

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, MAY 04, 2021.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, May 04, 2021.

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

B. Collins opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Pastor Danny Reisinger led the Commissioners in the opening prayer.

MINUTES

C. Schmitz made a motion to table the April 20, 2021 meeting minutes; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

C. Schmitz made a motion to approve the executive meeting minutes from April 27, 2021; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0, with R. Thornburg abstaining.

CLAIMS

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

APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY SCOPE OF WORK AGREEMENT WITH VEI COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING THE PROBLEMS WITH DISPATCH RADIO SYSTEM

B. Collins stated the Commissioners received a letter regarding the scope of work with VEI. R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this request; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

B. Collins asked Dispatch Director Jason Knowles if he had heard anything recently from VEI. Mr. Knowles stated no.

AOS UPDATE

Bob Parsons, President of Automated Office Solutions, addressed the Commissioners regarding a quote for an email archiver and various budget concerns. Mr. Parsons stated he had submitted a letter to the Auditor to be forwarded to the Commissioners regarding budget requests for next year. Mr. Parsons stated recently the County had public records request that included the need to retrieve emails from certain County Employees. Mr. Parsons stated this request required roughly four or five hours of work on AOS's part. Mr. Parsons stated he had suggested the County invest in an email archiver software. Mr. Parsons stated this would have decreased the four or five-hour project to minutes. Mr. Parsons stated there are two options; option 1 is \$2400.00 with a \$600.00 yearly maintenance contract; option 2 is \$6000.00 with a \$1600.00 yearly maintenance contract. Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated she is suggesting the Commissioners approve option two because this will allow the needed amount of users and storage. Mrs. Greenwell stated these funds are available in the computer hardware line. Brent Suits, with AOS, stated this archiver would also let the users know if an email has been deleted, and currently, that is not a capability.

Mr. Parsons stated other areas of concern are the WIFI in the Courthouse, the Hovey House, and the Coliseum is outdated and will need to be updated soon. Mr. Parsons stated the Health Department was never part of the original County contract with AOS, and now that they are at a different location, that needs to be addressed. Mr. Parsons stated he would get Maegen a list of other areas of concern. B. Collins stated the Commissioners could take action on the email archiver today.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve option 2 of the email archiver; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

BRIDGE INSPECTION CONTRACTOR

Steve Schenk, Posey County Highway Superintendent, stated bridge inspections are required by the State and Federal Government every two years, and some are yearly. Mr. Schenk stated this is a process the County must go through every two years; the State advertises for contractors to complete the inspections, the Commissioners must choose a company, that company then sends the total price and breakdown to the Commissioners, the State then approves those cost and work

can be completed. Mr. Schenk stated this would be done in April of 2022, but the process is lengthy, so it is being started now. Mr. Schenk stated three companies submitted proposals for the Commissioners to consider; B.S Engineering, Lochmueller Group, and BLN. Mr. Schenk stated the County has worked with all three companies. Mr. Schenk stated this could be awarded at the next Commissioner meeting after he was able to discuss further with the appropriate personnel.

POSEY COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

B. Collins stated the County must form a committee to accept funds from the American Rescue Plan. Mr. Collins stated this Committee would determine how the funds will be used in line with the guidelines. Mr. Collins stated the Committee must consist of one Commissioner, two Council members, and the Auditor.

B. Collins made a motion to appoint C. Schmitz to the American Rescue Plan Committee; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

COMP TIME DISCUSSION

B. Collins stated currently several departments have employees who have accrued comp time over the 240 max. Mr. Collins stated the current handbook states the max allowed is 240 hours. Mr. Collins asked that all departments should work toward getting that comp time down or the County would be paying those people down to the maximum.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ADVISORY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BARNES AND THORNBURGH

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated this is an agreement between the County and Barnes and Thornburg regarding consulting services in relation to the American Rescue Plans. Mrs. Greenwell stated the County used Barnes and Thornburg to navigate the Cares Act last year, as they are able to help answer questions and help to submit claims. Mrs. Greenwell stated Mr. Harrsion has reviewed the agreement and negotiated a lower cost for the County. Mrs. Greenwell stated the cost of this service is \$1,500.00 per month and can be paid from ARP funds. B. Collins stated the County would receive ½ of the total amount this year and the other half next year and must be spent by end of 2024.

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

APPOINTMENT OF SECS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

B. Collins stated the County must establish a SECS Transportation Committee as prescribed by the Wind and Solar Ordinance. Mr. Collins stated this Committee would review any road use agreement for any solar companies filing an application to do business within the County. Mr. Harrsion stated an application has recently been filed by Tanaska with the Area Plan, so this is the next step to allow their road use agreement to be approved.

Mr. Collins stated the Committee should include the Highway Superintendent, a Commissioner, and the County Attorney.

C. Schmitz made a motion to appoint B. Collins.

R. Thornburg asked how many members the Committee consists of? J. Harrison stated the number of members is not spelled out in the ordinance. Mr. Harrsion stated he believes Mr. Schenk should also be on the Committee. Mr. Schenk asked if Jeff Tolley, who is the foreman of the Mt. Vernon Garage, could be included in case Mr. Schenk is unavailable. Mr. Harrsion stated yes. Mr. Collins stated an appointee from the Highway department is included.

B. Collins seconded the motion to appoint B. Collins, Joe Harrison, and a representative from the Highway Department. The motion carried with a vote of 2-1, with R. Thornburg opposing.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

B. Collins read the following Animal Control report for April:

21 Complaints

7 Animals Picked Up

10 Bite Reports

1 Rabies Test

0 Animals Euthanized

R. Thornburg gave the following Indiana Workforce Development Update:

U. S Unemployment Rate: 6%
Indiana Unemployment Rate: 3.9%
Vanderburgh County: 4.8%
Pike County: 4.5%
Spencer County: 4.3%
Perry County: 4.2%
Knox County: 3.8%
Warrick County: 3.7%
Posey County: 3.6%
Dubois County: 3.4%
Gibson County: 3.4%

Top 5 claims category:

Construction 23.6%
Manufacturing 19.1%
Retail 17.8%
Admin Support 7.5%
Food Service 6.6%

Top industries frequently listed jobs:

RN
LPN
Merchandiser
Customer Service Rep
Farm Workers/Laborers

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, informed the Commissioners that the County was awarded the Community Crossing Grant that was applied for.

Donnie Martin, with the Posey County Health Department, stated that 8,414 Posey County residents had received their vaccines. Mr. Martin stated the County has plenty of vaccines for anyone who would want one.

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

74 Posey County Inmates
35 Vanderburgh County Inmates
6 DOC Inmates
115 Total

Sheriff Latham stated this week is National Correction Officers Week. Sheriff Latham thanked the Posey County Jail staff.

Mrs. Greenwell informed the Commissioners that Judge Goedde is requesting the ability to apply a frost to the jury room window for privacy issues. Mrs. Greenwell stated the cost is roughly \$150.00, and funds are available in the building maintenance fund.

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

Mrs. Greenwell stated Form 1's had been distributed for 2022 Budgets.

No further business was discussed, and the meeting adjourned.

Bill Collins

Bill Collins

Randy Thornburg

Randy Thornburg

Carl W. Schmitz

Carl Schmitz

Maegen L. Greenwell

Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell