

**POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022**

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon, on Tuesday, October 18, 2022. Commissioners Bill Collins and 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 the October 4, 2022, Commissioners' meeting; 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 September Treasurer's Report; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

**TATTOO POLICY**

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated that the Handbook Committee had made a recommendation to change the wording of the tattoo policy in the Employee Handbook. Mrs. Greenwell stated that the current handbook states that no tattoos are allowed. Mrs. Greenwell stated that the committee would like the policy to read:

Extreme hairdos, heavy jewelry, pierced body parts (except ear lobes), and provocative or revealing clothing (e.g., too short, too low-cut, too tight or see-through, or holey jeans) should be avoided. Shorts and beachwear are prohibited. Visible tattoos are allowed unless they are deemed \*offensive by the Elected Official or Department Head. If decided to be inappropriate, then you would be required to cover the tattoo.

\*Any tattoo that is deemed sexual in nature or shows sensitive/private parts of the body is generally unacceptable and offensive. Tattoos that showcase gang affiliation and racism are considered offensive.

B. Collins asked who would be the enforcer of this policy or who would determine if something was offensive.

Mrs. Greenwell stated it would be left to the employee's direct supervisor or elected official.

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

**HAZARDOUS MATERIAL GRANT APPROVAL**

Posey County EMA Director Larry Robb is requesting grant approval for the LEPC Grant. Mr. Robb stated that this grant allows for a commodity flow study in Posey County. Mr. Robb stated that this study would show what hazardous materials are moving in and out of Posey County and will allow the County to be prepared in case of a hazardous material emergency.

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

**COUNTY BURN BAN**

Larry Robb, Posey County EMA Director, is requesting that the Commissioners place Posey County under an open burning ban. Mr. Robb stated that this is supported by all of the County Fire Chiefs. Mr. Robb stated that this ban would remain in effect for seven days.

Mr. Robb stated that an exemption could be requested via the fire chief in the jurisdiction it is being requested.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this request; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried

**AMERICAN STRUCTURE POINT**

Wing Lu, with American Structure Point, updated the Commissioners on Phase 1 of the Western Bypass project. Mr. Lu stated that the right-of-way documents are being developed currently, geotechnical field work is ongoing, and the land acquisition process will begin this month.

Mr. Lu also addressed the Commissioners regarding the potential funding opportunities for Phase 2 of the bypass project. Mr. Lu outlined several potential funding options from the State and Federal Governments.

B. Collins asked when they could expect to hear about funding that was applied for on the Mulberry Bridge project. Mr. Lu stated it should be late this year or early next year.

#### **REZONING REQUESTS**

Posey County Area Plan Director, Mindy Bourne, presented the following two rezoning requests: Request 1: Request to rezone 5.94 acres on Holler Road in Mt. Vernon, which is currently owned by Matheson Tri-Gas Inc. Mrs. Bourne stated that this is currently zoned as agriculture and the request is to change it to M-2 Medium Manufacturing. Mrs. Bourne stated that this was heard by the Area Plan at their last meeting and passed with a 7-0 vote.

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

Request 2: Request to rezone 4.00 acres on Blake Road in Wadesville, which is currently owned by Steve, Bridget, David, and Melissa Koester. Mrs. Bourne stated that this is currently zoned as agriculture and the request is to change to R-1 Residential Single Family. Mrs. Bourne stated that this was heard by the Area Plan at their last meeting and passed with a 7-0 vote.

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

#### **E911 WORK SCHEDULE DISCUSSION**

Jamie Bradford, Posey County E911 Director, addressed the Commissioners regarding the current work schedule for the dispatch employees. Mrs. Bradford stated that prior to her becoming the Director, it was discussed with the Posey County Council that the dispatch employees would move from working 8-hour shifts to working 12-hour shifts. Mrs. Bradford stated she has learned that this was never approved by the Commissioners. Mrs. Bradford stated they are currently working a two-week rotation of 12-hour shifts, working 36 hours the first week and 48 hours the second.

Mrs. Bradford is also requesting the benefit time of the dispatchers be figured like the benefit time of the jailers, who are also on the same rotation and schedule. Mrs. Bradford stated that currently, jailers receive 120 hours of vacation time, and dispatch is 80 hours of vacation.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the 12-hour work schedule immediately and change the benefit time change beginning January 1, 2023; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

#### **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Jamie Bradford, Posey County E911 Director, stated she has hired two employees and will be fully staffed once those employees are out of training.

Mrs. Bradford stated she is working through a current issue with Spillman and is working towards correcting several radio issues that are outstanding within the County.

Posey County Veterans Service Officer, John Dike, addressed the Commissioners regarding the Veteran Support event that was held at the American Legion. Mr. Dike stated that this event was made possible by a grant. Mr. Dike stated that if this grant could not be secured in the future, the cost to put this event on was minimal and could be done without.

Mr. Collins asked if this event could be held in other areas of the County. Mr. Dike stated that each American Legion can apply for this grant separately from the Mt. Vernon Legion.

Mr. Dike informed the Commissioners that the local Council on Aging is working with the VA to implement a transportation program for local veterans.

Mr. Dike stated he was recently contacted regarding the Memorial Day flags that are placed on veterans' graves for Memorial Day. Mr. Dike is requesting that the County replace a portion of each area's flags. Mr. Collins asked if the County were to replace the flags, could this wait until next year? Mr. Dike stated yes that it would be next year.

B. Schorr made a motion to purchase the flags requested; R. Thornburg seconded. Mrs. Greenwell stated that this would be paid from the Memorial Day account. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.



B. Schorr stated that the week of November 7<sup>th</sup> through November 13<sup>th</sup> the State of Indiana is participating in Operation Green Light. Mr. Schorr stated that this campaign is to show support for local veterans by placing green lights where appropriate.

Posey County Highway Superintendent Steve Schenk addressed the Commissioners regarding the yearly bids for 2023. Mr. Schenk stated that the bids would be opened at the second meeting in November.

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

Posey County Sheriff Tom Latham gave the following inmate housing update:

43 Vanderburgh County  
18 DOC  
58 Posey County  
119 total

Posey County EMS Director, Paul Micheletti, stated that his department is currently fully staffed, and he now has a fully stocked ALS backup truck stationed at Medic 2. Mr. Micheletti gave the following monthly report for September:

248 calls  
178 transports  
\$69,960 was brought in.

Cody Simpson, with Morley, informed the Commissioners that the Mainstream project is moving along. Mr. Simpson stated he believed Morley would be applying for an extension on their grant with the State.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, is requesting the Commissioners surplus the conference table and eight chairs in the Prosecutor's conference room. Mrs. Greenwell stated that the County is replacing that table and chairs. Mrs. Greenwell stated that the Commissioners needed to surplus nine red executive chairs behind the Commissioner's podium. Mrs. Greenwell stated that the prosecutor would like to keep four of the chairs, leaving five.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the requested items to be surplused; R. Thornburgh seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Mrs. Greenwell stated the County had recently contracted with HSC to work on several County parking lots. Mrs. Greenwell stated that the original work had been completed, and now the County is ready to have HSC come back and paint the parking lines. Mrs. Greenwell stated that the handicapped spot on the west side of the Coliseum, which is not to ADA standards, will be ground down to a regular parking spot. Mrs. Greenwell stated that the job of sealing the cracks and the job of painting the lines are done by two separate teams within the Company, and they informed her they could come paint but would not be able to seal at the same time.

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

R. Thornburg made a motion to bid out the yearly fuel bids for the Posey County EMS and Posey County Sheriff's office to be opened at the second Commissioner's meeting in November; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Larry Robb, Posey County EMA Director, informed the Commissioners that the County still has stored benches and a podium in the EMA building. Mr. Robb stated these were being held after returning from the City of Mt. Vernon.

B. Schorr made a motion to surplus the benches and podium that have been stored at the EMA building; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

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*Maegen L. Greenwell*

Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell