

**POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL TUESDAY AUGUST 11, 2020**

The Posey County Council met in regular session at the Hovey House on Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 am. The following members were present at the said meeting: Heather Allyn, Tom Schneider, Marilyn Brenton, Aaron Wilson, Dave Pearce, Stefani Miller, Robert Gentil, 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 James Mullins, Pastor from Turning Point, shared the prayer.

**MINUTES**

D. Pearce made a motion to approve meeting minutes from the June 2020 Council meeting; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

R. Gentil made a motion to approve the July Clerk's report; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

S. Miller made a motion to approve the July Treasurer's report; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

**NON-BINDING UNIT REVIEW**

H. Allyn stated per IC Code, Council is required to make a recommendation to the non-binding units that they must stay within the growth quotient and be mindful of the circuit breakers when preparing their 2021 budgets. Mrs. Allyn stated the Council has not seen those budget numbers in Gateway yet, and most units will not meet with the DLGF representative until later this week.

M. Brenton made a motion to provide a letter to the non-binding units stating they must stay within the growth quotient provided when submitting their budgets; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

**SABIC ABATEMENT**

Steve Nichols, with Sabic, gave the following updates on the four current abatements Sabic holds with the County:

1. 2013-08-13-01
2. 2015-04-14-01
3. 2015-04-14-01 Equipment/Co-Gen
4. 2015-09-08-01

D. Pearce questioned how the 70% sale of Sabic will impact the abatements moving forward? Mr. Nichols explained that the beneficial owner has not changed, and the company is still owned by the Saudi Government.

T. Schneider made a motion to continue the four current abatements; R. Gentil seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

**BWXT ABATEMENT**

Guy Jackson, with BWXT, addressed the Council regarding four current abatements BWXT holds with the County:

1. 2016-06-14-02
2. 2016-07-12-04: Mr. Jackson stated this project should be finished in 2020
3. 2018-10-30-01: Mr. Jackson stated this project is waiting on significant equipment and should be completed by the third quarter of 2021.

4. 2018-10-30-01 Real Property:

H. Allyn asked how many Posey County Employees BWXT employees? Mr. Jackson stated he was unsure of this number, but he would provide that information to the Auditor.

A. Wilson made a motion to continue the four current abatements; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

#### **CGB ABATEMENT**

Gary Banner, with CGB, addressed the one current abatement that CGB holds with the County:

1. 2016-06-14-01: Mr. Banner stated he is still working with the Posey County Assessor regarding issues from the Abatement discussion last year. H. Allyn asked when this project was completed. Mr. Banner stated June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Mrs. Allyn asked if there was equipment added in 2019 but the abatement was completed in 2018, where is that additional equipment. Mr. Banner stated it was all in on the 18<sup>th</sup>, but it was rolled up one more year. Mrs. Allyn stated so it would be in 18? Mr. Banner stated yes. Mr. Banner stated 43.3% of CGB employees are Posey County Residents.

Mrs. Hoehn stated on the real property abatement, the County tried to get on site earlier in the year but that was never accomplished. Mrs. Hoehn stated they were able to get on plant site two weeks ago and were able to get questions answered.

T. Schneider made a motion to approve the continuation of this abatement; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

#### **POSEY COUNTY HIGHWAY ASSET TRACKING**

Steve Schenk, Posey County Highway Superintendent, addressed the Council regarding the Asset Tracking. Mr. Schenk stated this report must be turned into the State once a year for any State funding.

Mr. Schenk stated BLN is the company that completes this study. Mr. Schenk stated BLN drives every road in the County with a specialized piece of equipment that rates the blacktop roads from 1-10, with one being the worst and ten being the best. Mr. Schenk stated the average for Posey County is 6.53, which is above average for most Counties; however, the County goal is seven in the next few years.

S. Schenk stated the Motor Vehicle funds are down \$160,000.00 from last year.

#### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST**

Posey County Prosecutor, Thomas Clowers, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,000.00. Mr. Clowers stated this is needed to pay the retainer fee for Dr. Hale for record review done for a case. Mr. Clowers stated these are not County General funds but from his Infraction Deferral fund.

R. Gentil made a motion to approve this request; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Cheryl Reich, with Posey County Health Department, is requesting the following four additional appropriations:

1. \$30,000.00 Group Insurance; needed for a new employee
2. \$5,500.00 Utilities; needed for the remainder of 2020
3. \$8,500.00 PERF; needed for a new employee
4. \$15,000.00 OT; needed to pay overtime to the Health Nurse due to COVID

A. Wilson made a motion to approve these requests; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Maegen Greenwell, Posey County Auditor, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$11,000.00. Mrs. Greenwell stated this is needed for legal services for the remainder of the year. Mrs. Greenwell stated between COVID and the glass issues at the jail, the legal service line has been depleted. Mrs. Greenwell stated she has spoken with Barns and Thornburg, who are taking care of the COVID

Cares Act funds from the County, and they have stated they are unsure if legal fees will be paid out with Cares Act funds.

S. Miller made a motion to approve this request; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Maegen Greenwell, Posey County Auditor, is requesting an additional appropriation on behalf of the Probation Department. Mrs. Greenwell stated the Probation Department is asking for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$996.00. Mrs. Greenwell stated these funds were appropriated in 2019, but the invoice was not paid until 2020.

D. Pearce made a motion to approve this request; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,551.68. Sheriff Latham stated these are funds that were paid from EMC from an issue in the basement. A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0. D. Pearce stepped out of the room.

Chris Neaveill, Posey County EMS Director, is requesting the two following additional appropriations:

1. \$90,000.00 Part-time: Mr. Neaveill stated he has spoken with the Auditors office and is requesting this be tabled. A. Wilson made a motion to table; R. Gentil seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.
2. \$100,000.00 Overtime: Mr. Neaveill stated this is due to the need to cover multiple vacation and sick leaves. S. Miller made a motion to approve this request; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

#### **REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST**

Maegen Greenwell, Posey County Auditor, is requesting a reimbursement, on behalf of the Area Plan Department, in the amount of \$31.00. Mrs. Greenwell explained this was a credit given to this department from Office Depot.

R. Gentil made a motion to approve this request; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

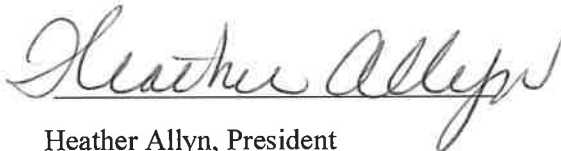
#### **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

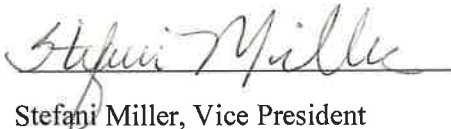
Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, gave the following inmate housing update:

88 Posey County Inmates

8 DOC

50 Vanderburgh Inmates

  
Heather Allyn, President

  
Stefani Miller, Vice President

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Robert A. Gentil

Marilyn Brenton

Marilyn Brenton

Dave Pearce

Dave Pearce

Thomas Schneider

Thomas Schneider

Aaron Wilson

Aaron Wilson

ATTEST: Margaret Sheppard  
Posey County Auditor