

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, March 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.

David Whitten lead the Commissioners in prayer.

MINUTES

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

CLAIMS

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

CLERK'S REPORT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

HIGHWAY BIDS

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, gave the following recommendations on the tabled yearly bids:

Section 7: Chip and Seal

J.H Rudolph

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve J. H. Rudolph as the low bid for section 7; B. Schorr seconded. B. Schorr asked if there are any other companies around the area that provide this service? Mr. Schenk stated they are only one of a few.

The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Section 8 Hot Mix Paving

Overlay on Chip and Seal

J. H. Rudolph

B. Schorr made a motion to approve J. H Rudolph as the low bid for section 8; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Section 8 Hot Mix Paving

Overlay on Blacktop

Jerry David Enterprise

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve Jerry David as the low bid for section 8, overlay on blacktop; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Section 8 with Escalation/De-escalation Claus E&B Paving would be used as a backup bid.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve E&B Paving as a backup bid; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

MT.VERNON LYNCHING DISCUSSION

Sophie Kloppenburg, a junior at Mt. Vernon Sr. High School, addressed the Commissioners regarding the ongoing discussion of placing a monument on the Courthouse lawn to commemorate the lynching that occurred in Mt. Vernon in 1878. Ms. Kloppenburg provided the Commissioners with updated wording for the monument and an updated graphic of what the monument would look like. Ms. Kloppenburg stated she has removed some of the history of the event and would like to instead place a QR code on the monument that you could scan with a smartphone and would lead you to a website that is able to go into more detail about the events.

Posey County Citizen, Betty Hart, addressed the Commissioners in support of this monument.

R. Thornburg stated he is in favor of the monument but would like to see the wording cleaned up more. Mr. Thornburg suggested the Commissioners form a committee to work with Ms. Kloppenburg on what the appropriate wording will be.

B. Collins thanked Mr. Kloppenburg for the work she has put into this project. Mr. Collins stated he would agree with Mr. Thornburg on the wording and would like to see something in the wording that acknowledges the progress that has been made in Posey County regarding the subject matter.

B. Schorr stated he agreed with the other two Commissioners, and he commended Ms. Kloppenburg on her work. Mr. Schorr stated he would be happy to help Ms. Kloppenburg.

B. Collins questioned if the State of Indiana Seal would be appropriate to use and if permission would have to be granted from the State to use that. Ms. Kloppenburg asked if she could use the Posey County Logo. The Commissioners stated they felt this would be better than the State Seal.

B. Collins asked where the website that the QR would lead to would be housed and who would maintain that. A representative with the University of Southern Indiana addressed the website and stated it would be hosted and maintained with the Rice Library.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve a plaque and bench on the southeast corner of the Courthouse square, with final approval on wording being given by the Commissioners; R. Thornburg seconded.

B. Schorr stated he would work with Ms. Kloppenburg as the Commissioner representative. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

EMS AMBULANCE BID

B. Collins stated the Commissioners received the following two bids for a new ambulance:
American Response Vehicles \$193,896.99

Fire Services Inc. \$184,226.00

R. Thornburg made a motion to take the bids under advisement until the next meeting; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Neaveill stated this truck would not be ready until the end of this year.

Chirs Neaveill, Posey County EM Director, stated the sleep stipend had gone into effect, and he had only heard positive feedback. Mr. Neaveill stated he is four paramedics down, and effective March 28, 2022, he would be back working as a paramedic on the truck. B. Collins asked what the plans were for the administrative side when Mr. Neaveill is on the truck. Mr. Neaveill stated he would handle the administrative duties as time allowed when he is on duty in Mt. Vernon. Mr. Neaveill stated that the administrative assistant would be picking up when he is unavailable.

REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER FEE

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, informed the Commissioners that this ordinance would increase the transfer fee in the Auditor's office from \$10.00 per deed to \$10.00 per parcel. Mrs. Greenwell stated that this is what the majority of Indiana Counties are doing currently.

R. Thornburg made a motion to waive the second reading of this ordinance; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

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

DEPARTEMENT UPDATES

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, provided the Commissioners with a contract from the software vendor, LOW. Mrs. Greenwell stated she received financial support from the Council at their last meeting to switch financial vendors from Harris to LOW. Mrs. Greenwell stated that both the Auditor and Treasurer are in favor of this change.

Mrs. Greenwell stated the total cost would be \$162,00.00 to purchase the software, and the company will allow this payment to be made into four payments.

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

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, provided the Commissioners with a contract for an independent contractor. Mrs. Greenwell stated this contract is with Tiffany Jarvis, who was a long-term Posey County employee and will be helping to train current employees in the Auditor's office.

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

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

27 Vanderburgh County Inmates

22 DOC

67 Posey County

116 total

\$30,900.00 from Vanderburgh County in February.

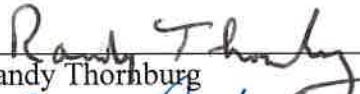
Sheriff Latham stated that his staffing issues have improved.

Jeremy Elrod with Morely addressed the Commissioners on the ongoing Mainstream Media project. Mr. Elrod stated Mainstream had submitted two of the ten needed permits with the Highway Department. Mr. Elrod stated the County would sign off on the provided plans and permits, and construction would begin. Mr. Elrod stated that the other eight sets of plans and permits are still in Centerpoint's hands.

Mr. Elrod stated he provided the Commissioners with several upcoming press releases that will be sent from Mainstream.




Bill Collins



Randy Thornburg



Bryan Schott



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell