

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL, JOINT MEETING, TUESDAY, JULY 7TH, 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 Tuesday, July 7th, 2020.

Council members in attendance; Heather Allyn, Aaron Wilson, Stefani Miller, and Dave Pearce; Council member Marylyn Brenton was present via teleconference; Council members not in attendance; Tom Schneider, and Robert Gentil. Commissioners in attendance; Carl Schmitz, Jay Price, and Randy Thornburg. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and Commissioner Attorney Joe Harrison were in attendance.

Heather Allyn called the Joint Meeting of the Posey County Council and Posey County Commissioners to order.

HEALTH INSURANCE

H. Allyn stated she met with the County's insurance agent, Ted Thompson, along with Commissioner Schmitz to receive preliminary insurance information for 2021. Mr. Schmitz stated the preliminary increase number is 11%. Mr. Schmitz stated more would be known after September.

Mrs. Allyn stated the County is exploring cost-saving options on several different levels.

JAIL MAINTENANCE/COUNTY GENERAL 40/60 SPLIT

H. Allyn stated this has been an ongoing discussion between Council, Commissioners, and the Sheriff. Mrs. Allyn explained the two boards have discussed increasing the split on the County General side and decreasing it on the Jail Maintenance side. C. Schmitz reminded the Council the new roof that is going on at the jail is being funded from the Jail Maintenance fund.

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, stated financially they are in a good position to make this change. Sheriff Latham stated with the decrease of taking in inmates from other Counties due to COVID, they have seen a decrease in that fund but expects that to go back up.

Commissioner Price stated adjusting the split ten percent in favor of County General should not cause a large impact, and ultimately, if something were to arise that the Department could not fund, they would come to Council to ask for the funds.

Councilmember, Aaron Wilson, asked what the extra ten percent going into County General would help fund. Mrs. Allyn stated it would be used for increased utilities. Mr. Price stated he would be in favor of using the excess to pay down the jail bond.

C. Schmitz asked if that extra ten percent could be allocated to the Rainy Day Fund. Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated she would look into this.

Councilmember, Aaron Wilson, suggests the County have some type of formal agreement to the number of housed inmates and also the type of inmate we will house.

Sheriff Latham stated the County does have contracts with the current Counties that are being housed although it is not that specific. Mr. Latham stated currently it is at his discretion who is housed from out of County.

J. Price made a motion to create a new split as follows; 10% to a new line for bond payment and utilities, 60% County General and 30% Jail Maintenance; H. Allyn seconded.

The Boards discussed the higher amount of inmates that are brought in, the more jailers will be needed.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0 with M. Brenton abstaining.

COUNTY WEBSITE

H. Allyn stated the IT committee has contracted with an individual to revamp the County website. Mrs. Allyn stated that individuals will be in contact with each department head to question what information they would like to see on the website.

Posey County Assessor, Nancy Hoehn, stated the IT Committee is also changing the process of backing up information for the County.

J. Price made a motion to approve the backup system; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0. M. Brenton abstained.

PHYSICAL STORAGE

H. Allyn stated the County needs to consider physical storage space in the upcoming year. Mrs. Allyn stated many departments have to retain records indefinitely, and this is causing storage issues.

COLISEUM BUILDING

H. Allyn stated the Commissioners approved the preliminary plan to hire Lochmueller Group to construct a plan for a handicap accessible ramp to the Coliseum building. Mrs. Allyn stated the actual amount to do the work is unknown.

A. Wilson asked if it would not be more cost-effective to have controlled access through locked doors and a video entry system.

Sheriff Latham stated that the court deputy is not sitting at a desk the entire shift; they are in the courtroom and assisting probation when needed.

C. Schmitz stated no timeline was given.

COURTHOUSE DOME

H. Allyn stated the dome of the Courthouse is leaking and the Commissioners have been discussing options to fix this issue.

Mrs. Allyn stated the quote to paint and seal the roof, with labor is roughly \$388,451.00.

J. Price stated he is speaking with a Commissioner from another County regarding having assessments done on the County buildings. Mr. Price stated this will give the Commissioners a priority list of issues.

COMPENSATION TIME

H. Allyn stated this is an issue that is occurring in several departments. Mrs. Allyn stated per IRS the County has to limit comp time to 240 hours. Mrs. Allyn stated that departments who continue to have this issue need to look at a way to eliminate those comp hours.

EMS DISCUSSION

Chris Neaveill, Posey County EMS Director, addressed the Commissioners and Council regarding his department's financial situation. Mr. Neaveill provided the Boards with a cost breakdown of the equipment that his department utilizes daily. Mr. Neaveill stated his current concern is replacing these big-ticket items when the time comes. Mr. Neaveill stated he has no budget to do this outside of the County General budget.

Mr. Neaveill is proposing a set up like what is currently being used by the jail, with a 90/10 split in the income. Mr. Neaveill stated 90% could be deposited into County General and 10% being deposited into a separate fund that would be used for maintenance for his department.

A. Wilson made a motion to create a fund to allow 10% of EMS income to be used for EMS maintenance effective immediately; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0 with M. Brenton abstaining.

VIDEO ABILITY IN MEETING ROOM

H. Allyn stated several people have discussed the interest in having the ability to live stream and video the various meetings that take place in the Commissioners Room at the Hovey House. Mrs. Greenwell stated she is waiting for a quote to allow this function.

No further business was discussed.

POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL:



Heather Allyn

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONER:



Carl Schmitz