

**POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14, 2020**

The Posey County Council met in regular session at the Hovey House on Wednesday, October 14<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, 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**

S. Miller made a motion to approve meeting minutes from the Budget Hearing Meeting, September 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting, and September 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Council meeting; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. Wilson made a motion to approve the September Treasurer's report; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**UPDATED 2020 SALARY ORDINANCE**

H. Allyn stated every year, the Council must update the Salary Ordinance due to changes mandated by IC Code. Mrs. Allyn stated the Sheriff's salary, several Probation Officer salaries and several Highway employee salaries have changed.

D. Pearce made a motion to approve the updated 2020 Salary Ordinance; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

**FORM 4**

H. Allyn stated the Council would be signing the Form 4's today. Mrs. Allyn reminded the Council that they originally thought the insurance increase would be around 10%. Mrs. Allyn stated that is what they budgeted for. Mrs. Allyn stated Ted Thompson, the County's Insurance Agent, informed them there would be a 0% increase for insurance. Mrs. Allyn stated this frees up roughly \$200,000.00.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated she has spoken with Robert Norris and was informed the County could not re-submit the Form 3. Mrs. Greenwell stated Mr. Norris suggested any changes after now should be done as additional at the beginning of 2021.

H. Allyn stated she has spoken with Commissioner President Carl Schmitz since that \$200,000.00 is currently in the Commissioners budget. Mrs. Allyn stated Mr. Schmitz was confident the Commissioners would be on board with using that \$200,000.00 elsewhere.

T. Schneider asked what the Council should expect regarding Riverboat disbursements for the County. Mrs. Greenwell stated there is expected to be a slight decrease. Mrs. Greenwell stated that fund has a generous balance that would be able to cover any shortfall.

M. Brenton made a motion to sign the Form 4's as presented; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

**FINAL BUDGET READING**

H. Allyn opened the meeting for public commenting regarding the 2021 Posey County Budget. H. Allyn closed the meeting for public commenting regarding the 2021 Posey County Budget.

M. Brenton made a motion to approve the 2021 Posey County Budget; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

### 2021 LIT REVIEW

H. Allyn stated the 2021 LIT income revenue was not known at budget time. Mrs. Allyn stated Council was prepared for a loss on LIT revenue but has been informed that it will actually be an increase in revenue.

### E911 DISCUSSION

M. Brenton stated currently, Dispatch works 12-hour shifts that are six shifts on and two shifts off. Mrs. Brenton explained this creates a large amount of overtime, plus creates employee burnout.

Mrs. Brenton stated if the Council added a position, they would be able to move to 8-hour shifts that are five shifts on and two shifts off. Mrs. Brenton stated this would create a savings of roughly \$100,000.00 in overtime for the County.

S. Miller made a motion to add a 9<sup>th</sup> Dispatch position beginning January 1, 2021; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

### SHERIFF DEPUTY

H. Allyn stated the Council spoke during budget hearings regarding adding an additional Sheriff Deputy.

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, addressed the Council regarding the benefits of adding deputies. Sheriff Latham stated currently his deputies are working seven shifts on days, with four shifts off; seven shifts on evenings, with one shift off; and six shifts on midnights, with three shifts off.

Sheriff Latham stated he would like to move toward a schedule that would be straight shifts. Sheriff Latham stated his deputies are willing to move to this type of schedule, but it would require two new deputy positions to be created.

Sheriff Latham stated this schedule would be three deputies on day shift, three deputies on an evening shift, and three deputies on midnights, and two deputies to cover sick and vacation time.

Sheriff Latham stated this schedule would allow for the Sheriff's Office to utilize the K9 unit more efficiently also.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve the creation of two new Sheriff Deputy positions beginning January 1, 2021; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

### SMALL BUSINESS OCRA

H. Allyn stated the County recently applied for a \$250,000.00 OCRA Grant to provide Posey County Small Business with COVID Relief Grants. Mrs. Allyn stated the County is awarding 28 eligible businesses with \$8,705.36 each. R. Gentil made a motion to approve the County to award \$8,705.36 to 28 businesses and to pay a \$6,250.00 admin fee; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

### ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Posey County Circuit Court Judge, Craig Goedde, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,300.00. Judge Goedde stated these funds would be used to pay the recording system contract.

Judge Goedde is requesting a reimbursement in the amount of \$722.00. Judge Goedde stated this is a repayment to the pauper attorney account on a miss-payment.

T. Schneider made a motion to approve the additional appropriation and reimbursement request; R. Gentil seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Posey County Coroner, William Denning, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$7,600.00. Mr. Denning stated this would be used to pay for four current autopsy invoices that have been submitted. T. Schneider 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 two additional appropriations; \$8,000.00 for unemployment and \$15,000.00 for vehicle maintenance. Mrs. Greenwell stated the County is paying on several unemployment claims and recently paid a considerable amount to repair several County vehicles.

S. Miller made a motion to approve the two additional appropriation requests; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

### TRANSFER REQUEST

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, is requesting two transfer request as follows:

1. \$8,000.00 from Furniture and Shelving to Building Maintenance. Mrs. Greenwell stated this will help cover a negative building maintenance line. Mrs. Greenwell stated this is from unseen building repairs that needed to be done.

2. \$230,000.00 from LIT to Rainy Day. Mrs. Greenwell stated this is the yearly transfer.

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

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, is requesting two transfer request as follows:

1. \$48,500.00 Equipment to Group Insurance to cover insurance.

2. \$91,500.00 Equipment to Contract Services.

R. Gentil made a motion to approve both transfer requests; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

### DEPARTMENT UPDATES

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

\$30,450.00 collected from Vanderburgh County

15 DOC Inmates

35 Vanderburgh Inmates

54 Posey County Inmates

104 Total Inmates

H. Allyn asked Posey County Clerk, Kay Kilgore, to gather bids for digitizing her records and bring them to a future meeting.

H. Allyn stated the Council had received no update on the Spillman issue.

H. Allyn stated the Council has one appointment to the Visit Posey County Board. Mrs. Allyn stated the current appointee has moved from the County, and they would need to re-appont for this position. D. Pearce made a motion to appoint Shelley Hargrove to the Visit Posey County Board for the remainder of 2020; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

No further business was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Heather Allyn

Heather Allyn, President

Stefani Miller

Stefani Miller, Vice President

Robert A. Gentil

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Marilyn Brenton

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David A. Pearce

Dave Pearce

Thomas R. Schneider

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ATTEST: Margaret L. Greenwell  
Posey County Auditor