

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, February 1, 2022. Commissioners Bill Collins, Randy Thornburg, and Bryan Schorr were in attendance. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were also in attendance.

Pastor Matt Watson lead the Commissioners in prayer.

MINUTES

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the minutes from January 19, 2022; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

B. Collins tabled the approval of the executive session minutes.

CLAIMS

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Jail Building Corporation: B. Schorr asked what the requirements were. Posey County Commissioner Attorney, Joe Harrison, stated the requirements would be the nominee would need to be a Posey County resident. B. Collins stated this would be tabled.

EMS Advisory Board: B. Collins stated this would be tabled.

Posey County Regional Sewer Board: R. Thornburg made a motion to appoint Jerry Chastaine Jr. to the Posey County Regional Sewer Board. No second was made.

B. Schorr made a motion to appoint Pat Beaman to the Posey County Regional Sewer Board; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-1, with R. Thornburg opposing.

MAUNEE FERRY ROAD VACATION

Posey County Commissioner Attorney, Joe Harrison, stated the Commissioners received an amended petition to include a better legal description of the requested road vacation, along with revised easements. Mr. Harrison stated this would be the first reading of the ordinance, with the second reading and a public hearing to be held at the next Commissioners meeting.

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

LAMONT ROAD AMENDMENT 1

Wing Lau, with American Structure Point, addressed the Commissioners regarding work that will be done on Lamont Road. Mr. Lau stated work is planned on Lamont Road from State Road 62 to Lower Mt. Vernon Road, roughly half of a mile. Mr. Lau stated this includes replacing the existing bridge and constructing a road that will withstand heavy haul industry in the future. Mr. Lau stated the hope is this will be funded by the State with grant funds. Mr. Harrison stated if funding is not secured through the State with grant monies, the County will fund this project using TIF funds. Mr. Collins stated this would help the County attract industries wanting to build near the Port. Mr. Schorr asked if the Port would be willing to help with funding since it will help that area also. Mr. Harrison stated they did write a letter of support for the grant application. Mr. Lau stated the County should know the grant results by the end of February or early March. Mr. Collins stated the grant funding will not be awarded until 2027

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

BRIDGE 103 CONTRACT

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, stated bridge 103 is on Smith School Road needs to be replaced. Mr. Schenk stated currently, this bridge has an 11-ton weight limit and is too narrow. Mr. Schenk stated this road is on the list pave in 2022. Mr. Schenk stated he has quoted from CivilCon as follows:

Site Survey: \$7500
Preliminary plans and design: \$3500
Permitting and hydraulic design: \$6000
Final design and plans: \$8500
Bid contract and specs: \$2000
Total design: \$27,500.00

Mr. Schenk stated they would be placing an aluminum box culvert that will be assembled off-site. Mr. Schenk stated the estimated price for the box culvert is \$150,000, with labor estimated at \$150,000. Mr. Schenk stated these funds would come from the bridge fund.

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

LPA CONTRACT

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, stated this is a contract with BLN to conduct the needed four-year road study for the State for bridge inspections. Mr. Schenk stated Mr. Harrison has looked at the contract. Mr. Schenk stated the total price is \$427,724.27, with the County paying 25% of the total cost.

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

HOVEY HOUSE EXTERIOR PAINT PROPOSAL

Commissioner Randy Thornburg stated the Commissioners have had some work done to the upstairs of the Hovey House. Mr. Thornburg stated while work was being done, ARC provided a quote for updating the exterior paint. Mr. Thornburg stated the exterior had not been painted in twenty years. Mr. Thornburg gave the following quoted prices:

ARC: \$48,160.00

Sims: \$58,520.00

Mr. Thornburg stated he is recommending to go with ARC. Mr. Collins asked if these are apples-to-apples comparisons. Mr. Thornburg stated yes.

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

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, stated it is time to advertise the asphalt and paving bids for 2022. Mr. Schenk stated his department has submitted those to the paper and will be collecting bids up to 4 pm on February 28, 2022, at the Auditor's office or 9:00 am on March 1, 2022, at the Hovey House.

Posey County EMS Director, Chris Neaveill, stated he has advertised bids for a new ambulance. Mr. Neaveill stated he is planning to speak to his advisory board and Posey County Council regarding increasing the EMS pay to equal that of full time for those various positions.

R. Thornburg made a motion for the Commissioner to show support of this increase; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Neaveill stated he is two paramedics down and has one-off with COVID.

Posey County Health Department representative, Donnie Martin, stated the COVID positive case numbers are going down. Mr. Martin stated his department is fully staffed.

Posey County Chief Deputy Sheriff, Jeremy Fortune, gave the following inmate housing update:

22 DOC

35 Vanderburgh County

75 Posey County

132 Total

Deputy Fortune stated the jail currently has 48 inmates who are COVID positive but have no symptoms. Deputy Fortune stated they are down three full-time jailers.

R. Thornburg asked if an update on Deputy Hicks could be given. Deputy Fortune stated Mr. Hicks was able to attend the fundraiser at the Knights Home this past weekend. Deputy Fortune stated Mr. Hicks would be in Louisville four days at a time for therapy and be back home in between those visits.

Deputy Fortune thanked the Highway Department for their work keeping roads clean during the winter months.

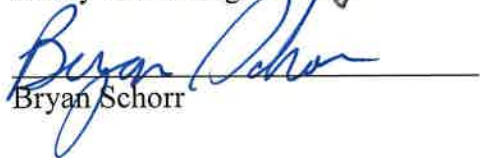
Jeremy Elrod, with Morley, addressed the Commissioners regarding Mainstream and the ongoing broadband project. Mr. Elrod stated with the projected construction start date of Q1, he has been in contact with Mainstream, and they are working with CenterPoint to get agreements signed. Mr. Elrod stated he is working with Mainstream to also get their permits at both the State and local levels.



Bill Collins



Randy Thornburg



Bryan Schorr



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell