

**POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021.**

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

Commissioners Carl Schmitz, Randy Thornburg, and Bill Collins were in attendance. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were in attendance.

C. Schmitz opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Wayne Nall shared a prayer.

**COMMISSIONER ATTORNEY**

B. Collins made a motion to appoint Joe Harrison as the Posey County Commissioners Attorney for the year 2021; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

**COMMISSIONER PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT**

C. Schmitz made a motion to appoint Bill Collins as Posey County Commissioner President for 2021; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-1, with R. Thornburg voting against.

C. Schmitz made a motion to appoint Randy Thornburg as Posey County Commissioner Vice President for 2021; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

**MINUTES**

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2020 meeting; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

**CLAIMS**

C. Schmitz made a motion to approve the claims as presented; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

**CLERK REPORT**

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the November Clerk's report; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 153 OF THE POSEY COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE**

B. Collins stated this ordinance had gone back to the Area Plan Commission, changes were considered by that body and is now back for consideration by the Commissioners.

B. Collins opened the Commissioners meeting for public commenting. Seeing no one to speak, B. Collins closed the public commenting portion of the meeting.

R. Thornburg made a motion to reject the wording suggested by Area Plan, leaving the wording in place that was discussed at the August 18<sup>th</sup> Commissioners meeting regarding the mitigation and consultation zones; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

**2021 BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

- **ABC Board:** C. Schmitz made a motion to reappoint Keith Weedman to the ABC Board for a term of one year, expiring December 31, 2021; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **ADA Compliance Board:** R. Thornburg made a motion to reappoint Carol Redman, Ed Batteiger, Vicki Peerman, Judy Heber, and Nancy Hoehn to the ADA Board for a term of one year, expiring December 31, 2021; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **Area Plan:** R. Thornburg made a motion to reappoint Randy Thornburg to the Area Plan Board for a term of one year, expiring December 31, 2021; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **Board of Zoning Appeals:** C. Schmitz made a motion to reappoint Mark Seib to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a one-year term, expiring December 31, 2021; B. Collins seconded. C. Schmitz explained this appointment is tied to the Commissioners

appointment with the Area Plan Board. The motion carried with a vote of 2-1, with R. Thornburg voting against.

- **Board of Review:** R. Thornburg made a motion to reappoint Billie Rae Butler and Don Oeth to the Board of Review for a one-year term, expiring December 31, 2021; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **Coliseum Board:** C. Schmitz made a motion to reappoint Jeffrey Woodford, Ed Batteiger, Jeff Greenwell, and Mindy Bourne to the Coliseum Board for a one-year term, expiring December 31, 2021; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **Child Protection Board:** R. Thornburg made a motion to appoint Bill Collins to the Child Protection Board for a term of one year, expiring December 31, 2021; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **Compton Ditch and Repair Board:** C. Schmitz made a motion to reappoint Ronald Eimer for a one-year term and Eric Wiseman for a two-year term to the Compton Ditch and Repair Board; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **Drainage Board:** R. Thornburg made a motion to appoint Bill Collins to the Drainage Board for a one-year term, expiring December 31, 2021, Tim Hoenert and Matt Schenk for three-year terms, expiring December 31, 2023; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **EMA Advisory Board:** C. Schmitz made a motion to reappoint Andy Logan to the EMA Advisory Board for a term of one year, expiring December 31, 2021; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **Economic Development of Southwestern Indiana:** R. Thornburg made a motion to reappoint Michele Hudson and Carl Schmitz to the Economic Development of Southwestern Indiana for a one-year term, expiring December 31, 2021; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **EMS Advisory Board:** C. Schmitz made a motion to reappoint Nathan Maudlin, Melody Oeth, Justin Collins, Mike Clem, and Jason Knowles to the EMS Advisory Board for a term of two years, expiring December 31, 2022; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **E911 Advisory Board:** R. Thornburg made a motion to reappoint Wes Dixon, Charles Thompson, Tom Latham, Tim Compton, Chuck Carter, Larry Rob, and Stephanie Miller to the E911 Advisory Board for a one-year term, expiring December 31, 2021; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **Economic Development Board:** R. Thornburg made a motion to table this appointment; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **Griffin Bethel Township Fire District:** R. Thornburg made a motion to appoint John Fifer to the Griffin Bethel Township Fire District for a four-year term expiring 12/31/2024; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **Health Board:** R. Thornburg made a motion to appoint Brenda Goff to the Health Board for a four-year term, expiring December 31, 2024, and reappointing Joseph Rohlfer for a four-year term, expiring December 31, 2024; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **Redevelopment Board:** C. Schmitz made a motion to reappoint Geoff Gentil, Andy Rudolph, and Bill Newman to the Posey County Redevelopment Board for a one-year term, expiring December 31, 2021, and tabling one appointment; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **Redevelopment Authority:** The Commissioners tabled this appointment.
- **Jail Building Board of Directors:** C. Schmitz made a motion to reappoint Henry Hudson, Connor Vogel, and David Dausman to the Jail Building Board of Directors for a one-year term, expiring December 31, 2021; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **Workforce Development Board:** C. Schmitz made a motion to reappoint Randy Thornburg to the Workforce Development Board for a term of three years, expiring on December 31, 2023; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **Solid Waste Board:** C. Schmitz made a motion to appoint all three Commissioners to this Board for a one-year appointment, expiring December 31, 2021; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **Sewer Board:** R. Thornburg made a motion to reappoint Randy Thornburg, Denny Schaffer, and Cheryl Reich to the Posey County Regional Sewer District for a two-year

