

## POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, February 15, 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 Rick Sellers lead the Commissioners in prayer.

### MINUTES

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the minutes from February 1, 2022; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Executive Session Meeting minutes; R. Thornburg 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

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the December 2021 Clerk's Report; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the January 2022 Treasurer's Report; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### MT.VERNON LYNCHING

Sophie Kloppenburg addressed the Commissioners regarding the ongoing discussion of placing a historical marker at the Posey County Courthouse to commemorate the 1878 lynching. Ms. Kloppenburg presented the Commissioners with what the historical marker would look like and possible variations of the wording. Ms. Kloppenburg stated there would be no cost to the County. Ms. Kloppenburg stated she reached out to various members of the community and has received support for this project.

Tom Guggenheim, Posey County resident, spoke with the Commissioners regarding the types of landscaping that could accompany this monument.

Ms. Kloppenburg is planning on returning to the March 1, 2022 meeting.

### BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- Posey County Jail Building Corporation: B. Schorr made a motion to appoint Hans Schmitz to the Posey County Jail Building Corporation for a one-year term to expire 12/31/2022; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- EMS Advisory: B. Schorr made a motion to appoint Dale Thomas to the EMS Advisory Board for a two-year term to expire 12/31/2023; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### MAUNEE FERRY ROAD VACATION

Posey County Commissioner Attorney, Joe Harrison, stated this is the second reading of the ordinance to vacate a portion of Maunee Ferry Road.

B. Collins opened the public portion of the meeting for commenting for or against this project.

B. Collins closed the public portion of the meeting.

B. Schorr made a motion to vacate a portion of Maunee Ferry Road; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### MULBERRY STREET BRIDGE

B. Collins stated this subject would be tabled.

### ADA PROPOSAL

Posey County Commissioner Attorney, Joe Harrison, presented the Commissioners with a proposal from Lochmuler to assist in the final ADA proposal. Mr. Harrison stated this is a requirement for the County to continue to receive federal funding. Mr. Harrison stated the cost to Lochmuler to prepare the documents needed will be \$28,000.00.

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

### AREA PLAN REZONE REQUEST

Becky Wolfe, with Area Plan, presented a rezone request to the Commissioners on behalf of owner, Carl Seib. Mrs. Wolfe stated this request is to rezone three acres at 6525 SR 165, Poseyville, Indiana, from Agricultural to Manufacturing Medium/Heavy zone. Mrs. Wolfe stated this was approved by Area Plan at the February 10, 2022 meeting. Mrs. Wolfe stated there was one remonstrator who questioned the traffic in this area.

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

### DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, informed the Commissioners of the ongoing issues on Buchan Road and German Township Water Department. Mr. Schenk stated the County is still awaiting payment from a previous repair from German Township Water, and the County was made aware of another water line break in the same place. Mr. Schenk stated there is still work that needs to be done to that road where these issues occurred.

Mr. Schenk stated he is not sure if German Township is properly permitting their jobs or know they are even supposed to.

Mr. Harrison stated he has sent an invoice for the first break and will add the new charges to that.

B. Schorr made a motion to suspend German Township Water tap-ins until payment is received for the two repairs that were made to Buchan Road; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Schenk stated it is time to post heavy haul signs on County roads, and they will most likely be posted until April. R. Thornburg made a motion to move forward with posting heavy haul limits; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

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

Vanderburgh 29

DOC 27

Posey County 69

Total 125 inmates

\$42,450.00 was brought in from Vanderburgh County in January 2022.

Sheriff Latham is requesting to allow Mark Pharr, Jail Commander, to roll over 104 hours of unused vacation time. B. Schorr made a motion to roll over 104 hours of unused vacation time; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Sheriff Latham is requesting a contract be signed with EVAPAR for maintenance on the generator at the jail for a cost of \$2,460.00. R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this contract; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

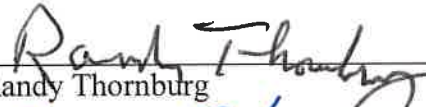
Donnie Martin, with the Posey County Health Department, informed the Commissioner that COVID numbers are trending down. Mr. Martin stated testing is still being done at the Health Department.

Posey County EMS Director, Chris Neaveill, addressed the Commissioners regarding the EMS Department. Mr. Neaveill stated he is still two paramedics down. Mr. Neaveill stated he has an advisory board meeting tonight.

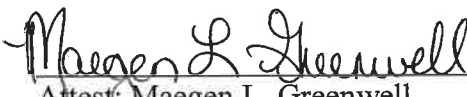
B. Collins gave the following Animal Control Report:

- Complaints 18
- Animals Picked up 5
- Animal Euthanized 1
- Bite Reports 1

  
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Randy Thornburg

  
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Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell