POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL TUESDAY JULY 9TH, 2019

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

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

MINUTES

R. Gentil made a motion to approve the June Council minutes with the correction of no vote listed for the additional appropriation request from Sheriff Latham; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

M. Brenton made a motion to approve the June Treasurer's report; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

CLERK'S REPORT

S. Miller made a motion to approve the June Clerk's report; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

COUNTY FEE ORDINANCE

H. Allyn stated in May the Council addressed the County Fee Ordinance, where the Council requested the Auditors office to verify all fee amounts were correct. Mrs. Allyn stated that has been done and this will be considered the first reading of this ordinance. Mrs. Allyn stated upon passage today, the ordinance will be advertised twice and will have second reading at the August meeting.

M. Brenton made a motion to approve the County Fee Ordinance for publication; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

VOTE CENTER MODEL

Scott Moye, with the Election Board, addressed the Council regarding an ordinance to establish Posey County as a Vote Center County. Mr. Moye stated this will move the County from polling place precincts to a vote center model, meaning that as a Posey County resident may vote at any of the available voting centers. Mr. Moye stated for the municipal election this year there will be two centers, those are proposed to be located at The Community Church and the other at Mt. Vernon General Baptist. Mr. Moye stated the Election Board is proposing for the County Elections, having ten vote centers located throughout the County. Mr. Moye stated those have not been decided on yet. Mrs. Allyn stated this will alleviate some of the cost associated with elections.

Mrs. Miller asked what changes will need to be made for this transition to happen. Mr. Moye stated moving forward, the Election Board is looking to replace the current voting machines, but as of now, Indiana does not have a certified vendor that is able to sell the machines. Mr. Moye stated the Board is hopeful to have new machines in the County by 2022

election. Mr. Moye stated one thing that will be new this year would be the use of an ePoll Book where people will sign in electronically.

S. Miller made a motion to approve this ordinance; T. Schneider seconded. R. Gentil reminded the Council that the monetary savings is only a small picture of the entire process. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Posey County Prosecutor, Thomas Clowers, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the IV-D fund to General Travel line. Mr. Clowers explained these funds are needed for child support staff training.

R. Gentil made a motion to approve this additional appropriation request; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Posey County Prosecutor, Thomas Clowers, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,197.51 from Infraction Deferral to the Perf line. Mr. Clowers explained this is needed to cover the County's portion of perf for the salary increase that was awarded in 2018. T.

Schneider made a motion to approve this request; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Posey County Prosecutor, Thomas Clowers, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$3,000.00 from Federal Forfeitures line to Equipment. Mr. Clowers explained this money was seized from a drug dealer in Posey County. Mr. Clowers stated this will allow for new laptops for his department. M. Brenton made a motion to approve this request; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$3,133.08. Mr. Latham stated this money was from a vehicle accident and requesting that be appropriated to the Oil and Lubricant Line.

S. Miller made a motion to approve this request; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

Carrie Thompson, Posey County Dispatch Director, is requesting an reimbursement in the amount of \$366.95. Mrs. Thompson stated this is a refund check.

R. Gentil made a motion to approve this request; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Posey County Resident, Earl Schroeder, asked the Council to please make sure public speakers are introducing themselves when they come to speak.

Vicki Peerman, Posey County Treasurer, informed the Council the following regarding Spring Settlement:

\$23,160,372.05 total collected

\$20,161,255.61 was real estate and personal property tax

\$260,166.00 was ditch taxes

Mrs. Peerman stated settlement is completed and fall settlement is under way.

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, informed the Council that the Commissioners recently signed an ordinance that will enact a \$50.00 booking fee to be paid to the County when someone has been convicted of a crime.

Sheriff Latham stated he took in the following last month:

\$48,055.00 from Vanderburgh

\$11,270.00 from Sullivan

\$9,415.00 from DOC

Sheriff Latham stated the jail is currently housing the following:

52 inmates from Vanderburgh

8 inmates from Sullivan

10 inmates from DOC

50 inmates from Posey County

Sheriff Latham informed the Council recent legislation raises the daily per diem to house an inmate from \$35.00 to \$37.50 beginning in July, and will increase to \$40.00 beginning in January.

No further business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.

Heather Allyn, President

Stefani Miller, Vice President

Aaron Wilson

ATTEST: Mean & Shenwell Posey County Auditor