. Mrs. Greenwell stated these funds will bring the Insurance line back in balance. Mrs. Greenwell stated the County has bought several vehicles this year that were not budgeted for in the insurance line. Mrs. Greenwell stated she has been in contact with Andy Weintraut at Schultheis who is working on a report of vehicles that have been added or taken off the County insurance in the last few years. Mrs. Greenwell stated she would share that with the Council as soon as she receives it. Mrs. Greenwell stated the problem is, when budgeting this line, we are budgeting what the yearly bill is but not taking into consideration when new vehicles are purchased. H. Allyn asked if this would last throughout the end of the year. Mrs. Greenwell stated no, this is just to get the line out of the negative, any more vehicles purchased this year will require an additional for this line. Mrs. Allyn asked how many vehicles were purchased. Mrs. Greenwell stated roughly six to eight. Mrs. Greenwell stated the Sheriff's Office has purchased five new vehicles and the Commissioners purchased a new vehicle.

T. Schneider asked how many have been sold. Mrs. Greenwell stated none, as of this year.

Mrs. Greenwell stated at the beginning of the year, Commissioner Price audited the vehicle policy to ensure that the Commissioners were only paying insurance on vehicles that they still owned.

Mrs. Allyn asked Sheriff Latham if he has any plans to dispose of any vehicles at this time. Sheriff Latham stated he has made a request to the Commissioners to surplus four vehicles at this time.

M. Brenton made a motion to approve this request; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, is requesting the following additional appropriations:

Sheriff Reserve 1172:

\$4,000.00 in Uniforms line

\$6,000.00 in Equipment line

\$6,000.00 in Vehicle/Maintenance line

\$3,000.00 in Training line

\$2,373.73 in Fee line

Sheriff Latham explained this fund has generally been housed with the Sheriff's Office, but State Board of Accounts has recently asked this fund be placed with the Auditor. Sheriff Latham stated the County Attorney drafted an ordinance to set this fund up. Sheriff Latham explained this request is to appropriate these funds into each line. Sheriff Latham explained these are funds that Reserve Deputies earn by working various jobs from the public.

H. Allyn asked if these expenses were paid previously from the Reserve Fund. Sheriff Latham stated he could not speak to prior administrations but moving forward that would be the case.

T. Schneider asked if the Reserve Deputies have any input in spending these funds. Sheriff Latham stated yes, it is funds they have earned; however, the ordinance is written to give the Sheriff sole custody over the funds. Mr. Schneider asked why the lines in this fund were broken down into the given accounts. Sheriff Latham stated the Auditor's office created those lines within the fund.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; B. Gentil seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Sheriff K9 4905:

\$17,000.00 in Equipment Line

\$1,000.00 in Supply Line

\$1,000.00 in Repairs and Maintenance

\$41.58 in Training

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T. Schnedier made a motion to approve this request; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Lit Public Safety 1170:

\$15,873.24 in Vehicle Supply line

Sheriff Latham explained this request is to appropriate these funds back into the Vehicle Supply line from an insurance check that was received from an accident.

Lit Public Safety 1170:

\$800.00 in Printing not Supplies line

\$1,000.00 in Repair of Vehicle line

\$2,435.00 in Uniform line

Sheriff Latham explained these funds were from a canceled contract with Advanced Disposal and he is requesting to have them appropriated into these various lines. Sheriff Latham stated the Office canceled the contract with Advance Disposal and will be using a less expensive alternative with Marshal Disposal who is a local company.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve these requests; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Posey County Prosecutor, Thomas Clowers, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$8,993.75 in the Contractual Service line. Mr. Clowers explained this is a portion of funds that were seized from a local drug dealer. Mr. Clowers explained this is distributed according to IC code, and this portion is to pay the attorneys who assisted in the process. Mr. Clowers stated there will be two other additions associated with this case that will be presented at the next Council meeting.

T. Schneider made a motion to approve this request; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

Posey County Dispatch is requesting a reimbursement of \$88.99 on a double payment in the Office Supply line.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

H. Allyn stated the Council is still working with the Commissioners on the Jail Maintenance fund. Mrs. Allyn stated this is the 60/40 split fund with the County and the Jail. Mrs. Allyn stated this will be on the agenda in June to discuss further.

H. Allyn stated the Council will be receiving an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$2,308.88 for purchasing counter and desk shields for the County offices to reopen to the public. Mrs. Allyn stated those shields are being delivered today.

H. Allyn stated currently the Alexandrian Public Library does not have to go through the binding review process with the Council; however, a state statute change last year could change that status. Mrs. Allyn stated they are working with the County Attorney to see what the Counties options are.

H. Allyn asked Posey County Assessor, Nancy Hoehn, where they are on the Springfeild re-plat issue. Mrs. Hoehn stated that was put on hold but they could continue to move forward if that is what the Council wishes.

H. Allyn thanked Trustee Donnie Mercer and other Community Leaders who played a role in securing a Covid-19 testing site in the County. Mrs. Allyn stated this is a State testing site open to anyone in the State of Indiana. Mrs. Allyn stated the site will be at the Wilson Community Center off of Highway 69, and information can be found with the County Health Nurse.

H. Allyn stated she has spoken with the Economic Development Director, Jenna Richardt, who informed her she is working with a large company who has been looking at the Port as a development site. Mrs. Richardt stated that site is within the companies top two location choices.

Mrs. Allyn stated the County logo contest that was held with the local High Schools provided many entries. Mrs. Allyn stated this is still moving forward.

H. Allyn stated the Broadband Grant applications are due to be submitted on May 26th. Mrs. Allyn stated they still need a few more residents in specific areas to fill out the survey regarding internet access.

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, provided the following housing numbers:

22 Vanderburgh County inmates
10 DOC inmates
50 Posey County
82 Total inmates

Sheriff Latham stated they have not been taking any outside inmates from other Counties during the Covid 19 pandemic and he expects those numbers to increase as weather gets warmer.

Posey County Sewer District representatives, Aaron Wilson, stated the Board held a public meeting via Zoom on April 30th and they will hold another public meeting in the future regarding the Wadesville/Blairsville project. Mr. Wilson stated that project is estimated to cost roughly 11 million dollars and they are expecting to obtain 8-9 million dollars in grants for that project.

Mr. Wilson stated the Harbor Town system is up and running and things are moving along good.

Posey County Council Attorney, Joe Harrison, stated the current State of Emergency will run through the end of the current day, and the Commissioners are expected to extend that through May 19. Mr. Harrison stated this is regarding County Government Buildings.

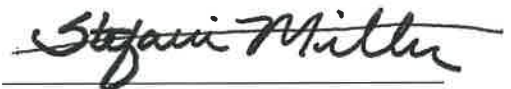
Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, asked that any department heads please return their completed form 1's as soon as possible.

Posey County Treasurer, Vicki Peerman, stated her office does not anticipate on removing the shields that were put in place.

No further business was discussed and the meeting adjourned.



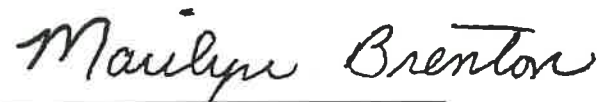
Heather Allyn, President



Stefani Miller, Vice President



Robert A. Gentil



Marilyn Brenton

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ATTEST: Margen L. Howell
Posey County Auditor