

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, June 7, 2022. Commissioners Bill Collins, Randy Thornburg, and Bryan Schorr were in attendance. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were also in attendance.

Deacon Mark McDonald led the Commissioners in prayer.

MINUTES

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the minutes from May 17, 2022; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

CLAIMS

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

PARKING LOT BIDS/ PROPOSAL

B. Collins opened the following bids/proposals for parking lot repairs for three county buildings:

HSC Paving:

Court House: \$4,411.73

Health Department: \$2,207.11

Hovey House: \$1,875.18.

Total cost of \$8,494.02

Superior Asphalt Company:

Court House: \$4,786

Health Department: \$2,250

Hovey House: \$3,000.

Total cost of \$10,036

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

COVID PAY

B. Collins stated COVID pay was reinstated several months ago during a surge of COVID-positive cases in the County. Mr. Collins stated he is in favor of creating an end date for COVID pay. B. Schorr made a motion to end COVID pay as of the end of day on July 3, 2022; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

STRYKER CONTRACT

Paul Micheletti, Posey County EMS Director, presented the Commissioners with a proposed contract with Stryker. Mr. Micheletti stated this contract would allow for maintenance of the power load systems that are currently in the ambulances. Mr. Micheletti stated the cost of this contract is \$4,794.00 and will not only service the current equipment but two future devices that will be installed; it also covers supplies, labor, and travel cost for maintenance on these systems. B. Collins asked if these devices come with a warranty. Mr. Micheletti stated he was not sure but would look into this.

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

EMS ORDINANCE

EMS Director, Paul Micheletti, addressed the Commissioners regarding a proposed ordinance that would allow the County to reimburse potential EMS employees up to \$2,500.00 if they leave an employment situation where they have a financial obligation to that employee. Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, clarified that the County would write the check to the employee, who would then be responsible for paying their previous employer and provide proof to the County, along with signing a one-year commitment to Posey County EMS. Mr. Micheletti stated this is what other agencies are doing.

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

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the ordinance allowing a \$2,500.00 payment to prospective employees for financial obligations to a previous employer; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion was carried with a vote of 3-0.

AMBULANCE

EMS director, Paul Micheletti, informed the Commissioners of a recent vehicle wreck that involved one of the County ambulances. Mr. Micheletti stated has stated that the totaled ambulance is being reviewed by the insurance, and they will decide if that vehicle will be totaled or if they can remount the unharmed box onto a new chassis. Mr. Micheletti stated the ambulance would be out of commission for around three months, and the department still has four ambulances on the road. Mr. Micheletti stated he is looking at several options to purchase ambulances for the County. Mr. Micheletti stated he would be reaching out for quotes/proposals for new, used, and demo vehicles for the Commissioners to consider at the next Commissioner's meeting.

JAIL ORDINANCE

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, presented the Commissioners with an ordinance to update the current medical/dental/prescription copays for inmates. Sheriff Latham stated this would change medical/dental copays from \$12.00 to \$15.00 and increase the prescription copy from \$3.00 to \$8.00.

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

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the ordinance to increase medical/dental/prescription copays for inmates in the Posey County Jail; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, is requesting the Commissioners declare two pieces of lawn care equipment as surplus in order to accept bids to sell the equipment. R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this request; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, informed the Commissioners of a new technology that would allow deputies to hear a 911 phone calls coming into dispatch directly. Sheriff Latham stated this would aid the deputies by hearing the phone calls firsthand. Sherrif Latham stated this would cost roughly \$7,000.00. Sheriff Latham stated they are looking into the more specifics with this and will return to the Commissioners with this.

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

45 Vanderburg County Inmates

15 DOC

80 Posey County

140 total

\$46,875.00 from Vanderburgh County in May

Donnie Martin, with Posey County Health Department, updated the Commissioners regarding COVID numbers. Mr. Martin stated there is a slight increase in testing. Mr. Martin stated the department had begun mosquito spraying for the season. Mr. Martin stated the sewer project in the northern part of the County is moving forward, and they have several residents using the opt-out option for their existing septic system. Mr. Martin stated there are requirements that have to be met with the State and the County to be eligible to opt out.

B. Collins read the following May Animal Control Report:

28 Complaints

12 Animals Picked Up

2 Bite Reports

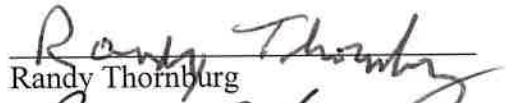
R. Thornburg stated the Hovey House has a new set of functional doors that face 4th Street.

Posey County Assessor, Nancy Hoehn, informed the Commissioners the current ADA Board needs to be restructured and needs to include a Commissioner. Mrs. Hoehn stated this board would have money appropriated yearly through the Commissioners budget, and having a Commissioner on the board would be appropriate. B. Collins stated he would join for the next meeting.

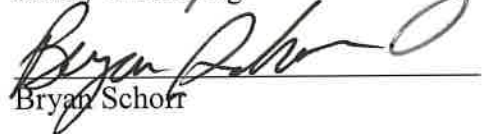
Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, asked that budget proposals be submitted by the end of the week. Mrs. Greenwell stated budget hearings with department heads would begin after the July and August meeting. Mrs. Greenwell stated the Auditor's office will be implementing new financial software in two weeks but will be without the ability to process in the current system next week unless it is an emergency.



Bill Collins



Randy Thornburg



Bryan Schorr



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell

Shelley Hargrove, Chief Deputy