

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon, on Tuesday, December 6, 2022. Commissioners Randy Thornburg and Bryan Schorr were in attendance. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were also in attendance. Commissioner Bill Collins was absent.

Mark McDonald led the Commissioners in prayer.

MINUTES

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the minutes from November 15, 2022, with changing the wording on the highway trucks to read Sternberg, not Expressway; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

CLAIMS

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

YEARLY BIDS HIGHWAY AWARDED

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, gave the following recommendations for the yearly bids:

- Section 1: Gas: Wabash Valley- low bid
- Section 2: Diesel: Wabash Valley-low bid

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the low bid of Wabash Valley; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

- Section 3: Tires: Reis Tire only bid

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the bid of Reis Tire; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

- Section 4: Pipe: Civil Con-low bid
E3 Bridge- backup bid

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve the low bid of Civil Con and the backup bid of E3 Bridge; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

- Section 5: Gravel: Mulzer Stone only bid
- Section 6: Stone: Mulzer Stone only bid

B. Schorr made a motion to approve Mulzer stone for sections five and six; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

- Section 9: Labor and Construction Equipment:
Russell's and Jerry Chastain accept both bids.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve bids from both Russell's and Jerry Chastain for labor and construction equipment; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

EMS/SHERIFF FUEL BIDS:

R. Thornburgh made a motion to table the award of these bids for further inspection; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

HISTORICAL DOWNTOWN MARKER

Mt. Vernon Mayor, Bill Curtis, is requesting permission to place a historical downtown Mt. Vernon marker on the Courthouse Lawn. The Mayor discussed with the Commissioners placement of the marker, which will resemble the current marker on the corner of 3rd Street and Walnut Street.

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

CHRISTMAS ON MAIN STREET

Posey County Auditor is seeking permission on behalf of the Christmas on Main Street Committee to allow for the usage of the Courthouse Lawn on Friday, December 9th, 2022, for the Christmas parade. R. Thornburg made a motion to allow this as long as no vehicles were used on the Courthouse lawn; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

COMMUNITY CROSSING GRANT LETTER

Posey County Highway Superintendent Steve Schenk stated that the Commissioners need to sign a letter stating Posey County is ADA Compliant and is in the process of obtaining its updated ADA Plan for 2023. B. Schorr made a motion to approve this letter; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

Mr. Schenk is also requesting that a letter of financial commitment be sent with the grant application that states Posey County will provide the local match, and funding is available for such.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this letter and apply for the Community Crossings grant; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

EMPOWERMENT LLC CONTRACT

Posey County Attorney, Joe Harrison, stated that the Probation Department uses Empowerment LLC to conduct screenings for their various programs and presented the Commissioners with a contract renewal for January 2023 through August of 2023. Mr. Harrison stated that this is the same contract they have used for the past two years and is funded with grant funds.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve this contract; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

BYPASS PROJECT BOND UNDERWRITER

Posey County Attorney, Joe Harrison, stated that the County would be using Mesirow as the underwriter of the soon-to-be-issued bonds that will provide payment for the Bypass Project. Mr. Harrison is requesting that the agreement between Mesirow and the Commissioners be signed.

R. Thornburg made a motion to approve this agreement; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

CONFIDENTIAL NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

Posey County Attorney, Joe Harrison, stated that the Commissioners are meeting with EREP and a potential industrial client soon and have been asked to sign an NDA regarding the upcoming meeting and information shared.

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

POSEY COUNTY SEWER UPDATE

Posey County Commissioner Randy Thornburg stated that the Sewer Project is moving along and updated the Commissioners on the current progress.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Posey County Commissioner Randy Thornburg gave the following unemployment report:

U.S 3.7%

Indiana 3.0%

Perry County 2.9%

Vanderburgh County 2.8%

Knox County 2.7%

Pike County 2.6%

Warrick County 2.5%

Spencer County 2.4%

Dubois County 2.3%

Posey County 2.3%

Gibson County 2.1%

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, stated there is an issue on County Line Road that will have to be addressed. Mr. Schenk stated he would like to have CivilCon complete a site survey and develop a design to correct the issue. Mr. Schenk stated that the County would send a request for a proposal to several local contractors. Mr. Schenk stated that the County will be providing the culvert needed.

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

Mr. Schenk stated he recently had an issue with Mainstream, who is working on the Broadband project. Mr. Schenk stated his department had discovered Mainstream dumping trees on private property without permission, and furthermore, the property is in a wetland. Mr. Schenk requested that this be cleaned up.

Posey County EMS Director Paul Micheletti gave the following report for November:

224 Requests

179 Transports

\$89,650.00 billed.

Mr. Micheletti stated that he is fully staffed.

Kyle Reidford, with the Posey County Sheriff's office, gave the following inmate housing update:

86 Posey County inmates

10 IDOC

29 Vanderburgh County inmates

125 Total inmates

Mr. Reidford stated that the Sheriff recently interviewed for two open deputy spots.

Jamie Bradford, Posey County Dispatch Director, informed the Commissioners that she recently spoke with Council regarding the need to purchase a DNS server. Mrs. Bradford stated that this would help with the current issues with Spillman. Mrs. Bradford stated she is also still working to correct the current radio issues.

Posey County Auditor Maegen Greenwell stated the next meeting would be December 20, 2022, for both the Posey County Commissioners and Posey County Council, with the Council meeting starting at 9 and the Commissioners meeting starting after the conclusion of that.



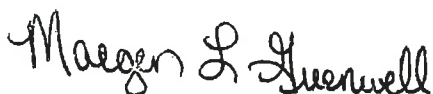
Bill Collins



Randy Thornburg



Bryan Schorr



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell