

POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL TUESDAY APRIL 13, 2021

The Posey County Council met in regular session at the Hovey House on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 9:00 am. The following members were present at the said meeting: Heather Allyn, Tom Schneider, Brandon Deig, Aaron Wilson, Dave Pearce, Stefani Miller, Marilyn Brenton, 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 Sellers shared a prayer.

H. Allyn reminded everyone that farming season has begun and to please watch for slow-moving farm machinery.

H. Allyn stated this week is National Emergency Telecommunications Week and would like to thank our County Dispatchers for their hard work.

MINUTES

T. Schneider made a motion to approve the March 9, 2021, Council meeting minutes; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0, with S. Miller abstaining.

CLERK'S REPORT

B. Deig made a motion to approve the February Clerk's Report; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

S. Miller made a motion to approve the March Treasurer's Report; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Posey County Treasurer, Vicki Peerman, stated tax bills have been sent out and are due May 10, 2021.

POSEYVILLE LIBRARY

H. Allyn stated the Council had been approached regarding moving tax dollars collected from Robinson Township that are being distributed to Alexandrian Public Library to distribute to Poseyville Library. Mrs. Allyn stated the reason given was due to the Township's proximity to Poseyville Library and the school system. Mrs. Allyn stated after talking to DLGF; they were advised that this is not a Council decision, rather an agreement between both libraries that must be met.

H. Allyn stated she has spoken with the APL Director and with the Council appointee with that Board and is trying to get on the agenda for that Board meeting. M. Greenwell stated the funding from that Township was roughly \$170,000.00 per year.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE BETWEEN THE POSEY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE POSEY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Joe Harrison, Posey County Council Attorney, stated this is an agreement is needed for the proposed bypass. Mr. Harrison stated the Commissioners had retained Structure Point to design the first phase of the bypass. Mr. Harrison stated the total cost of the project is 21 million and would be held as a bond. Mr. Harrison stated this bond would be paid using TIF funds. Mr. Harrison stated the first payment would be made in 2024. Mr. Harrison stated the agreement states property taxes would be used as a backup.

Mr. Harrison stated the bypass would be owned by the Redevelopment Authority until the bonds are satisfied and then it would be signed over to the County. Mr. Harrison stated this is similar to the Jail Building Authority.

H. Allyn stated this doesn't necessarily mean MidWest Fertilizer is coming; this has been needed for years to help redirect the traffic from Countrymark, Sabic, and GAF out of town. Mrs. Allyn stated she would like to thank Larry Robb, EMA Director, for utilizing the electronic signs around town to help with traffic also.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve this resolution; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

H. Allyn stated the County is receiving \$4,931,410.00 from the recently signed American Rescue Plan. Mrs. Allyn stated the County does not have the money currently but should be receiving half of it in mid-May. Mrs. Greenwell stated correct; the County should receive half around May 11 and the other half sometime next year. Mrs. Allyn stated there are specifications on how those funds may be used. Mrs. Allyn stated this is for responding to or mitigating the public health crisis; lost revenue; broadband, and other infrastructure; and responding to employees providing essential work during COVID. Mrs. Allyn stated the County would also have to put a plan together on how the County intends to use the funds. Mr. Harrison stated the Commissioners would consider an ordinance required by the State to indicate that the County is establishing a fund to deposit these funds into.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Posey County Highway is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$90,000.00 into the Group Insurance line of the Cum Capital Fund. Mrs. Greenwell spoke on behalf of the Highway Department and explained this is to clear up a clerical error during budget time. D. Pearce made a motion to approve this request; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, is requesting two additional appropriations in the amount of \$41,250.00 each. Sheriff Latham stated this is for the sixteenth and seventeenth deputy line of County General. Sheriff Latham stated these positions were approved in 2020 but not until after the budget was approved. A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; B. Deig seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$424.49 into the Repair of Vehicle line in the LIT Public Safety fund. Sheriff Latham stated this is to put the amount spent out of that line for a wrecked vehicle back into the appropriate line. D. Pearce made a motion to approve this request; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the Insurance line of County General. Mrs. Greenwell stated this is needed due to the increase in building insurance cost and added County vehicles. A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

TRANSFER REQUEST

Posey County Highway is requesting a transfer in the amount of \$320,500.00 from 1176 to 1173. Mrs. Greenwell stated this is transferring from unrestricted to restricted. A. Wilson made a motion to table this request; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

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

64 Posey County Inmates

39 Vanderburgh County Inmates

9 DOC Inmates

112 Total

\$34,335.00 from Vanderburgh

Sheriff Latham stated the legislation that the Sheriff Association was trying to push regarding the daily inmate fee and how it is calculated. Sheriff Latham stated that is not going to change.

Sheriff Latham stated he has three openings for jail officers and community corrections has three openings as well.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated that Form 1's would be going out in the next few weeks, and she is asking those be turned in by May 21. Mrs. Greenwell stated Council would meet with department heads after the July and August Council meetings, and budget hearings will be held August 14 and August 15, with the possibility of August 16.

Mrs. Greenwell stated Abatement hearings would begin in May.

Mrs. Greenwell stated the new time clock system had been rolled out, there have been a few bugs, but those Department heads that have come to the Auditor with issues have been able to make adjustments. Mrs. Greenwell stated per IC Code 36-2-9.5-13, the County Auditor is responsible for payroll and timekeeping. Mrs. Greenwell asked that if a Department Head is having issues with the time clock system to please come to the Auditor, it is not something that another elected official can help with.


Posey County EMS Director, Chris Neaveill, stated he is down one paramedic.


H. Allyn asked if the live stream was up and working. Mrs. Greenwell stated it's close; it is not live currently but is on the website as soon as the recording stops.


Donnie Martin, with the Posey County Health Department, stated the Department is holding a mass vaccine clinic on April 17 and Marris School. Mr. Martin stated the County is in yellow.


S. Miller stated the Posey County Solid Waste has, in the past, come to Council to ask for a loan. Mrs. Miller stated they do not believe they will have to do that again.

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


Heather Allyn, President



Stefani Miller, Vice President



Brandon Deig


Marilyn Brenton


Dave Pearce


Thomas Schneider


Aaron Wilson

ATTEST: 
Posey County Auditor