

POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL TUESDAY AUGUST 13TH, 2019

The Posey County Council met in regular session at the Hovey House on Tuesday, August 13th, 2019 at 9:00am. The following members were present at said meeting: Heather Allyn, Stefani Miller, Robert Gentil, Tom Schneider, Marilyn Brenton; Dave Pearce; and Aaron Wilson. Council Attorney William Bender; and Auditor, Maegen Greenwell.

H. Allyn called the Posey County Council meeting to order at 9:00am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. Allyn introduced Maegen Greenwell as the new Posey County Auditor.

MINUTES

T. Schneider made a motion to approve the July Council minutes R. Gentil seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

COUNTY FEE ORDINANCE

H. Allyn stated this is the second reading for ordinance number 2019-07-09-02, which establishes a County Fee Ordinance. M. Brenton made a motion to approve this ordinance; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

BUDGET HEARING DATES

H. Allyn stated Budget Hearings will be held September 10th, 11th and 12th, with adoption being October 8th, 2019.

POSEYVILLE LIBRARY

Heather Morlan, Poseyville Library Director, addressed the Council regarding a few issues the Library is facing. Mrs. Morlan stated the Poseyville Library is in need of several updates to their facility. Mrs. Morlan stated the Library is needing to replace a leaking roof, window replacements are needed, HVAC updates, handicap accessible updates, exterior repair, technology upgrades, and additional parking needs.

Mrs. Morlan stated the Poseyville Library, with the help of Bakertilly, is seeking permission to secure a 15 year bond for these repairs that are needed.

Ryan Fedders, with Bakertilly, was available to explain the process for the Council members. Mr. Fedders stated the Library's general obligation debt limit, based on their 2019 NAV's, is 1.63 million dollars. Mr. Fedders stated the Library is asking for a general obligation bond, in the amount of \$540,000.00. Mr. Fedders stated it would have an estimated interest expense of \$194,000.00. Mr. Fedders stated this is a conservative figure based on a high interest rate. Mr. Fedders explained on an average \$106,300.00 market value home, the impact on the tax payer would be roughly an added \$7.81 per year.

A. Wilson asked what Townships pay into the library's levy. Mr. Fedders stated the Townships impacted would be Bethel, Smith, Robb, and Center.

H. Allyn asked if the Bond would be issued this year. Mr. Fedders stated yes.

D. Pearce stated no significant updates have been done to the Library in 35 years.

A. Wilson stated the Council spoke last year regarding the fact that Alexandrian Public Library's levy included Robinson Township. Mr. Wilson stated the majority of residents of Robinson Township use the Poseyville Library. Mr. Wilson stated the Council is looking into the process of moving that levy to the Poseyville Library.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve the Poseyville Library Bond request; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

ASTRAZENECA ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE REVIEW

Bill Hayes, AstraZeneca's abatement consultant, and Glen Baldwin, who runs the capital program on site for AstraZeneca, spoke with the Council regarding AstraZeneca's abatement compliance review.

H. Allyn stated AstraZeneca has three current abatements as follows:

2010-12-16-01:

Mr. Hayes stated this is the oldest abatement that AstraZeneca has, and it included a new laboratory and new manufacturing equipment dating back to 2012.

H. Allyn stated this abatement is one of AstraZeneca's that the values differ due to AstraZeneca buying Mead Johnson.

Employees:

Retained Promised: 62

Retained Actual: 62

Added Promised: 26

Added Actual: 52

R. Gentil made a motion to continue abatement number 2010-12-16-01; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

2011-02-08-07:

Mr. Hayes stated this is abatement was for additional pharmaceutical equipment. Mr. Hayes stated again, the difference in the values are due to the purchase of Mead Johnson by AstraZeneca.

Employees:

Retained Promised: 104

Retained Actual: 104

Added Promised: 30

Added Actual: 87

T. Schneider made a motion to continue abatement number 2011-02-08-07; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

2016-12-13-05

Mr. Hayes stated this is an ongoing project. Mr. Hayes stated the application was filed in October of 2016. Mr. Hayes stated this abatement still has roughly two more years of major purchases on this abatement.

Employees:

Added Promised: 70

Added Actual: 67

Mr. Hayes stated the project expects to exceed the promised amount of employees by the end of the project.

S. Miller asked Mr. Hayes if AstraZeneca makes any effort to employ Posey County Residents. Mr. Hayes stated they are working with the Economic Development Partnership on this issue. Mr. Hayes stated AstraZeneca has a scholarship program for Posey County students. A. Wilson stated when the Council asked for this information; they were told 27% of employees are Posey County Residents.

M. Brenton made a motion to continue this abatement; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

COUNTRYMARK ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE REVIEW

Kevin Chestnut, CountyMark's abatement representative spoke with the Council regarding CountryMark's abatement compliance review.

H. Allyn stated CountyMark has two current abatements.

2017-03-14-01:

Mr. Chestnut stated this is a personal property abatement.

Employees:

Retained Promised: 304

Retained Actual: 318

Added Promised: 0

Added Actual: 14

Cost:

Promised: \$14,000,000.00

Actual: \$57,700,000.00

A. Wilson made a motion to continue this abatement; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

A. Wilson stated CountryMark informed the Council roughly 70% of their employees are residents of Posey County.

2013-9-10-01:

Mr. Chestnut stated this is a real property abatement on the CountryMark Pavilion.

Retained Promised: 271

Retained Actual: 271

Added Promised: 1

Added Actual: 319

Cost:

Promised: \$2,000,000.00

Actual: Just over \$2,000,000.00

T. Schneider made a motion to continue this abatement; M .Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

2013-9-10-01 Personal Property:

Mr. Chestnut stated this is a personal property abatement for manufacturing and IT equipment.

Cost:

Manufacturing Promised: \$13,300,0000.00

Manufacturing Actual: \$17,900,000.00

IT Promised: \$283,000.00

IT Actual: \$1,400,000.00

R. Gentil made a motion to continue this abatement; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

VALERO ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE REVIEW

Chris Rae, Valero Plant Manager, spoke with the Council regarding Valero abatement compliance review.

H. Allyn stated Valero currently has one abatement.

2014-05-13-01 Personal Property:

Cost:

Manufacturing Equipment Promised \$55,000,000.00

Manufacturing Equipment Actual: \$57,216,574.00

2014-05-13-01 Real Property:

Cost:

Manufacturing Equipment Promised: \$16,000,000.00

Manufacturing Equipment Actual: \$5,878,113.00

Employees:

Retained Promised: 6

Retained Actual: 6

Added Promised: 61

Added Actual: 64

Mr. Rae stated roughly 46% of their employees are Posey County residents.

M. Brenton made a motion to continue this abatement; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

NON-BINDING UNIT REVIEW

H. Allyn stated per state statute the Council must review the Non-Binding unit's budgets yearly in August. Mrs. Allyn stated also by statute, those units do not have to have their budgets submitted into Gateway until September 3rd. Mrs. Allyn stated the Council must make a recommendation to each unit that their budgets must stay within their maximum levy when creating their 2020 budget.

Mrs. Allyn stated circuit breakers are not know for next year, but those units must be mindful of those numbers also. H. Allyn listed those units as the following:

Bethel Township
Black Township
Center Township
Harmony Township
Lynn Township
Marrs Township
Point Township
Robb Township
Robinson Township
Smith Township
Mt. Vernon Civil City
Cynthiana Civil Town
Griffin Civil Town
New Harmony Civil Town
Poseyville Civil Town
M.S. D Mount Vernon
M. S. D North Posey
New Harmony Workingman's Institute
Alexandrian Library
Poseyville Carnegie Library

R. Gentil made a motion to allow the Auditor to send a letter to each Non-Binding units with the given suggestion; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,397.00. Sheriff is asking to use these funds to pay a contractor for completing work on the Jail. T. Schneider made a motion to approve this request; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

H. Allyn stated the Auditors office is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$127,000.00, Mrs. Allyn stated this will pay for the new HVAC system at the Coliseum. S. Miller made a motion to approve this request; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Dennis Schaffer, with the Posey County Health Department, is requesting three additional appropriations.

\$3,000 Maintenance expenses
\$1,500 Contractual Services
\$4,000. Building

T. Schneider made a motion to approve these request; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

TRANSFER REQUEST

H. Allyn stated the Auditor office is requesting a transfer from Cum Capital Building Repairs to Cum Capital Equipment in the amount of \$181,966.00. Mrs. Allyn stated this is needed to finish paying for the new radio system.

REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

Jason Knowles, Posey County Dispatch Director, is requesting two reimbursements. Mr. Knowles explained he recently solicited several local business for donations. Mr. Knowles stated CountryMark donated \$500.00; WSI donated \$500.00; and the Red Wagon donated \$100.00. Mr. Knowles stated he will be using that money to purchase new headsets. Mr. Knowles stated he is also requesting a reimbursement in the amount of \$100.00 from money obtained from audio file request.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve the \$1,100.00 reimbursement to the donation line, and \$100.00 reimbursement to the office supplies line; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

H. Allyn stated the farm assessed values will be going down, with the projected 2020 number is \$15.60 per acre.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Charles Thompson, EMS Director, addressed the Council about an upcoming additional appropriation he will be asking for. Mr. Thompson stated his part-time line is currently \$19,000 short. Mr. Thompson stated they have spent \$130,000 year to date but were only budgeted for \$110,000.00. Mr. Thompson stated they have covered 39 weeks of unexpected time off. Mr. Thompson stated this is outside the normal vacation and personal time. Mr. Thompson stated he will be coming to the Council for an additional appropriation in the future for this issue.

Mr. Thompson stated the department has taken in \$508,000.00 year to date.

Randy Owens reminded the Council the State of County Luncheon will be held on August 22nd at 11:30. Mr. Owens stated this will be held at the Community Center with the Posey County Council and Commissioners speaking.

Sheriff Latham informed the Council he is currently housing the following:
10 DOC Inmates
67 Vanderburgh County Inmates
5 Sullivan County Inmates
51 Posey County Inmates

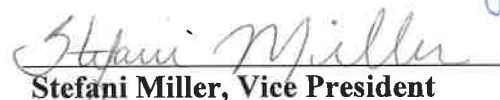
Last month Vanderburgh County was invoiced \$51,730.00 and Sullivan County was invoiced at \$8,225.00.

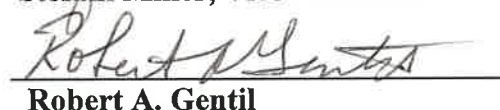
Sheriff Latham informed the Council, the agreed upon per diem for housing other County's inmates was not budgeted for through the State. Sheriff Latham stated this will leave Vanderburgh and Sullivan Counties short on what they are able to the County for housing their inmates. Sheriff Latham stated he has spoken with the Commissioners and they have agreed to return to the original per diem amount until this situation can be resolved.

No further business was discussed.

D. Pearce made a motion to adjourn; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.


Heather Allyn, President


Stefani Miller, Vice President


Robert A. Gentil


Marilyn Brenton

Dave Pearce

Dave Pearce

Thomas R. Schneider

Thomas Schneider

Aaron Wilson

ATTEST:

Margaret S. Stearns

Posey County Auditor