

## POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

The Posey County Council met in regular session at the Hovey House on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 9:00 am. The following members were present at the said meeting: Heather Allyn, Tom Schneider, Brandon Deig, Aaron Wilson, Dave Pearce, Marilyn Brenton, Stefani Miller, County Attorney Joe Harrison, and Auditor Maegen Greenwell.

H. Allyn called the Posey County Council meeting to order at 9:00 am with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Pastor Matt Watson shared a prayer.

H. Allyn called for a moment of silence for those affected by September 11, 2001

### MINUTES

T. Schneider made a motion to approve the August Council minutes as presented; B. Deig seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

### CLERK'S REPORT

S. Miller made a motion to approve the July Clerk's report; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

M. Brenton made a motion to approve the August Treasurer's report; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

### RADIO UPDATE

H. Allyn stated Jason Knowles was not able to attend this meeting due to a prior committed meeting. Mrs. Allyn stated Mr. Knowles let her know that the Sheriff's Office had several of their vehicles looked at by VEI and determined they had the incorrect type of antenna. Mrs. Allyn stated Mr. Knowles is still working with VEI to make the department FCC compliant.

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, stated those antennas were replaced with the correct antennas, and there were a few cars that were not available that day to be inspected, but those are scheduled to be looked at. Sheriff Latham stated since those were switched out, he has not received any complaints from the Deputies.

Chief Deputy Fortune stated they have also recently completed a software update.

H. Allyn read the following email from Dan Shephard with VEI:

"Just to keep everyone updated on the progress of the system, after the discussion we had, Sheriff Latham reached out to us to schedule a PM of the vehicles. My technician traveled down the Sheriff's office and checked all the vehicles that were available. The following is a result of what they did: checked the antenna of each vehicle, updated the firmware of each vehicle, double-checked programming of each radio, inspected the power wiring of each radio. This is the results of what they found: seven vehicles had incorrect antennas installed, radio would not operate throughout the spectrum of frequency of the trunking system; this could be the problem with the perceived intermittent usage issues. The antenna would work fine in one frequency in an area but not work at all under a different frequency in the same area. This would explain why we never could duplicate the problem. Please let us know if you have any more problems."

Mrs. Allyn stated hopefully, this is the fix that they have been looking for.

A. Wilson asked if the issues with radios are exclusive to the Sheriff's Office because he recalls EMS having issues too. Mrs. Allyn stated the problem with EMS was that they could not use their radios on the County's system once they were out of the County.

### NON-BINDING UNIT BUDGET REVIEW

H. Allyn stated once a year, the Council must review and approve the non-binding unit's budget. Mrs. Allyn explained this was not something the Council had much control over, other than asking the units to not exceed their max levy set by the State.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve the non-binding unit's budgets; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

### POSEY COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE UPDATE

Hans Schmitz, with the Posey County Extension office, addressed the Council regarding changes that have occurred in their office. Mr. Schmitz stated as of March of this year, Cheven May has resigned. Mr. Schmitz stated Amanda Bender was hired to fill in as a Fair Assistant for this year's fair and was offered the full-time position of 4H Extension Educator in July. Mrs. Bender introduced herself to the Council and reminded everyone that 4H enrolment begins October 1st.

### ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, is requesting the following four additional appropriations:

\$28,440.31 to the Overtime line of 1170; funds received from a grant

\$500.00 to the Reserve Deputy Fund; funds received from a donation

\$375.00 to the Reserve Deputy funds; funds received from a donation

\$50.00 to the K9 Fund; funds received from a donation

A. Wilson made a motion to approve these requests; B. Deig seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, is requesting the following three additional appropriations:

\$10,350.00 for lighting damage done to one of the E911 towers

\$6,963.11 for a scanning project done with COVID CARES funds for the Recorder

\$53,000.00 for the legal service line

A. Wilson made a motion to approve these requests; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Posey County EMS Director, Chris Neaveill, is requesting the following two additional appropriations:

\$500.00 into the Donation line; funds received from a donation; T. Schneider made a motion to approve this request; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

\$200,000.00 into the Overtime line. Mr. Neaveill stated he is struggling with various staffing issues causing him to use more over time. Mr. Neaveill stated with the vacant spots throughout the year, he should have some funds leftover in those lines at the end of the year. A. Wilson asked if Council approved less than the \$200,000.00, could Mr. Neaveill wait until closer to the end of the year and see what funds are left in those lines. Mr. Neaveill stated yes. A. Wilson made a motion to reduce this request to \$75,000.00; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, is requesting the following three additional appropriations:

\$934,235.75 to contractual services; funds from Community Crossing Grant

\$200,000 to Local Road and Street

\$560,348 to contractual services; funds received from EDIT funds

T. Schneider made a motion to approve these requests; B. Deig seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0

### DEPARTMENT UPDATE

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

110 total

15 DOC Inmates

38 Vanderburgh Inmates

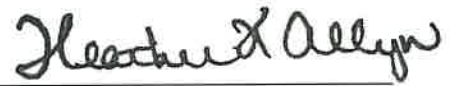
94 Posey County Inmates

147 Total

\$38,362.00 was taken in from Vanderburgh County in December of 2020.

Sheriff Latham addressed the Council regarding questions surrounding the discussion that was had about adding two Deputies to the department last year. Sheriff Latham stated the miscommunication came from the office saying they would be able to add three Deputes to the schedule, and it is interpreted as three Deputies on the road at one time. Sheriff Latham stated with the new schedule, they would have two Deputies on the road and overlap of one Deputy at the high traffic times of the day.

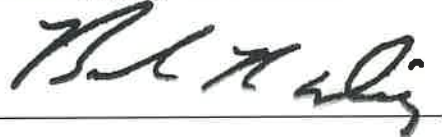
No further business was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned.



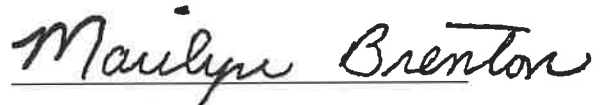
Heather Allyn, President




Stefani Miller, Vice President



Brandon Deig



Marilyn Brenton



Dave Pearce

Thomas Schneider



Aaron Wilson

ATTEST:



Posey County Auditor