

**POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022.**

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon, on Tuesday, November 15, 2022. Commissioners Bill Collins and Bryan Schorr were in attendance. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were also in attendance. Commissioner Randy Thornburg was absent.

Judge Clowers lead the Commissioners in prayer.

**MINUTES**

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the minutes from November 1, 2022; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

**CLAIMS**

B. Collins made a motion to approve the claims as presented; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

R. Schorr made a motion to approve the October Clerk's report; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

B. Collins made a motion to approve the October Treasurer's report; The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

**YEARLY BIDS HIGHWAY/SHERIFF/EMS**

B. Collins stated the Commissioners received the following bids for the advertised specs on yearly bids and fuel bids:

Ries Tire

E3 Bridge

Mulzer Stone

CivilCon

Russell Excavating

Chastain Excavating

SynEnergy/Highway

SynEnergy/EMS

SynEnergy/Sheriff

Wabash Valley/Highway

Wabash Valley/EMS

Wabash Valley/Sheriff

Direct Energy

B. Schorr made a motion to take these bids under advisement to be awarded at the next Commissioner's meeting; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

**EMS BILLING RATE ORDINANCE**

B. Collins stated the EMS Director recently approached the Commissioners requesting that the Commissioners increase the current billing rates for the EMS Department. Mr. Collins stated that the EMS Director worked with the billing company to compile a list of comparable rates for this area, and Commissioner Attorney, Joe Harrison, created an ordinance with the proposed rates.

B. Schorr made a motion to waive the first reading of ordinance 2022-11-15-01; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-11-15-01 EMS Billing Rates with an effective date of January 1, 2023; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

**HEALTH INSURANCE DISCUSSION**

Ted Thompson, with Tri-State Benefits, addressed the Commissioners regarding the County's Health Insurance for the year 2023. Mr. Thompson stated the 2023 rate for the County did not

increase. Mr. Thompson stated this is the third year with no increase. Mr. Thompson stated the Commissioners asked if the County could provide two options for next year, a high deductible and a lower deductible option. Mr. Thompson stated the following two options would be offered at the approval of the Commissioners:

Option 1: High Deductible with \$6,000.00 out of pocket for individuals and \$12,000.00 for families. This would be a \$30.00 per month savings to the employee over the other option.

Option 2: Low Deductible with \$3,000.00 out of pocket for individuals and \$6,000.00 for families.

B. Collins made a motion to approve the rate for 2023 and allowing for employees to have two options for 2023; B. Schorr seconded. B. Schorr asked if the County has considered offering a health savings account. Mr. Thompson stated this has been discussed but is not as cost-effective to the employee as offering two options. Mr. Schorr stated he wants to make sure Mr. Thompson helps the employees understand the difference in the two options. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

Mr. Thompson stated he provided the Commissioners with information regarding County covered long-term disability coverage. Mr. Thompson stated this had been discussed several times as an option to go with the short-term coverage that is currently offered to County employees. B. Collins asked if this would be offered to employees with health coverage only. Mr. Thompson stated this would be for all full-time employees who work 35 hours per week or more.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the coverage of County paid long-term disability; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

### **REZONE REQUEST**

Posey County Area Plan Director, Mindy Bourne, addressed the Commissioners regarding two rezoning requests.

1. Applicant: David and Kathy Esche

Location: 1920 Ford Road North

Request: 1.142 acres from AG to R1

Area Plan: Was heard at the November 10, 2022, with no remonstrators and passed with a 5-0 vote.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve this request; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

2. Applicant: Zachary and Nicole Meny

Location: 11331 Water Tank Road

Request: 1.5 acres from AG to B3(Commercial High Intensity) with a plan to move their existing pinball distribution company to this area.

Area Plan: Was heard at the November 10, 2022, meeting with only one remonstrator with questions that were addressed and passed with a 5-0 vote.

B. Collins made a motion to approve this request; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

### **2023 COMMISSIONERS SCHEDULE AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

2023 Commissioners Schedule:

B. Schorr made a motion to approve after correcting the change in date for the election day; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

2023 Holiday Schedule:

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the 2023 Holiday list after correcting the change in date for the election day; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

### **PURDUE EXTENSION CONTRACT**

B. Collins stated the Commissioners received the 2023 contract for Purdue Extension. Mr. Harrison stated he has reviewed and the only change is the increase in cost. Mrs. Greenwell stated the cost was included in the budget for 2023.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve this request; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

  
Bryan Schorr



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell

### COUNTY FLEET VEHICLE MAINTENANCE LOG

B. Collins stated in an effort to help the Commissioners keep track of County vehicle needs, they have created a maintenance log that will be submitted to the Commissioners monthly by department heads.

Mrs. Greenwell stated the EMS, EMA, Animal Control, Building Commissioner, and Maintenance Department are the only vehicles that the Commissioners budget purchase and maintenance for.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve this form and request the above-mentioned department heads complete the log monthly beginning in January 2023 and submit it to the Auditor's office for review by the Commissioners; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

### DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, stated BLN recently completed the required pavement asset management plan that is completed every two years. Mr. Schenk stated the plan details every road in the county and rates the road on a scale of one to ten. Mr. Schenk stated this plan is required for the County to apply for the Community Crossings funds.

Mr. Schenk stated he received a quote from Expressway Dodge to purchase a ½ ton, 4-wheel drive that meets the needed specs for a total cost of \$42,140.00. B. Collins made a motion to approve the purchase of this vehicle; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

Mr. Schenk stated the dump trucks that were ordered had been canceled, and he would have to re-bid next year.

Donnie Martin, with the Posey County Health Department, stated that the department is currently giving flu and COVID vaccinations.

Posey County EMS Director, Paul Micheletti, gave the following report for October 2022:

253 Request  
187 Transports  
\$89,776 in billing revenue.

Posey County Sheriff Deputy, Kyle Reidford, gave the following inmate housing report:

12 DOC  
25 Vanderburgh County Inmates  
115 Total Inmates

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated the last Commissioner and Council meeting for the year would be on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Greenwell stated there was an email sent to department heads from the Auditor's office with all of the end-of-year deadlines.

Mrs. Greenwell stated the Salary Study is underway, and employees are filling out survey forms, and those will need to be returned as soon as possible. Mrs. Greenwell stated the company that is completing the study would be reaching out to department heads to schedule phone interviews.

Mrs. Greenwell stated the County budget was DLGF approved for the year 2023.

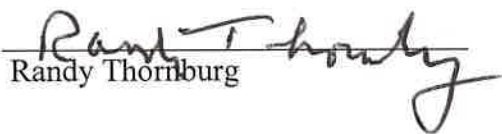
Mrs. Greenwell stated an email was sent to all employees regarding open enrollment that is taking place this week.

B. Collins gave the following animal control report for October:

35 Complaints  
12 Animals Picked up  
1 Euthanasia  
2 Bite Reports  
\$134.00 taken to the Treasurer's office

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Bill Collins

  
Randy Thornburg