

**POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022.**

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. Commissioners Bill Collins, Randy Thornburg, and Bryan Schorr were in attendance. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were also in attendance.

Thomas Clowers lead the Commissioners in prayer.

**MINUTES**

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the minutes from April 5, 2022; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

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

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the April 8, 2022 Executive Session; 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 March 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 March Treasurer's Report; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

**EMA HAZARDEST MITIGATION PLAN**

Posey County EMA Director, Larry Robb, addressed the Commissioners regarding the need to contract with Sesco Group to complete the needed EMA Hazardest Mitigation Plan for Posey County. Mr. Robb explained this plan must be in place for the County to receive FEMA funding. Mr. Robb stated Sesco Group would work with the County to draft a plan, and that plan would be returned to the State for approval. Mr. Robb stated the cost is refundable up to \$18,000.00 from the State, which will be directly paid from the State. Mr. Robb stated this plan must be in place by 2023.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the contract with Sesco Group to draft the EMA Hazardest Mitigation Plan; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

**EMS DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT**

B. Schorr stated the Commissioners recently held interviews for the open EMS Director position. Mr. Schorr stated the Commissioners offered the position to Paul Micheletti, who is currently a part-time paramedic for Posey County.

B. Schorr made a motion to appoint Paul Micheletti as the EMS Director for Posey County for the remainder of 2022; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0. Mr. Schorr stated that May 16, 2022, would be the official start date.

**TIF MANAGEMENT REPORT**

B. Collins stated the Commissioners have received and reviewed the TIF Management Report for Posey County.

**LAMONT ROAD/62 CORRIDOR EDA RESOLUTION**

Posey County Commissioner Attorney Joe Harrison informed the Commissioners the Posey County Redevelopment Commission, along with the Posey County Area Plan Commission, has approved a resolution to amend the current 62 Corridor EDA to include an area of property known as the Nabb property for potential future economic development. Mr. Harrison stated if

approved today, there would be a public hearing of the Posey County Redevelopment Commission on May 26, 2022. B. Collins stated this would allow the County to collect TIF funds if development were to take place on this property. R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this request; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Harrison stated the second resolution to consider is to add 500 acres to the existing Black Township EDA that is located near the Port. Mr. Harrison stated this acreage is currently undeveloped. Mr. Harrison stated this would be as above; the only difference is the State owns the land, so the TIF area would be on personal property if developed. Mr. Harrison stated there would be a public hearing for the Posey County Redevelopment Commission on May 26, 2022. R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this request; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

#### **SOUTHWESTERN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER**

Shelley Hargrove, Chief Deputy Auditor, addressed the Commissioners regarding the opportunity to collaborate with Southwestern Behavioral Health to provide County employees with the following services:

- Addiction Issues
- Child and Adolescent Issues
- Depression
- Drug and Alcohol Issues
- Family Conflict
- Financial Concerns
- Marriage and Divorce Issues
- Parenting Issues
- Personal Problems
- Stress and Anxiety
- Trauma-Related Issues
- Covid-19 Related Stress Issues

Mrs. Hargrove stated the Commissioners would have two options when considering these services; a pay-per-use fee of \$80.00 per visit with a limit of up to three to eight visits; or a flat fee of \$26.00 per full-time employee for up to six sessions yearly.

B. Collins asked what the benefit of using this service versus the County insurance. Mrs. Hargrove stated this would be free service to the employees versus paying a copay with insurance. Mrs. Hargrove stated employees would be able to use either the Mt. Vernon facility or the facility located in Evansville. Mrs. Hargrove stated Southwestern is providing these services currently to EPD and are trained in how to treat sensitive issues surrounding first responders. Mr. Harrison stated Vanderburgh County had used the services for many years.

Mr. Harrison asked which plan is being suggested. Mrs. Hargrove stated it would be her suggestion to contract with the flat fee of \$26.00 per full-time employee, which would provide six services per year, and re-evaluate the usage next year to determine if the service is being utilized. Mrs. Hargrove stated this would be a cost of \$4,420.00 a year.

B. Collins stated that if appointments are made and the employee does not show up, there is a penalty assessed. Mr. Collins asked if that could be clarified as to who would handle discussing with the employee no-shows since this will be a confidential service. Mr. Collins also stated the contract states all legal matters would be handled in Vanderburgh County and asked if that should state Posey County. Mrs. Hargrove stated she would address those concerns with the director and address them in the final contract that would be prepared and brought to the Commissioners at the next meeting.

Posey County Council President, Heather Allyn, stated she had discussed this opportunity with Mrs. Hargrove and felt like this would be a positive service to provide for employees. Mrs. Allyn stated with the many high-stress jobs in the County, mental issues could be addressed before they become a more significant problem, creating larger issues for the County as an employer.

B. Collins made a motion to approve a contract with Southwestern Behavioral Health with the above changes mentioned being made and a final contract being presented at the next meeting; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

#### **HOVEY HOUSE DOORS**

Posey County Commissioner Randy Thornburg stated the doors on the north side of the Hovey House need to be replaced. Mr. Thornburg stated these doors have not been operational for years. Mr. Thornburg gave the following proposals:  
Magnum: \$10,395.00 for removal of old door, adding new frame, new doors, and hardware  
ARC: \$9,200.00 for removal of old door, adding new frame, new door, and hardware  
+\$5,435.00 to place new steps and handrails.  
R. Thornburg made a motion to accept the proposal from ARC to do the complete project; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### WESTERN BYPASS

Wing Lau, with American Structure Point, informed the Commissioners that there is now a website associated with the Western Bypass. Mr. Lau stated this is where monthly updates can be located. Mr. Lau stated phase 1 land acquisition would be completed this fall, and construction will begin in early 2024. Mr. Lau stated phase 1-a will be completed fall of 2023.

### DEPARTEMENT UPDATES

Posey County EMA Director, Larry Robb, stated the Marrs area warning siren is up and running properly. Mr. Robb stated the New Harmony City Council would be funding a new siren for the City of New Harmony.

Posey County Sheriff Tom Latham gave the following inmate housing report:  
30 Vanderburgh County Inmates  
20 DOC  
81 Posey County Inmates  
131 total inmates

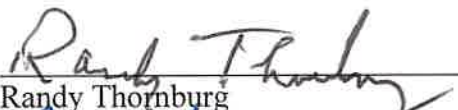
Posey County Extension Director, Kirstin Lowery, informed the Commissioners the job search to replace Hans Schmitz is ongoing. Mr. Lowery also distributed the 2021 impact report for Purdue Extension.

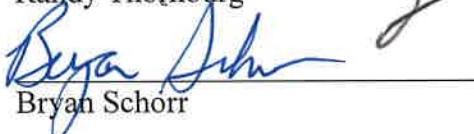
Posey County EMS Director, Chris Neaveill, informed the Commissioners they are still down five paramedics, and he is working to keep the trucks staffed during the vacation season coming up.


B. Collins stated Spectrum broadband had been awarded 60 new location hookups through the State, and Mainstream was awarded 200 new location hookups through the State.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, reminded the Commissioners the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, to accommodate for Election Day.

  
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Randy Thornburg

  
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Bryan Schorr

  
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Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell