

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, June 15, 2021. Commissioners Carl Schmitz, Bill Collins, and Randy Thornburg were in attendance. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were also in attendance.

Pastor Wayne Nall lead the Commissioners in prayer.

MINUTES

C. Schmitz made a motion to approve the minutes from June 1, 2021; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

C. Schmitz made a motion to approve the executive session minutes from June 1, 2021; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

CLAIMS

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the claims as presented; C. Schmitz seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

JAIL/SHERIFF EQUIPMENT BID APPROVAL

Posey County Sheriff Tom Latham is seeking approval to advertise for bids for the body scanner that he discussed with the Commissioners at the last meeting. Sheriff Latham stated the Commissioners received the bid specs that will be advertised. C. Schmitz made a motion to approve the specs for advertisement; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

ORDINANCE TO CONSIDER BOARD PARTICIPATION VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS

B. Collins stated this started when COVID first started and was allowed through executive orders from Governor Holcomb. Mr. Collins stated this ordinance was proposed by the County Attorney in anticipation of the public health emergency ends. Mr. Collins stated this ordinance would have restrictions, such as at least two Commissioners must be physically present.

R. Thornburg stated he has some issues with this ordinance he would like to see addressed before it is passed. Mr. Thornburg stated this ordinance allows a member to be absent 50% of the meetings. Mr. Harrison stated the ordinance states only two consecutive meetings can be attended via electronic means. Mr. Thornburg stated if employees are only allotted 12 weeks FMLA, why should elected officials get anything more. Mr. Thornburg stated furthermore, if we expect citizens to take off work to attend meetings, then the Commissioners should be there in person.

B. Collins stated this is only happening and allowed now because of the public health emergency orders from the Governor. Mr. Harrison stated once those orders have expired, this will cover the Boards in the future.

B. Collins asked Mr. Thornburg what his recommendations would be. Mr. Thornburg stated that they do not need it. Mr. Thornburg suggests that the ordinance is tabled and language changed.

C. Schmitz stated he likes the language in section 5 that gives restrictions on what can be voted upon if a member is participating electronically.

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

PICTOMETRY FLYOVER

Posey County Assessor, Nancy Hoehn, informed the Commissioners that Pictometry is the company that provides the images for the County's GIS system. Mrs. Hoehn stated Pictometry

had provided this service twice before. Mrs. Hoehn stated typically, this is done every three years, but the proposal presented today includes a better rate if the flyover is executed every two years versus every three years. Mrs. Hoehn stated even if the Commissioners agree to this change, the County can choose to delay or cancel a flyover if they see fit, without repercussion. Mrs. Hoehn stated this agreement would also come with a better quality image than what the County is currently getting.

Mrs. Hoehn stated the funds for this will come from Reassessment; however, the Commissioners own the GIS system, so it has to be approved by them.

Mrs. Hoehn stated the first flyover would be spring of 2022.

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTRACT

Donnie Martin, with the Health Department, stated this contract is for the part-time health nurse and is funded via grant money from the State.

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

BROADBAND PROJECT

B. Collins stated the Commissioners were approached to ask if they would like to hire a construction manager to oversee the Broadband project with Mainstream.

B. Collins stated other Counties had done this, and funds could be paid from the COVID grant money.

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

COMMUNITY CROSSING GRANT BIDS

B. Collins opened the following bids that were submitted for seven roads:

EMB Paving: \$1,245,645.00

J.H Rudolph: \$1,307,303.90

David Enterprise: \$1,269,505.75

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, recommended the Commissioners approve the low bid of EMB Paving.

C. Schmitz made a motion to approve the low bid of EMB Paving; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

R. Thornburg gave the following Workforce Development Update:

Unemployment Rate:

U.S 6.1%

Indiana 3.9%

Vanderburgh County 4.4%

Pike County 3.8%

Perry County 3.4%

Posey County 3.3%

Warrick County 3.3%

Knox County 3.2%

Gibson County 3%

Dubois County 2.8%

5 Top Industries:

1. Manufacturing 22.9%

2. Construction 19.6%

3. Food Service 7.5%

4. Retail 7.3%

5. Waste Management 7.3%

Top Listed Jobs

1. Farm Workers

2. RN

3. Production Workers

- 4. RN Assistant
- 5. LPN

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

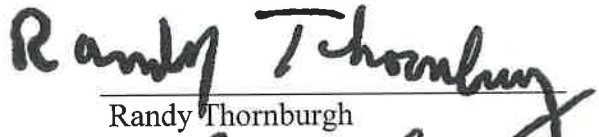
Donnie Martin, with the Posey County Health Department, stated that the contract with Deaconess for COVID testing and vaccinations would end on June 30. Mr. Martin stated all vaccinations and testing would be done by the health department moving forward.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated that the second Commissioners' meeting in July would be held on July 27, 2021.

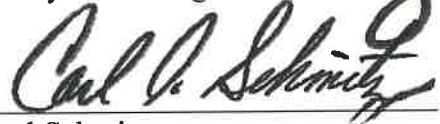
No other business was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned.



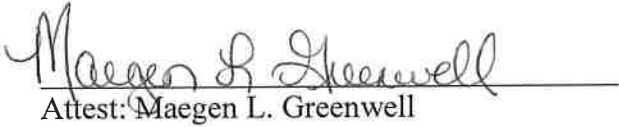
Bill Collins



Randy Thornburgh



Carl Schmitz


Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell