

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Commissioners Bill Collins, Randy Thornburg, and Bryan Schorr were in attendance. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were also in attendance.

Sheriff Tom Latham led the Commissioners in prayer.

Commissioner Collins introduced Commissioner Bryan Schorr to his first meeting as Commissioner.

MINUTES

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the minutes from October 19, 2021; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

CLAIMS

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

CLERK'S REPORT

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

WESTERN BYPASS PUBLIC MEETING

B. Collins stated on November 8, 2021, at 6:00 pm, American Structure Point will hold a public meeting regarding the Western Bypass.

HANDBOOK DISCUSSION/SHERIFF

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated recently, the Sheriff's Office changed their work schedule from a rotating seven-day shift rotation to a four on and two off straight shift schedule. Mrs. Greenwell is requesting the Commissioners designate the Sheriff's deputies as 80 hours non-exempt employees. Mrs. Greenwell stated this would clean up the administrative side of keeping track of hours worked and overtime. Mrs. Greenwell stated this is also how the City of Mt. Vernon pays its officers.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this change; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

POSEY COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

Posey County Surveyor Adam Bigge addressed the Commissioners regarding the Poseyville Sewer Project. Mr. Bigge stated he has spoken with the Sewer District regarding Lick Creek. Mr. Bigge stated Lick Creek would be the ditch that the treatment facilities effluent would deposit into. Mr. Bigge stated that the three miles of Lick Creek that run from the facility to Big Creek is not a regulated drain. Mr. Bigge stated the engineers for the project had assured the board the creek could handle the flow; however, the issue would be if there would be a problem with that ditch, the County would have no legal recourse or means of action to correct the problem. Mr. Bigge stated he is recommending, along with the Drainage Board, the Commissioners begin taking the necessary steps in making Lick Creek a legal drain. Mr. Bigge stated there are already issues with the creek that needs to be addressed already. Mr. Bigge stated the Sewer Board could start the process by petitioning the Drainage Board, and there will be an IC code that will be followed for notifying landowners and setting that legal drain up.

Mr. Bigge stated he would get with the County Attorney on the process needed.

R. Thornburg made a motion to move forward in the process of making Lick Creek a legal drain; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

ANTHEM HEALTH INSURANCE

Ted Thompson, with TriState Benefits, addressed the Commissioners regarding the Anthem health insurance plans and premiums for 2022. Mr. Thompson stated the County would see no increase in health insurance cost for the second year in a row. Mr. Thompson stated the benefits will stay the same, including the following:

\$500 deductible

\$1500 family deductible

80/20 coverage

\$3000 out of pocket for individual

\$6000 out of pocket for family

Primary Care/Specialist visit \$35.00

Prescription Coverage \$15.00 for generic, tier 2 \$35.00 and tier 3 \$50.00

Preventative Care covered at 100%

Dental and Vision will have no change

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the Anthem Health Insurance Policy for 2022; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated the following dates will be used as open enrollment for the year 2022:

Monday, November 8, 2021

Mt. Vernon Highway Garage from 7:00 am to 8:00 am

Coliseum 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Poseyville Highway Garage from 7:00 am to 8:00 am

Coliseum 8:30 am to 2:00 pm

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Coliseum 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

BODY CAMERA

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, stated he had presented the Commissioners with a contract with Axon for Body Cameras for his department. Sheriff Latham stated he has spoken with Council to secure funding for this. Sheriff Latham stated it would be about four to six weeks to have the equipment in hand.

B. Collins stated the contract amount was \$199,223.99.

Sheriff Latham stated recently; he gained approval by the Commissioners to purchase a body scanner for the jail. Sheriff Latham stated the cost of that equipment is \$188,352.62. Sheriff Latham stated they are looking at several financing options for this equipment. Sheriff Latham stated United Fidelity quoted a 3-year term at a 2.5% financing option that would put a yearly payment of \$62,784.20 plus interest. Sheriff Latham stated the funds for this equipment will not come from County General; however, it will come from housing inmates.

Posey County Council President, Heather Allyn, stated she had spoken with Mrs. Greenwell regarding the financing option of the scanner. Mrs. Allyn stated rather than having the Sheriff's office financing the equipment; the Council will consider options to pay for the needed equipment directly instead of incurring finance charges.

Mrs. Greenwell stated the Sheriff does not want to drain the Jail Maintenance fund to purchase this equipment. Mrs. Greenwell proposed half the cost paid from County General and half the cost paid from the Jail Maintenance fund. Mrs. Greenwell stated the other option would be for Sheriff to cover the entire cost, and if an emergency were to arise, Council would know they would be asked to cover the cost of the emergency. Mrs. Allyn stated this would have to also be discussed at the Council meeting.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the Body Camera contract with Axon; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the purchase of the Body Scanner with financing being discussed and approved by the County Council; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

DIGITAL PLAT BOOK CONTRACT

Posey County Assessor, Nancy Hoehn, addressed the Commissioners regarding a contract with Schneider to design digital plat books for the County. Mrs. Hoehn stated this would replace the physical plat books in the Auditor's office. Mrs. Hoehn stated this would be a web-based application that can be searched by address and name. Mrs. Hoehn stated this would be customizable to fit the County's needs.

Mrs. Hoehn stated the setup fee is \$5,520.00 and a yearly fee of \$6,624.00 and includes support and training. Mrs. Hoehn stated the funds would come from the Assessor's funds.

R. Thornburg asked if the yearly service fee includes software updates. Mrs. Hoehn stated yes.

R. Thornburg asked what the time frame would be. Mrs. Hoehn stated two to four weeks to develop and switch over on January 1, 2022.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the contract with Schneider for the Digital Plat Book; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

GIS USAGE AGREEMENT

Posey County Assessor, Nancy Hoehn, stated Wessler Engineering is seeking permission to utilize information on the County GIS program. Mrs. Greenwell stated Wessler is doing work on behalf of the Posey County Sewer District, so they will not be charged for the information.

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

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR POSEYVILLE LIBRARY

Heather Allyn, Posey County Council president, along with Heather Morlan, Poseyville Library Director, addressed the Commissioner in regards to drafting a letter of support for Poseyville Library in regards to taxing districts. Mrs. Allyn stated Mrs. Morlan came to Council in March to ask for help in realigning the taxing districts to reflect the school districts. Mrs. Allyn stated they reached out to DLGF, who instructed them that a resolution would have to be drafted and signed by both the Alexandrian Public Library Board and the Poseyville Library Board. Mrs. Allyn stated this was done but has not been acted upon by the Alexandrian Public Library as of yet. Mrs. Morlan stated Robinson Township is the only Township in Indiana that does not fall into the same library district as their library district.

R. Thornburg made a motion to sign a letter of support for this issue; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Mrs. Allyn stated this would not go into effect until the year 2023 at this point.

2022 SCHEDULES

B. Collins stated the Commissioners were presented with the 2022 holiday schedule and the 2022 Commissioners meeting schedule to consider. Mr. Collins stated in regards to the holiday schedule; the Commissioners are adding Presidents Day to the list of County holidays.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve both the holiday and the meeting schedules for 2022; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

ELECTION RE-DISTRICTING DISCUSSION

Posey County Clerk, Kay Killgore, addressed the Commissioners regarding election districts. Mrs. Killgore stated after the census; the County is required to draw new lines in the Congressional Statehouse and State Senate jurisdictions. Mrs. Killgore stated the only change affecting Posey County is now the entire County is in District 76. Mrs. Killgore stated this would not affect the precincts. Mrs. Killgore stated the County is also required to review County Commissioner and County Council districts. Mrs. Killgore stated the Commissioners districts require no changes at this time. Mrs. Killgore is suggesting the following changes for Council districts:

District 1: Adding Lynn West and Black 2

District 2: Remove Lynn East, Lynn West, and Black 2

District 3: No Changes

District 4: Add Lynn East

Mrs. Killgore stated this would not affect any seated Council member.

Mrs. Kilgore stated County Attorney had prepared an ordinance to cover these changes, and the Commissioners will need to update the map showing these changes. Mr. Harrsion stated the ordinance would require two readings.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the Election Redistricting Ordinance; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

GARDEN CLUB RECOGNITION

B. Collins read the following resolution:

Whereas the Mt. Vernon Garden Club has graciously taken on the task of maintaining the flower beds and gardens located on the grounds of the Posey County Courthouse, Coliseum, and other County buildings.

Whereas Posey County wholeheartedly appreciates the efforts of the Mt. Vernon Garden Club in making the flowerbeds and flower gardens look beautiful all the time.

Whereas a result of volunteer efforts of the Mt. Vernon Garden Club, the flowerbeds at the Posey County Courthouse undoubtedly are the shining star of Posey County.

Therefore, the Board of Commissioners of Posey County resolves that the residents of Posey County appreciate the volunteerism of the Mt. Vernon Garden Club for their time and hard work in keeping the flowerbeds and flower gardens located on the grounds of the Posey County Court House, Coliseum and County buildings looking so beautiful so that Posey County wishes to recognize and thank the Mt. Vernon Garden Club for their dedicated public service in maintaining and keeping the flowerbeds and flower gardens on the grounds of the Posey County Courthouse, Coliseum, and other County Buildings during a large portion of those sixty years.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this resolution and thanked the Garden Club for the wonderful job; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

TITLE VI IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Posey County Commissioner Attorney, Joe Harrison, stated he has spoken to the Commissioners at prior meetings regarding the need to update the County's Title VI plan. Mr. Harrsion provided the Commissioners with a draft plan to approve. Mr. Harrsion stated along with the Title VI plan; the Commissioners will be updating their current ADA plan. Mr. Harrsion stated the Title VI plan would be sent to INDOT to allow for Federal funding in the future for road projects.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the Title VI plan; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

PURDUE EXTENSION CONTRACT

Hans Schmitz, with Posey County Purdue Extension office, is addressing the Commissioners regarding the 2022 Purdue Extension Contract. Mr. Schmitz stated this contract is presented annually and is for 2.8 educators, and the cost is \$104,505. Mrs. Greenwell stated this was budgeted for during budget time.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this contract; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Schmitz introduced Amanda Bender, who is the 4H Extension Educator for Posey County. Mrs. Bender stated 4H enrollment is now open.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT NURSE CONTRACT

Donny Martin, with the Posey County Health Department, presented the Commissioners with a contract to hire a part-time contracted health nurse to assist with the influx of COVID-19 vaccination. Mr. Martin stated the department is giving roughly 50 shots per day. Mr. Martin stated this contract will run from November 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, at an hourly rate of \$20.00 per hour and a max of 29 hours per week.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve this contract; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Donny Martin stated since last week, the County has reported four new cases of COVID19 and is currently in the designation of yellow with a positivity rate of 7.5%

Mr. Martin stated November 10 through November 13, the State of Indiana will be provided vaccines from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Mt. Vernon City Fire Station.

R. Thornburg stated North Posey released the following information:
North Posey High School 451 students 0 positive cases in the school
North Posey Jr. High 225 students 0 positive cases in the school

North Elementary 384 students 1 positive student and 0 positive staff in school
South Terrace Elementary 369 students 0 positive cases in the school

ARPA BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mrs. Greenwell stated the County has a Board that oversees the ARPA funds. Mrs. Greenwell stated the County would need to appoint someone to replace the vacant spot left by Mr. Schmitz. B. Schorr made a motion to appoint Bryan Schorr; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

MORLEY BROADBAND PROJECT

Jeremy Elrod with Morley addressed the Commissioners regarding the Mainstream Fiber project. Mr. Elrod stated he was able to meet with Mainstream last week and had a productive meeting. Mr. Elrod stated he was able to catch up on what Mainstream has done and is doing. Mr. Elrod stated currently, most of the work is being done behind the scene in permits and agreements. Mr. Elrod stated the tentative start date for construction in February of 2022, with hookups being mid-summer. Mr. Elrod stated he would have monthly meetings with Mainstream until construction starts, and then they would meet more frequently.

Mr. Elrod stated the Nextlevel grant opens back up soon, and Mainstream has put in a letter of intent for other areas of Posey County and is looking for feedback on other priority areas. B. Schorr asked if there was a map of planned installation? Mr. Elrod stated yes, and he would provide that to the Commissioners. Mr. Schorr also suggested Morley meet with Mainstream more often than monthly and suggested meeting bi-weekly. Mr. Elrod stated that could be done.

INSURANCE QUOTES

R. Thornburg stated a representative from ONI recently spoke to the Commissioners. Mr. Thornburg stated ONI would like to quote a bid for property and casualty insurance. Mr. Thornburg asked the other Commissioner if they would like to entertain bids for casualty and property insurance. B. Schorr asked how long the County has been with the current provider. M. Greenwell stated roughly thirty years. Mrs. Greenwell stated this had been shopped out, but not in the last few years. Mrs. Greenwell stated she is gathering the information needed for Brian Hancock and EPIC to quote a price. R. Thornburg made a motion to receive quotes at the December 7, 2021 Commissioners meeting; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, gave the following housing update:
39 Vanderburgh County Inmates
21 DOC
93 Posey County Inmates
153 Total

B. Collins asked Mr. Harrison if he had received any feedback from the State regarding the letter that had been sent on behalf of the Commissioners about the ditches along Highway 62? Mr. Harrison stated he had not.

Mr. Harrison stated he has also sent follow-up communication on the road damage caused by Naas and has not had any communication.

Steve Schenk, Posey County Highway Superintendent, addressed the Commissioners regarding the need to purchase two dump trucks for the department. Mr. Schenk provided the Commissioners with a quote to purchase using Sourcewell for a total of 158,919.04 for each truck. Mr. Schenk stated he would be using a lease-to-purchase agreement paying 1/3 down when delivered, and the next two payments would be made on the anniversary date.

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

Mr. Schenk stated he is getting a list together for the Community Crossing Grant for the Commissioners to approve. Mr. Schenk stated yearly bids would be opened at the next Commissioners meeting.

Posey County EMS Director, Chris Neaveill, addressed the Commissioners regarding his department. Mr. Neaveill stated he is two paramedics down.

Mr. Neaveill stated he has spoken with the Commissioners and Council in the past regarding ways to recruit and retain employees. Mr. Neaveill stated he recently spoke with Mr. Collins about increasing the rates that are currently being charged to non-residents of Posey County. Mr. Neaveill stated the following were the current charges for non-residents:

BLS: \$575.00
ALS Level 1: \$675.00
ALS Level 2: \$900.00
Refusal: \$50.00
16.00/mile

Mr. Neaveil stated the following are the suggested charges for non-residents by consulting company:

18.00/mile
BLS: \$950.00
ALS level 1: \$1300.00
ALS level 2: \$1500.00

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the recommendations from the consulting company; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Posey County Council President Heather Allyn spoke with Commissioners regarding the fees charged to residents. Mrs. Allyn stated compared to other surrounding areas, our fees for County residents are low. Mrs. Allyn stated the gap between what the County is charging and what insurance will cover is large.

The Commissioners asked Mr. Neaveill to come back in two weeks with hard numbers on this issue and how current numbers compare to surrounding Counties.

Posey County Treasurer, Vicki Peerman, stated fall taxes would be due November 10, 2021.

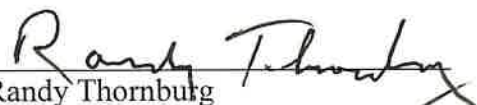
Mrs. Greenwell stated the Commissioners would meet with department heads and appointed officials after the November 16, 2021 Commissioners meeting in an executive session.

B. Collins read the following Animal Control report for October:

34 Complaints
7 Animals Picked up
0 Euthanized
5 Bite Reports
0 Rabies Test
\$120.00 to the Auditors office.



Bill Collins



Randy Thornburg



Bryan Schorr



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell