

POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL MONDAY JUNE 8, 2020

The Posey County Council met in regular session at the Hovey House on Monday, June 8th, 2020 at 9:00 am. The following members were present at the said meeting: Heather Allyn, Tom Schneider, Marilyn Brenton, Aaron Wilson, Robert Gentil, Dave Pearce, Stefani Miller; County Attorney Joe Harrison; and Auditor, Maegen Greenwell.

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

MINUTES

M. Brenton made a motion to approve meeting minutes from the May 2020 Council meeting with making a change to Trustee Donnie Mercer's name in regards to the COVID-19 testing site; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

CLERK'S REPORT

T. Schneider made a motion to approve the April Clerk's report; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Wilson made a motion to approve the May Treasurer's report; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

H. Allyn informed the Council that instead of the Council meeting for budget hearings for three days, this year they will be meeting with department heads beginning after the July and August Council meetings. Mrs. Allyn stated this will allow the Council to avoid meeting for three to four long days consecutively. Mrs. Allyn stated that departments that are not requesting changes outside of salary would not have to meet with the Council if they chose not to.

R. Gentil stated he would like to see the Commissioners lay out a plan for replacing vehicles.

H. Allyn stated the Council and Commissioners would be holding a Joint Meeting on July 7th following the Commissioner's meeting to discuss the Jail Maintenance fund and review preliminary health insurance numbers.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated she has been in contact with the representative from the Department of Local Government Finance. Mrs. Greenwell stated Mr. Norris informed her they are forecasting a 3% increase in new money. Mrs. Greenwell stated that would not be known until the end of June officially.

T. Schneider asked what the time frame will be for the hearings in July and August. Mrs. Allyn stated she hopes to be done by 11:30 am.

County Attorney, Joe Harrison, asked those dates be advertised.

H. Allyn stated the July and August meetings will also involve abatement reviews.

SPRINGFIELD SURVEY

Posey County Assessor, Nancy Hoehn, addressed the Council regarding the need for a re-plat in the Springfield area.

Mrs. Hoehn stated she has been in contact with Greg Kissel and Koester to perform the survey. Mrs. Hoehn stated she is anticipating a budget between \$10,000 and \$20,000. Mrs. Hoehn stated this would depend on several factors, including how many landowners are affected. Mrs. Hoehn stated she believes they will have to have some type of meeting with the current landowners to determine who is affected. H. Allyn asked if Mrs. Hoehn knows how many landowners are affected. Mrs. Hoehn stated close to twenty.

Mrs. Hoehn stated one option is to do a re-plat, which would vacate everything done previously. Mrs. Hoehn stated Lynn Township Trustee could possibly help with the cost.

R. Gentil made a motion to approve a maximum of \$14,000.00 for this project; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Posey County Health Department is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,000.00 to the Contractual Service line. Mr. Schaefer stated these funds are needed for lawn mowing and exterminating services. S. Miller made a motion to approve this request; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Posey County Circuit Court Judge, Craig Goedde, is requesting two additional appropriations in the amounts of \$20,000.00 for Guardian Ad Litem and \$175,000.00 for Pauper Attorney lines. A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Posey County EMS Director, Chris Neaveill, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$500.00 for the Donation line. Mr. Neaveill stated this donation was from the Mt. Vernon Eagles. S. Miller made a motion to approve this request; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the Solid Waste Loan line. Mrs. Greenwell stated this was approved at the previous Council meeting. R. Gentil made a motion to approve this request; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$591.00 for the Area Plan Supply line. Mrs. Greenwell explained this is for an invoice that should have been paid in 2019 but was not. Mr. Greenwell stated this is to pay that invoice in 2020. S. Miller made a motion to approve this request; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$18,026.91 for the Contractual Service line. Mr. Schenk stated this is a reimbursement for the bridge study. T. Schneider made a motion to approve this request; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

Posey County EMS Director, Chris Neaveill, is requesting reimbursement in the amount of \$280.00. Mr. Neaveill stated this is repayment for training that did not occur. T. Schneider made a motion to approve this request; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Posey County EMS Director, Chris Neaveill, informed Council his department is moving forward during this time. Mr. Neaveill stated they are covered PPE wise. Mr. Neaveill stated the Commissioners voted to resume the collection process in August. Mr. Neaveill stated that the process was halted due to the pandemic. Mrs. Allyn asked how his staffing currently is. Mr. Neaveill stated he is full currently but is hiring four part-time employees soon.

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, stated his department has begun the process of recycling roads. Mr. Schenk stated this would take two to three weeks then they would begin paving.

Posey County Prosecutor, Thomas Clowers, introduced the new Deputy Prosecutor, Georgina Masterson.

Posey County Economic Development Partnership Director, Jenna Richardt, informed the Council she had submitted the Next Level Broadband Grant and that would be announced on August 29th, 2020.

Posey County Clerk, Kay Kilgore, gave the Council an update on the recent election. Mrs. Kilgore stated there were a total of 3800 votes with 1200 of those absentee ballots. Mrs. Allyn stated the vote centers were received well.

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


8 DOC Inmates

20 Vanderburgh Inmates

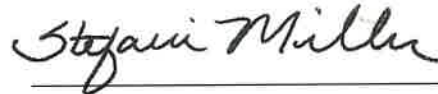
62 Posey County Inmates

Sheriff Latham stated he would begin taking Vanderburgh inmates again soon.

No further business was discussed and the meeting adjourned.

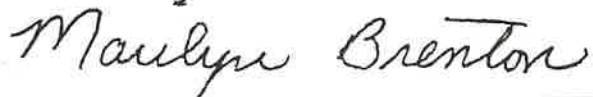


Heather Allyn, President



Stefani Miller, Vice President

Robert A. Gentil



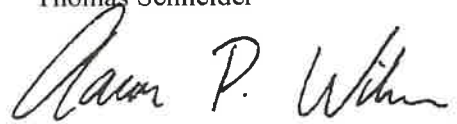
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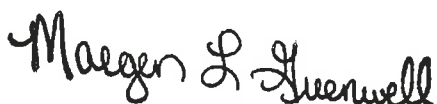
Dave Pearce



Thomas Schneider



Aaron Wilson



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Posey County Auditor