

**POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL, JOINT  
MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2020.**

The Board of Commissioners and the Posey County Council met in a Joint Meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.

Council members in attendance; Heather Allyn, Tom Schneider, Aaron Wilson, Marilyn Brenton, and Dave Pearce; Commissioners in attendance; Carl Schmitz, Jay Price and Randy Thornburg. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were in attendance. Council members Bob Gentil and Stefani Miller were absent.

Heather Allyn called the Joint Meeting of the Posey County Council and Posey County Commissioners to order at 10:30 am.

**ANNUAL BOARD OF FINANCE**

Vicki Peerman, Posey County Treasurer, addressed the Council and Commissioners regarding the annual Board of Finance meeting that must take place yearly with the Commissioners to review the depositories and review the investment policy for Posey County.

Mrs. Peerman explained that the Finance Board is made up of the Treasurer and the Commissioners; with Carl Schmitz being the President and herself being the secretary.

Mrs. Peerman stated she is required to have this meeting once a year with the Commissioners but she also provides the information for the Council yearly.

Mrs. Peerman read the breakdown of investments for 2019 as follows:

Highway Edit Fund:

CSB: CD matured twice for a total of \$7,057.55 in interest.

\*has since been moved to Old National Bank

Congressional School Fund:

CSB: CD matured twice for a total of \$765.60 in interest.

US Agency Bond:

Bank of New York: total interest: \$6,750.00.

NOW Interest Totals:

CSB Interest: \$38.38

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ONB: \$37.37

TrustIN: \$177,562.64

United Fidelity Bank: \$246.60

United Fidelity Bank Operating: \$128,220.24

First Bank Carmi: \$84,818.73

Total Interest on checking 2019: \$430,351.14

Total Interest: \$444,924.29

Mrs. Peerman stated interest earned was up \$97,000.00 from 2018.

Mrs. Peerman provided the Commissioners and Council with a list of approved banks the Treasurer is allowed to use, per the PDIF agreement. Mrs. Peerman explained that the PDIF is an extra assurance on top of the FDIC coverage, if they are using the State approved banks. Mrs. Peerman stated every bank the County is investing with currently are on the approved list.

Mrs. Peerman read the breakdown of bank account balances for 2019 as follows:

United Fidelity Bank Operating: \$12,410,493.60

CSB: \$3,097,171.25

TrustIN: \$7,330,705.47

United Fidelity Interest: \$27,211.50

First Bank Carmi: \$5,078,445.17

Total: \$27,944,026.99

Mrs. Peerman provided the Council and Commissioners with the 2020 Investment Policy. Mrs. Peerman stated this policy has been approved with the County Attorney and has not changed since last year.

J. Price made a motion to approve the 2020 Investment Policy; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **COUNCIL ACTION**

#### **MINUTES**

M. Brenton made a motion to approve the December 10<sup>th</sup> and January 7<sup>th</sup> Council minutes; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

M. Brenton made a motion to approve the December Treasurer's report; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

#### **CLERK'S REPORT**

T. Schneider made a motion to approve the December Clerk's report; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

#### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST**

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, is requesting yearly reallocations be made for the following funds:

Sheriff K9 Fund: \$17,000.00 to be reallocated to fund to be used for expenses for that program. D. Pearce made a motion to approve this request; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Misdemeanant Fund: \$ 20,000.00 to be reallocated to the equipment line.  
Jail Maintenance Fund: \$125,000.00 to be reallocated to the repairs and maintenance line.  
\$125,000.00 to be reallocated to the equipment line.  
\$30,000.00 to be reallocated to the supply line.

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

#### **COMMISSARY REQUEST RESOLUTION**

Sheriff Latham informed the Commissioners and Council members that State Board of Accounts has requested the Sheriff draft a resolution for Commissary request. Sheriff Latham stated he is required to give a copy of the report to the President of the Board and the Auditor semi-annually. Sheriff Latham stated there is no change in the resolution from past years.

H. Allyn asked the Sheriff to explain how commissary works at the Jail. Sheriff Latham stated the commissary is ran like an in-house store; it gives the inmates opportunities to purchase items such as candy bars, chip, toiletries etc. Sheriff Latham stated the jail has used roughly \$30,000.00 from Commissary to help offset expenses in the kitchen. H. Allyn stated the total amount for 2019 was \$122,000.00. Sheriff Latham explained in addition to helping offset the cost of kitchen expenses, they also use these funds for training, equipment, uniforms and recently purchasing weight and exercise equipment for the department to utilize.