term, expiring on December 31, 2022; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

- **Tourism Board:** The Commissioners tabled this appointment.
- **Workforce Investment Board:** The Commissioners tabled this appointment.
- **Wadesville Center Township Fire District R.** Thornburg made a motion to reappoint Vince Oakley to the Wadesville Center Township Fire District for a 4-year term, expiring on December 31, 2024; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **Wabash River Heritage Corridor:** C. Schmitz made a motion to reappoint Ralph Weinzapfel to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor for a one-year term, expiring December 31, 2021, and appointing Carrie Parameter as the alternative to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor for a one year term, expiring on December 31, 2021; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **Visit Posey County:** R. Thornburg made a motion to reappoint Kay Kilgore to the Visit Posey County Board for a one-year term, expiring December 31, 2021; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **District 10 Planning Committee:** C. Schmitz made a motion to reappoint Jeremy Fortune to the District 10 Planning Committee for a one-year term, expiring December 31, 2021; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **Media Designation:** C. Schmitz made a motion to appoint the Posey County news as the designated media outlet for the Posey County Commissioners for the year 2021; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD APPOINTMENTS**

- **Animal Control Officer:** C. Schmitz made a motion to reappoint Chuck Mobley as the Animal Control Officer for the year 2021; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **Veterans Service Officer:** R. Thornburg made a motion to reappoint Dave Sharber as the Veteran Service officer for the year 2021; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **Highway Superintendent:** R. Thornburg made a motion to reappoint Steve Schenk as the Highway Superintendent for the year 2021; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **EMA Director:** C. Schmitz made a motion to reappoint Larry Robb as the EMA Director for the year 2021; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **EMS Director:** R. Thornburg made a motion to reappoint Chris Neaveill as the EMS Director for the year 2021; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **E911 Director:** R. Thornburg made a motion to reappoint Jason Knowles as the E911 Director for the year 2021; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- **Building Commissioner:** C. Schmitz made a motion to reappoint Ed Batteiger as the Posey County Building Commissioner for the year 2021; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

#### **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, gave the following housing report of the Posey County Jail:

22 DOC Inmates  
24 Vanderburgh County Inmates  
60 Posey County Inmates  
Total of 106 inmates

Sheriff Latham presented a contract to the Commissioners for consideration. Sheriff Latham stated the contract is with Koorsen Fire Security for maintenance on the fire system at the jail. Mr. Harrison asked if this is the same company that the jail currently contracts with. Sheriff Latham stated no, the jail does not currently have a contract for this. Mr. Harrison stated this is a three-year contract for a total of \$4,785.00 per year. Mr. Harrison asked if this was budgeted for in the year 2021. Sheriff Latham stated, yes, they would have the funds.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this request; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Posey County Economic Development Partnership Director, Jenna Richardt, informed the Commissioners the County could apply for another round of OCRA Small Business Grant funding, much like the previous Grant. C. Schmitz made a motion to approve this application process for the OCRA Small Business Grant for 250,000.00; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Posey County EMA Director, Larry Robb, informed the Commissioners of an oil spill in the Durlin Road area. Mr. Robb stated there was a fire associated with this spill and was attended to by the appropriate agency. Mr. Robb stated there was damage to a plastic culvert, but the Highway Department had been contacted. Mr. Robb stated all agencies had been contacted regarding the spill.

Kirsten Lowery, with Purdue Extension, introduced herself to the Commissioners as the new Department head and CED for the Purdue Extension Office.

Posey County Commissioner Randy Thornburg stated that work on the ADA ramp outside of the Coliseum is moving along. Mr. Thornburg stated that the temporary railing is going up until a permeant handrail is manufactured. Mr. Thornburg stated the new door is also being fabricated.

Mr. Thornburg started painting on the Courthouse is going well and progressing.

No other business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.

*Bill Collins*

Bill Collins

*Carl A. Schmitz*

Carl Schmitz

*Randy Thornburg*

Randy Thornburg

*Maegen L. Greenwell*

Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell