

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, August 2, 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

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the minutes from July 19, 2022; 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.

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.

NORTH POSEY SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER CONTRACTS

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, stated that he has been in contact with the North Posey Superintendent, Mike Galvin, regarding 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 in an amount up to \$50,000. Sheriff Latham stated that the SRO would be a contract employee with the County, and Joe Harrison has drawn up a contract for this position. Sheriff Latham informed the Commissioners Charles Carter had been selected for the SRO position. Sheriff Latham requested the Posey County Commissioners sign a contract with MSD of North Posey and Charles Carter. B. Schorr made a motion to approve both contracts; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

ANIMAL CONTROL CALL-OUT POLICY AMENDMENT TO HANDBOOK

B. Collins stated this amendment to the handbook would allow the Animal Control Officer to be paid a minimum of two hours when he is called out at 1 ½ times his regular hourly rate.

B. Collins made a motion to waive the second reading for Ordinance 2022-08-02-01; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

B. Collins made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-08-02-01; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT

Carrie Thompson, Interim 911 Director, presented a renewal of the current tower lease agreement for the New Harmony site. Mrs. Thompson stated this is renewed every three years.

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

BRIDGE 351 REPLACEMENT PROJECT AMENDMENT

B. Collins stated this amendment request is for the existing contract with American Structure Point regarding the Mulberry Street bridge. Mr. Collins stated this amendment would increase the amount of the contract by \$8,000 with the total not to exceed \$51,700. R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this request; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

COURTHOUSE HVAC UPGRADES

B. Collins stated the Commissioners are looking into the process of upgrading the HVAC system in the Courthouse. Mr. Collins stated the Commissioners received a proposal from HAFER to prepare bid documents and specs to replace boilers for the Courthouse, along with handling the bid process and construction administration. Mr. Collins introduced Ron Steinhart to answer any questions. B. Collins made a motion to approve the agreement; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

HOVEY HOUSE SURPLUS FURNITURE

Maegen Greenwell, Posey County Auditor, informed the Commissioner that one large conference table would need to be surplused to make room for relocating the Audio Equipment in the Hovey House. Mrs. Greenwell requested the Commissioners also surplus a second table located in the meeting room due to the condition of the table. B. Schorr made a motion to approve the surplus; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

EMPOWERMENT BEHAVIORAL CONTRACT

Michelle Fortune, Chief Deputy Probation Officer, informed the Commissioners that the Probation Department had received a grant to complete an assessment of Community needs, focused on the population that deals with the justice system. Mrs. Fortune informed the Commissioners this contract would be for Todd Whitler to complete this assessment and to provide a report to the Local Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council. Mrs. Fortune stated that she had applied for the grant in the amount of \$55,000.00, but was actually awarded \$67,000.00. Mrs. Fortune informed the Commissioners that the plan is to use \$50,000.00 of the grant funds to pay for this contract and an additional \$5,000 to pay for any needed supplies. R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this contract; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

BROADBAND UPDATE

Cody Simpson, with Morley, informed the Commissioners that Mainstream had begun construction on segment one in Northern Posey County. Mr. Simpson stated that Mainstream is planning to proceed chronologically through segments one, two, three, and four. Mr. Simpson informed the Commissioners that Morley is still waiting on plans for the remaining segments, but Mainstream is anticipating a four-month buildout and will be finished in time to make their deadline.

B. Schorr requested a list of addresses that will be impacted by this project. Mr. Simpson stated that he would get a list to the Commissioners.

B. Schorr requested that Morley follow up with Mainstream regarding installing lines through trees and branches to be sure this is being done correctly.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, informed the Commissioners that JH Rudolph has started on the Community Crossing roads. Mr. Schenk stated that Lower Mount Vernon, Caborn and Upper Mount Vernon have all been completed. Mr. Schenk stated that when the rain quits, they will be starting on Ford from Highway 62 to Copperline and Stierly Road from Copperline to Highway 66. Mr. Schenk informed the Commissioners that there are a lot of roads closed due to water, trees, and live powerlines being down.

B. Collins questioned if there was an update regarding the issue with German Township. Mr. Schenk and Attorney Joe Harrison both informed the Commissioners that there is no update at this time.

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

Vanderburgh 50
DOC 14
Posey County 81
Total 145 inmates

Donnie Martin, with the Posey County Health Department, informed the Commissioner that COVID numbers are leveling off and dropping. Mr. Martin stated testing and shots are still available at the Health Department. Mr. Martin stated that the Health Department is busy doing vaccinations for school-age kids before they return to school. Mr. Martin informed the Commissioners that the sewer project is progressing well and construction has begun.

Posey County EMS Director, Paul Micheletti, addressed the Commissioners regarding the EMS Department. Mr. Micheletti informed the Commissioners the maintenance, covered under warranty, has been completed on the new ambulance and should be shipped soon.

Mr. Micheletti stated that the wrecked ambulance would be towed to the Mount Vernon Highway garage by Black's Towing. Mr. Micheletti requested the Commissioners advertise bids

to remount the box onto a new chassis. B. Collins requested Mr. Micheletti get the estimated cost to remount before moving forward to advertise bids.

Carrie Thompson, Interim 911 Director, gave the following Animal Control Report:

Complaints 42
Animals Picked up 14
Animal Euthanized 0
Bite Reports 4

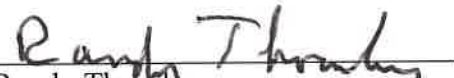
Kay Kilgore, Chair of Mount Vernon River Days, requested permission to use the Courthouse parking lot on September 10th at 7 am for the 5k sponsored by United Way. B. Schorr made a motion to approve the use of the parking lot; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

R. Thornburg informed the Commissioners he is still working with the contractor on the Hovey House to get steps and handrails completed.


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



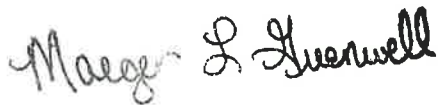
Bill Collins



Randy Thornburg



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Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell