

**POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021.**

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

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

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

**MINUTES**

C. Schmitz made a motion to approve meeting minutes from May 4, 2021; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 20, 2021; 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.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**CLERK'S REPORT**

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

**BRIDGE INSPECTION CONTRACTOR AWARDED**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, stated he had reviewed the submitted bids, and he recommends the Commissioners award the contract to BLN for the Bridge Inspection for years 2022-2025. R. Thornburg made a motion to award this contract to BLN; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

**AREA PLAN REZONE REQUEST**

Posey County Area Plan Executive Director, Mindy Bourne, addressed the Commissioners regarding a rezoning request. Mrs. Bourne stated the Area Plan heard this request and the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mrs. Bourne stated the applicants are Kent and Melissa R Rexing. Mrs. Bourne stated the application is to rezone property on Davis Road from R1 to AG. Mrs. Bourne stated the current use is agricultural, and it has been for several years. Mrs. Bourne stated this request passed Area Plan with a vote of 5-1 with no remonstrators present.

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

**COMMUNITY CROSSING GRANT AGREEMENT**

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, stated this is the first step in collecting the funds gained by the Community Crossing Grant. Mr. Schenk stated he turned in seven roads for this grant, and those are the only roads that this money can be used for. Mr. Schenk stated they are currently seeking three bids for this project. Mr. Schenk stated this is a 25/75 grant up to \$1,000,000,000.00.

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

**COMMON SCHOOL FUND**

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, addressed the Commissioners regarding the Common School Fund. Mrs. Greenwell stated the County was given money from the State years ago to hold and disperse to the area schools. Mrs. Greenwell stated the Commissioners must sign off on

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

#### **WESTERN BYPASS FUNDING**

Posey County Commissioner Attorney, Joe Harrison, stated this agreement is to allow 5/3 Bank to be the underwriters of the bonds that will be used to finance the Western Bypass project. Mr. Harrison stated these documents would allow for 5/3 Bank to begin marketing the bonds.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve; C. Schmitz seconded. Mr. Collins stated this is for the first phase that will include work from Highway 69 to Base Road. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

#### **POSEY SOLAR LLC ROAD USE AGREEMENT**

B. Collins stated per the current Wind and Solar ordinance, the County created a Road Use Committee to approve the needed Road Use Agreement paperwork. Mr. Collins stated the Committee met to review an agreement between the County and Posey Solar LLC. Mr. Collins stated the committee had designed a form to be used by any company wanting to use Posey County Roads in regards to projects under the ordinance. Mr. Collins stated the Company would complete the form, and it would be brought to the Commissioners for approval. Mr. Collins stated the only action the Commissioners are taking today is the approval of the form.

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

#### **INDIANA STATE GAMES CYCLING EVENT**

Holly Schneider, with Indiana State Games, addressed the Commissioners regarding the use of Posey County Roads for their event on June 5 and June 6. C. Schmitz stated there was a section of road on the twenty-mile route that he has concerns about. Mrs. Schneider stated they generally have plenty of volunteers, and she will take that into consideration when placing volunteers. Mr. Harrison asked if they have spoken with Sheriff on this. Mrs. Schneider stated no, but she would after approval from Commissioners.

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

#### **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, stated the Highway Department had started recycling, and chip and sealing will begin next week. Mr. Schenk stated paving would begin soon. Mr. Schenk stated he received a letter from INDOT, and they will be closing Highway 65 South to resurface the bridge. Mr. Schenk stated he has informed the Sheriff's Office and work will begin May 20 and should last one week.

Donnie Martin, with the Posey County Health Department, stated they were able to vaccinate 84 returning patients at the Marris School mass COVID-19 vaccine clinic, and ten first-time vaccines were given. Mr. Martin stated the vaccination rate for Posey County is 60%. Mr. Martin stated vector spraying program would be up and running soon.

Posey County EMS Director, Chris Neaveill, informed the Commissioners of the need to secure a new Medical Director for the department. Mr. Neaveill stated the current Director has moved to Florida, and he would like to contract with someone local. Mr. Neaveill stated he worked with the Auditor's office to locate a current contract for the current Director. Mr. Neaveill stated no such contract is current.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve moving forward with contracting with a new Medical Director; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Neaveill

Mr. Neaveill stated his department is still one paramedic down.

Posey County Chief Deputy, Jeremy Fortune, gave the following inmate housing update:

80 Posey County

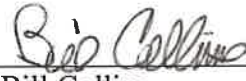
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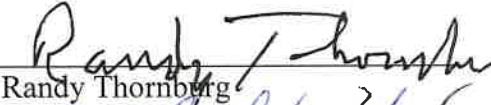
127 Total

Mr. Fortune stated the Sheriff's office worked closely with the Drug Taskforce to execute 17 outstanding warrants on Friday. Mr. Fortune stated they are still looking for three individuals.

No further business was discussed, and the meeting adjourned.



Bill Collins



Randy Thornberg



Carl Schmitz



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell