

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

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

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

MINUTES

C. Schmitz made a motion to approve the May 18, 2021 meeting minutes; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the May 20, 2021, executive session minutes; 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.

MAINSTREAM MEDIA CONTRACT

B. Collins stated this is the contract with Mainstream Media regarding the broadband project the County is working on. Joe Harrison, Posey County Commissioner Attorney Joe Harrison, stated he had reviewed the contract.

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

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, stated this agreement is in reference to the per diem that Posey County receives from Vanderburgh County for housing and transporting inmates. Sheriff Latham stated the per diem is based on an average of the general population within a year, and the current amount is \$35.00 per inmate per day. Sheriff Latham stated this would change to \$37.50 per inmate per day. Mr. Harrison stated he had reviewed the agreement, and now it will go to Vanderburgh Commissioners for their approval. R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this request; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

JAIL/SHERIFF EQUIPMENT

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, informed the Commissioners that he is looking into purchasing a piece of equipment that would be used for a body scanner for the jail. Sheriff Latham stated this would help aid the jail staff in identifying suspects who would be smuggling paraphernalia into the jail. Sheriff Latham stated the cost would be roughly just under \$200,000.00, and he could fund this item from the jail maintenance fund. Sheriff Latham stated the equipment could be financed so that he is not depleting that fund. Sheriff Latham stated he is planning on presenting specs at the next Commissioner meeting for approval to seek bids.

OCRA SMALL BUSINESS GRANT

B. Collins stated the Commissioners need to sign paperwork for the OCRA Small Business Grant that the County is participating in and allow the County to receive the funds.

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

HIGHWAY ANNUAL OPERATING REPORT

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, stated this report is mandated by the State of Indiana, and requires the Commissioners approval. Mrs. Greenwell stated the Commissioners should have received a copy of the report via email.

HIGHWAY TRUCK BIDS

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, informed the Commissioners he has sought bids for two new pickup trucks as follows:

Expressway:
2021 Chevy Silverado 2500HD \$34,900.00
Delivery date: 4th quarter of 2021

Sternberg:
2- 2022 Ford F250 8 foot box \$61,933.00
Delivery date: 28-30 weeks

Mr. Schenk stated he is recommending the low bid from Steenburgh.
R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the Sternberg bid for 2 2022 Ford F250 for a total cost of \$61,933.00; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, gave the following inmate housing report:
28 Vanderburgh
10 DOC
85 Posey County
123 total

Chris Neaveill, Posey County EMS Director, informed the Commissioners that he has hired one full-time paramedic but has one paramedic retiring, which will leave him down, one paramedic.

Posey County Resident, Earl Schroeder, asked what the County does to protect the front-line workers in regards to the issues that the Sheriff was talking about.

Mr. Neaveill stated his employees are trained to know what to look for and know when to call for a Sheriff Deputy if they feel like that is necessary. Mr. Neaveill stated his employee's safety is paramount.



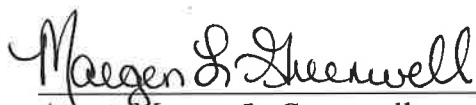
Bill Collins



Randy Thornburg



Carl Schmitz



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell