

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon, on Tuesday, November 1, 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.

CIRCUIT COURT RECORDING

Posey County Circuit Judge Craig Goedde addressed the Commissioners regarding the need to upgrade the Circuit Court recording system. Judge Goedde stated that the Court recently discovered they would need to upgrade the recording system in the grand jury room of the Courthouse; however, it was discovered that the recording equipment would also need to be replaced. Judge Goedde stated that this, in turn, affected the system that is used in the Courtroom. Judge Goedde stated he gathered several quotes to remedy the issues, and the low quote was roughly 43,000.00 and included everything the Court would need to be compliant. B. Schorr made a motion to approve the purchase of the needed recording system; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

CIRCUIT COURT SECURITY

Posey County Circuit Judge Craig Goedde addressed the Commissioners regarding the need to address court security in the Circuit Court. Judge Goedde stated that the Circuit Court lacks proper court security, including a full-time deputy in the lobby at all times, x-ray machines, or automated locking mechanisms on the office doors. Judge Goedde stated that the Hovey House and some offices in the Coliseum do have those locking mechanisms on the office doors. Judge Goedde requests that the Commissioners approve the purchase of an x-ray machine and metal detector for the Circuit Court building. Judge Goedde stated he is requesting grant funding but is working on the specifics for these; however, he would like approval to purchase regardless. Judge Goedde stated he received quotes for two different machines from two different companies.

Company 1 Protective Technologies International: Zone Pro stand-up metal detector \$27,437 or Garrett stand-up metal detector \$28,147

Company 2: ? (Undetectable)

Judge Goedde stated that both the machines would be ADA-compliant.

Judge Goedde stated he would be speaking with the Council next week regarding adding three security guards for the Circuit Court building to man the new equipment.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the request for a metal detector and x-ray machine for the Circuit Court building in the amount of \$. (Undetectable) and three additional deputies pending Council approval; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

MINUTES

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2022, Commissioners' meeting; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the executive session minutes from October 18, 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.

CLERK'S REPORT

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the September Clerk's report; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

HASSE MECHANICAL

B. Collins stated that the boilers in the Circuit Court building were recently replaced, and it was discovered there were repairs to be made in the expansion tank. Mr. Collins stated Hasse

Mechanical temporarily repaired the issue by using a used bladder and has given the Commissioners a quote to repair the issue. Mr. Collins stated they could continue to utilize the temporary fix, or they could replace the expansion tank for \$2,927.00. Mr. Collins stated there are also valves that need to be replaced at the cost of \$3,939.00.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the quote for a new expansion tank at the cost of \$2,927.00; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, asked if these repairs would be made from the Cum Capital Fund. Mr. Collins stated yes.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the quote for needed valves to be replaced; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

JAIL INTERNET

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, addressed the Commissioners regarding the issues the jail building is having with the internet. Sheriff Latham stated that when the jail was being built, AOS was not involved in the process, therefore, could not pinpoint where the issues were coming from. Sheriff Latham is requesting that the Commissioners allow AOS to re-map the jail building to diagnose the issues. Sheriff Latham stated the work would be done in two phases; phase 1 would be the re-mapping and diagnosing and would cost roughly \$13,200.00, and phase 2 would be fixing the issue.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the request to re-map the jail building to identify the internet issues; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Sheriff Latham stated that the jail building is in need of a new server, and he is planning to pay the \$6,000.00 cost from the jail maintenance fund.

INDIANA LEGAL HELP KIOSK PROJECT

Posey County Clerk, Kay Kilgore, addressed the Commissioners regarding the potential to partner with the Indiana Bar Foundation to provide the County with a legal help kiosk to be utilized as a resource for citizens looking for housing-related legal help. Mrs. Kilgore stated that the kiosk would provide the computer, printer, and internet for those seeking housing-related legal help. Mrs. Kilgore stated that the only expense to the County will be after the first year; the County will provide the paper for the kiosk. Mrs. Kilgore stated that after 2024, the project anticipates opening the kiosk up to other legal-related questions and help.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the legal help kiosk project; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

SEWER DISTRICT INVESTMENT PROPERTY

Joe Kiefer addressed the Commissioners regarding the potential purchase of property at Indian Mounds Road and Highway 62. Mr. Kiefer stated he is with a group of investors looking to purchase the property and develop this area. Mr. Kiefer stated that they are currently working with individuals to help with potential design layouts. Mr. Kiefer stated they have looked at several options in development; however, his firm specializes in commercial development. Mr. Kiefer stated that they are actively marketing this area as retail space.

Commissioner Thornburg stated he spoke with Steve Schenk, County Highway Superintendent, regarding the option of the County widening the road and placing a cul-de-sac, and maintaining this as a County road. Mr. Thornburg stated that the estimated cost would be \$90,000.00. Mr. Kiefer stated that this would boost the marketability of this project.

B. Collins stated he would be in favor of holding off committing to fund the roadway until this group has a committed project in the works. B. Schorr stated he would also like to see a commitment to a project prior to committing funds.

Mr. Kiefer stated he would come back to the next Commissioner meeting with the actual drawing of what is being proposed.

EREP INTRODUCTION

Bob Grewe with EREP introduced himself to the Commissioners as the new Director of Economic Development for EREP. Mr. Grewe stated he would be around if anyone would have any questions.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

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

33 Vanderburgh
16 IDOC
73 Posey County
122 total
\$43,050.00 October

Commissioner Randy Thornburg stated that the sewer project is moving forward, and work has begun.

Posey County EMS Director Paul Micheletti, addressed the Commissioners regarding the EMS department hosting a giving tree-type project and accepting donations of blankets and other personal care items to be donated to local care facilities. Mr. Micheletti stated that this would be physical donations only, not monetary.

Mr. Micheletti stated he is interested in applying for a grant that would allow the County to set up a community paramedic program. Mr. Micheletti stated that this program would allow paramedics to give vaccination and perform house evaluations for fall prevention. Mr. Micheletti stated that this would be fully funded by grant funds for the first year but would require financial backing for further years. Mr. Micheletti stated that there are other grants that could be explored after the first year. Mr. Micheletti stated that this would be a grant for the employee and a vehicle.


B. Schorr made a motion to approve the application of this grant, pending approval from the legal counsel; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

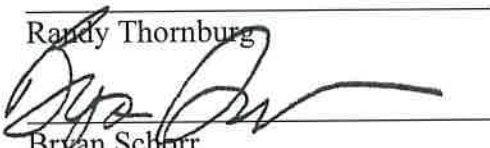
Mr. Micheletti stated he forwarded information regarding rate increases to the Commissioners for consideration. Mr. Micheletti would like to increase billing rates by 8.7% for the year 2023. R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the rate increase; B. Schorr seconded. Mrs. Greenwell asked if this would need to be an ordinance with a public hearing and the rates would be advertised. County Attorney Mr. Harrison stated yes, this would have to be presented at the next meeting in an ordinance. R. Thornburg withdrew the motion.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated the Salary Study is underway, and informational packets need to be picked up by each department.

Mrs. Greenwell stated the County Administrative offices will be closed for two days next week, and she ask that all time cards be manager approved by Friday, if possible, but Monday by 9 am at the latest.

Commissioner Collins stated he met last week with the Area Plan department regarding the need for a comprehensive study. Mr. Collins stated Area Plan will be handling this study and will be sending requests for quotes out to companies. Mr. Collins stated he would like to have a committee set up. B. Schorr stated he would like to be on the Committee.


Bill Collins

Randy Thornburg

Bryan Schorr



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell