

**POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2020**

The Posey County Council met in regular session at the Hovey House on Wednesday, September 20<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, County Attorney Joe Harrison, and Auditor, Maegen Greenwell. Councilmember Robert Gentil was absent.

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.

H. Allyn made note that this week marks the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

H. Allyn introduced Patricia Lopez as the newest reporter for Posey County News, who will be covering County Government.

**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 6-0.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. Wilson made a motion to approve the August Treasurer's report; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**BROADBAND GRANT**

H. Allyn stated the Posey County Economic Development Partnership announced the County was awarded 3.3 million dollars in the Broadband Grant. H. Allyn stated this is less than what was applied for, but the County and PCEDP is working with Mainstream to move forward.

**SEWER GRANT**

H. Allyn stated the Posey County Sewer District was recently awarded 12 million dollars from the State of Indiana to use toward the Blairsville/Wadesville Sewer project.

**SMALL BUSINESS GRANT**

H. Allyn stated the County was awarded a \$250,000.00 grant to award \$10,000.00 grants to local businesses for COVID relief. H. Allyn stated anyone interested in a grant application should contact Jenna at PCED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST**

The Auditors office is requesting an additional appropriation on behalf of the Posey County Prosecutor, in the amount of \$5,000.00. The Auditors office explained this request was advertised with the wrong fund name for the August meeting; however, that transaction has been reversed in the financial software, and this has been re-advertised with the correct fund name. 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 two additional appropriations, one in the amount of \$136,970.00 for the Jail Maintenance fund. Sheriff Latham stated these funds are needed for the jail roof project. The second request for \$2,000.00 to the K9 fund is for funds from a donation to that K9 program. T. Schneider made a motion to approve this request; M. Brenton seconded. T. Schneider asked how the roof repair project was being funded. Sheriff Latham stated that the total amount is being paid from the

Jail Maintenance fund. T. Schneider asked if that is from housing inmates. Sheriff Latham stated, yes. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Posey County Dispatch Director, Jason Knowles, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$45,000.00 into the E911 Overtime line. Mr. Knowles stated these funds are needed for overtime line. Mr. Knowles stated his department has been short at least two dispatchers for most of the year and in some cases three. Mr. Knowles stated as of now, they are down one and should have that spot filled by the end of the month. S. Miller made a motion to approve this request; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$581,716.38. Mr. Schenk stated this is Community Crossing funds that he is requesting to be placed into the contractual service line of this fund. T. Schneider made a motion to approve this request; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

#### **REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST**

Posey County EMS Director, Chris Neaveill, is requesting a reimbursement in the amount of \$472.46. Mr. Neaveill stated these funds are from a credit that was paid to Wabash Valley. Mr. Neaveill is asking these funds be placed into the gasoline line of this fund.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve the request; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

#### **TRANSFER REQUEST**

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, is requesting a transfer in the amount of \$30,000.00 from the equipment line of the Jail Maintenance fund to the repairs and maintenance line. Sheriff Latham stated these funds will be used toward the roof project. M. Brenton made a motion to approve this request; S. Miller seconded. A. Wilson asked if there were any bond insurance on this type of project. Maegen Greenwell, Posey County Auditor, stated that it depends on the project, but yes, some projects do include this in the bids. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, is requesting a transfer on behalf of the Posey County Veterans Service Officer in the amount of \$500.00 from the school line to the office supply line. Mrs. Greenwell stated these funds will be used to cover office supplies. A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

#### **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

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

Vanderburgh: 38

DOC: 8

Posey County: 68

Total: 109

July \$34,335.00

August: \$ 47,215.00

Posey County Dispatch Director, Jason Knowles, stated the Spilman server has crashed roughly twelve times this year. Mr. Knowles explained when this system is down, it affects every emergency department. Mr. Knowles stated the current servers are six years old and has been limped along. Mr. Knowles stated the quote to replace the server is \$162,346.00. Mr. Knowles stated the Mt. Vernon Police Department has

pledged to help cover a portion of the cost. Mr. Knowles stated he is hoping to work it out within the different agencies budgets to avoid asking for an additional appropriation. H. Allyn asked if this has been or will be ordered soon. Mr. Knowles stated this is a four-month build process, and he was waiting to speak with Council before he gave the ok to start.

Jenna Richardt, with Posey County Economic Development Partnership, informed the Council that County's Small Business Grant Application process opened up as of yesterday, and several small business have already applied. Mrs. Richardt stated that process will stay open for one week.

Mrs. Richardt stated the Mt. Vernon Mural is complete, and this Thursday at 4:00 pm, they will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Mrs. Richardt invited everyone to come to the ceremony.

Mrs. Richardt stated Posey County was awarded 3.3 million dollars of the requested grant. Mrs. Richardt stated this project is moving along, with a 24 month build time.



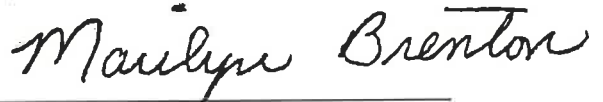
Heather Allyn, President



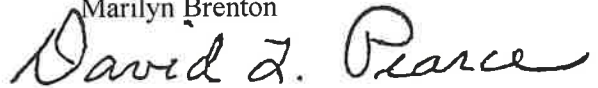
Stefani Miller, Vice President



Robert A. Gentil



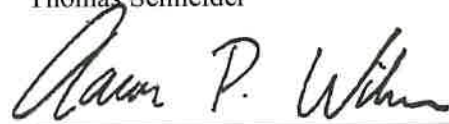
Marilyn Brenton



Dave Pearce



Thomas Schneider



Aaron Wilson



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Posey County Auditor