

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, October 5, 2021. Commissioners Bill Collins and Randy Thornburg were in attendance. Chief Deputy Auditor Shelley Hargrove and County Attorney Joe Harrison were also in attendance. Commissioner Carl Schmitz was absent.

Danny Reisinger led the Commissioners in prayer.

MINUTES

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the September 21, 2021 Commissioners minutes; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

CLAIMS

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the claims as presented; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

CLERK'S REPORT

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the August Clerk's report; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

B. Collins stated the Commissioners received a request to place a stop sign at the intersection of Old Highway 62 and Blount Road. Mr. Collins stated this is the second reading of this ordinance. R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this request; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

2ND AMENDMENT ORDINANCE PROPOSAL

R. Thornburg stated he has spoken with State Senators and others, the attorney, and he would like to see a resolution, not an ordinance.

R. Thornburg made a motion to draft a resolution; B. Collins seconded.

Mr. Collins stated he wants to make sure the Commissioners do not hurt the County in any way. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

GLOBE LIFE

B. Collins stated the representative from Globe Life had requested to be on the agenda; however, he was not at the meeting. Mr. Collins stated he had reached out to the current insurance representative, and there is nothing that Globe Life is offering that isn't currently being offered by the current company.

ADA

B. Collins stated Attorney Joe Harrison is working on this issue. Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, stated the plan has to be updated every three years, which is done through Lochumeler. Mr. Harrison stated he would be in contact with the needed parties.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, stated while looking into purchasing body cameras for his deputies, he found an opportunity for the County to use a cooperative called Source Well. Sheriff Latham stated this is a company that is free to County to use and provides procurement for various items used by his department, including large price items that would typically have to go through the bidding process. Sheriff Latham stated this is done at no cost to the County.

B. Collins stated the Highway department uses a similar company.

R. Thornburg made a motion to adopt this resolution; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, gave the following inmate housing update:

12 DOC

38 Vanderburgh County

87 Posey County
137 Total inmates
\$37,125.00 taken in from Vanderburgh County for September.

R. Thornburg gave the following unemployment report:

Unemployment:
United States 5.2%
Indiana 4.1%
Vanderburgh 4.2%
Pike 3.8%
Knox 3.4%
Perry 3.4%
POCO 3.2%
Spencer 3.2%
Warrick 3.1%
Gibson 3%
Dubois 2.7%

Top industries affected:
Manufacturing
Construction
Administration Support
Retail
Food Services

Frequently Listed Jobs
Production workers
RN
QC
Nurse Assistant
Maintenance and Repair

R. Thornburg stated 1.9 million fewer women in the labor force than in 2019.

B. Collins gave the following animal control report for September:

18 Complaints
7 Animals picked up
0 Animals euthanized
3 Bite reports
0 Rabies test

D. Martin, with the Posey County Health Department, gave the following report:

96 new COVID-19 cases last week.

18 of the new cases were breakthrough cases.

Delta variant is the dominant variant in the last 2 weeks.

Mr. Martin stated the Health Department is still testing at the office with scheduled times, and the department is working with the State to secure two additional testing sites for Posey County.

R. Thornburg asked what the number of active cases are. Mr. Martin stated he doesn't have that number with him.

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, stated Community Crossing grant paving has started. Mr. Schenk stated with the winter forecast; he has upped his salt order.


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



Bill Collins

Carl Schmitz


Randy Thornburg


Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell
Shelley Hargrove - Chief Deputy