M. Brenton made a motion to approve the Commissary Request resolution; A. Wilson seconded. T. Schneider asked what the current balance in this fund was. H. Allyn stated \$64,425.35. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

## DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Sheriff Latham informed the Commissioners and Council of his current numbers as follows:

Inmates Housing:

54- Vanderburgh

9-DOC

67-Posey County

Funds:

\$65,975.00- Vanderburgh

\$70.00- Sullivan

\$66,045.00- Total for December

T. Schneider asked for a balance on the Jail Maintenance line. Mr. Schneider suggested the Commissioners, along with the Council, discuss the 60/40 split of that line. Mr. Schneider stated adjusting that ratio will allow the Council to pay the jail debt down.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, informed the Council the current balance for the Jail Maintenance fund is \$552,959.35.

J. Price stated the Commissioners are waiting for bids on replacing the roof on the administrative side of the jail.

Mrs. Greenwell stated the annual bond payment is \$943,681.25; in 2019, the Sheriff received \$401,698.00 in his 40% portion; and the County received \$602,548.00 in the 60% portion.

T. Schneider stated the jail maintenance fund was created roughly ten years ago to help with an aging jail facility. Mr. Schneider stated with this money starting to grow, and the Council just allocated \$280,000.00 of that money, and some of that money will be used for jail maintenance but that fund was not put into place to pay for the daily activities of running the jail. Mr. Schneider stated that is what the jail budget is for.

Mr. Schneider stated he would like to see the Council consider changing the 60/40 split to allow Council to transfer more funds into the Rainy Day fund to allow the County to pay more toward the existing jail bond payment.

Mrs. Greenwell stated the County currently has \$1,483,000.00 in Rainy Day. Mrs. Greenwell stated the County transfers funds from the EDIT fund into Rainy Day, and she is predicting that the County will make \$307,000.00 yearly from the 11% of EDIT funds.

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST

Cheryl Reich, with the Posey County Health Department, is requesting a full time position be created for the Posey County Health Department. Mrs. Reich stated this would be a nurse's assistant.

T. Schneider asked if this was approved by their board. Mrs. Reich stated yes, and she provided the Auditor with those minutes. A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

## SOUTHWESTERN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Elizabeth Arnold and Heather Hertel, with Southwestern Behavioral Health, addressed the Commissioners and Council regarding the services that are provided at the Posey County location. Mrs. Arnold gave a brief overview of the services that are offered at this location. Mrs. Arnold provided the following facts for Posey County in the year of 2019:

484 Posey County residents were served at the Posey County location.

42 Posey County residents were served by Stepping Stone.

8612 mental health and addiction services were provided to Posey County residents.

Age demographics served in 2019:

0-12 years of age- 69 residents

13-17 years of age- 64 residents  
18-24 years of age- 56 residents  
25-64 years of age- 277 residents  
65 of years and older- 18 residents

Top three diagnoses treated in 2019:

Alcohol dependence  
Generalized anxiety disorder  
Major depressive disorder

Over \$165,000.00 in charitable services and assistance provided.

### BROADBAND INTERENT DISCUSSION

Jenna Richardt, with Posey County Economic Development and Audrey Burkett, with the Southwest Coalition, addressed the Commissioners and Council regarding bringing broadband internet to the County. Mrs. Burkett explained broadband language and the importance of quality infrastructure for rural communities.

Mrs. Richardt gave the Commissioners and Council information on a recent survey that went out to Posey County residents regarding their current internet. Mrs. Richardt stated 32% of households do not have fixed internet, and 83% are not satisfied with their current service. Mrs. Richard stated of the 2518 responses they received, 67% of those were from Posey County residents.

Mark Gabriel and Zack Stevens, with Mainstream Fiber, addressed the Commissioners and Council regarding Mainstream Fiber. Mr. Gabriel stated his company is currently working with Mrs. Burkett in several surrounding Counties who are using grant funds to provide rural high-speed internet. Mr. Gabriel outlined the grant process stating once the grant is awarded, his company has 24 months to complete the entire project.

Mrs. Burkett stated this project would take a local match from the County for the grant. Mrs. Burkett stated this a sliding scale matching process, with the minimum match being 20%. Mrs. Burkett stated unlike traditional grants, the provider would be the applicant, not the County.

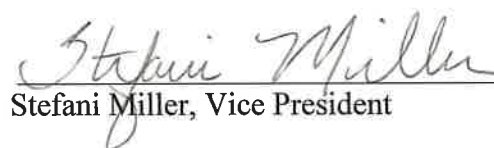
Mrs. Richardt stated the goal for this meeting was to see if there were any interest from the County in partnering with Mainstream Fiber. Mrs. Richardt stated for the County to be considered for the grant process, a letter of intent would need to be signed by February 6, 2020. A. Wilson made a motion to sign a letter of intent with Mainstream Fiber; M. Brenton seconded. J. Price stated this is something the County needs to do. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0. D. Pearce was out of the room.

H. Allyn urged County Employees to use the County Health Clinic. J. Price stated physicals should be completed before March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

No further business was discussed.

POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL:

  
Heather Allyn

  
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

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Carl A. Schmitz  
Carl Schmitz

Jay Price  
Jay Price

Randy Thornburg  
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