

**POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022**

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

Sheriff Tom Latham led the Commissioners in prayer.

**MINUTES**

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the minutes from July 6, 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.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**ADA BOARD APPOINTMENT**

B. Collins stated there are two positions on this board that need to be filled. Mr. Collins stated one appointment is for a business leader and the other for a County Council member. These appointments were tabled for the next meeting.

**HEALTH CLINIC PRESENTATION**

Ashley Chipps, Ascension St Vincent Tri State Clinic, provided an update on the offerings of the clinic and utilization rates to the Commissioners. B. Collins asked that a monthly newsletter be sent to the Auditor's office to be distributed to all employees. Mrs. Chipps gave the following report on utilization:

2020: 450 visits

2021: 530 visits

1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2022: 137 visits

In 2021 1,000 prescriptions were dispensed, impacting 125 lives

**AMBULANCE VEHICLE UPDATE**

Paul Micheletti, Posey County EMS Director, stated that he is expecting the County to receive reimbursement from EMC insurance in the amount of \$138,000. Mr. Micheletti stated that EMC would allow Posey County to keep the box off the totaled Medic 4 ambulance for it to be placed on a new chassis. Mr. Micheletti stated he would look into the process of remounting the box.

Mr. Micheletti stated there had been a delay in the ambulance that was ordered due to an issue with the air conditioning that is covered under warranty. Mr. Micheletti stated the issue would be fixed through Ford before it is sent to Posey County in the next week.

Mr. Micheletti stated that his contact at AEV gave a cost of \$228,000 to order a new ambulance, but this will be increased by 7% on August 15. Mr. Micheletti stated Posey County would not receive this ambulance for two years after it was ordered.

B. Schorr made a motion to advertise for bids for a new ambulance; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Bryan Schorr asked if the backup ambulances could be used to transport people to other locations, such as Indianapolis, to generate more revenue for the EMS Department. Mr. Micheletti stated that yes, the backup that is currently being used could be used for this. Mr. Schorr asked Mr. Micheletti to research and put some information together for the Commissioners on what revenue transporting patients could generate for Posey County and what would be needed to accomplish this.

Mr. Micheletti stated that as of July 19<sup>th</sup>, the EMS department would be fully staffed. Mr. Micheletti is requesting permission to change the staffing ratio to 13 paramedics and 11 EMTs.

B. Collins made a motion to support the changing of one salary from EMT to Paramedic to maintain the same amount of EMS employees; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

**NORTH POSEY SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER CONTRACTS**

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, stated that he has been in contact with the North Posey Superintendent in regards to the School Resource Deputy. Sheriff Latham stated due to the trouble finding a part-time employee for \$12.50 an hour to be the school resource officer, the North Posey Superintendent has decided to fund this position fully from the school budget. Sheriff Latham stated that this employee would be a contract employee with the County, and Joe Harrison is working to draw up a contract for this position. Sheriff Latham stated the North Posey School District is anticipating being present to the Commissioners at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to review.

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, gave the following inmate housing report:  
36 Vanderburgh County Inmates  
22 DOC  
77 Posey County  
135 total inmates

Donnie Martin, with the Posey County Health Department, stated COVID numbers are on the rise. Mr. Martin stated Posey County is in the red along with most surrounding Counties. Mr. Martin stated that there are home tests for COVID available at the Health Department along with booster shots for both Pfizer and Moderna.

Steve Schenk, Highway Superintendent, informed the Commissioners JH Rudolph will begin paving three roads that are on the regular paving list on July 20<sup>th</sup>, when these are completed they will begin the Community Crossings list.

Mr. Schenk stated that he has filled an opening at the Poseyville garage, but still has an opening that requires a CDL for the Mount Vernon garage. Mr. Schenk asked if he could hire an employee and withhold benefits until they acquire their CDL license. Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated that if they were hired as a contract employee this could be done.


Earl Schroeder, Posey County Resident, asked the Commissioners if the burn ban had been dropped. Commissioner, Bill Collins responded that the burn ban had been dropped as of July 18<sup>th</sup>.


Tina Kissinger, from the Mount Vernon Garden Club, stated that the Garden Club has concerns in regards to the bench being placed on the Courthouse lawn. Ms. Kissinger stated that the Garden Club is concerned about the flower bed as well as the sprinkler system. Bill Collins, stated that the Commissioners will be sure that the bench does not damage the sprinkler system or the flowerbed.

No further business was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Bill Collins

  
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Randy Thornburg

  
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Bryan Schorr

  
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Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell