

POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022

The Posey County Council met in regular session at the Hovey House on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 9:00 am. The following members were present at the said meeting: Heather Allyn, Tom Schneider, Aaron Wilson, Dave Pearce, Brandon Deig, Marilyn Brenton, Stefani Miller, County Attorney Joe Harrison, and Auditor Maegen Greenwell.

H. Allyn called the Posey County Council meeting to order at 9:00 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deacon Mark McDonald led the Council in prayer.

MINUTES

T. Schneider made a motion to approve the July 12th, 2022, Council minutes as presented; B. Deig seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

D. Pearce made a motion to approve the May 2022 Treasurer's Reports. S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

NON-BINDING UNIT BUDGET REVIEWS

H. Allyn stated that once a year, the Council must review and approve the non-binding unit's budget. Mrs. Allyn explained this was not something the Council had much control over, other than asking the units not to exceed their max levy set by the State.

D. Pearce made a motion to approve the non-binding unit's budgets. S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

SEWER DISTRICT REQUEST

H. Allyn stated that the Posey County Regional Sewer District had requested the 2nd payment of \$1,000,000 that was agreed upon last year out of the County's ARPA funds. Mrs. Allyn informed Council that after the most recent meeting with the State Board of Accounts, it was discovered there would need to be a signed agreement outlining where the money is being allocated to.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, informed Council that Joe Harrison is in the process of drawing up this agreement that will outline all ARPA requirements to satisfy to requirements of SBOA. M. Greenwell stated that the Posey County Commissioners, Posey County Council, and the Posey County Regional Sewer District would all need to sign the agreement.

Joe Harrison, Council Attorney, stated that he is preparing a draft ordinance that Council will have to consider at their September meeting. Mr. Harrison informed the Council that after the ordinance is prepared, he will draw up an agreement to be signed between the County and The Sewer District.

Wilson stated he would like to clarify that his impression is that the \$1,000,000 was to be allocated to the Wadesville/ Blairsville portion of the Regional Sewer District. Mr. Wilson informed Council that the Indiana Finance Authority was under the impression that it would be used for that project.

Mr. Harrison stated that there could be further discussion around the specifics. Mr. Harrison informed Council that the current ordinance reads the County will allocate the sum of two million to the Posey County Regional Sewer District to assist with the installation of sewers for use by residents and businesses in the Blairsville and Wadesville areas in Posey County and the operation of related treatment plants.

A Wilson made a motion to approve the requested \$1,000,000.00 for the Posey County Sewer District; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carries with a vote of 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Posey County Circuit Court Judge, Craig Goedde, is requesting an additional appropriation for the pauper attorney fee line in the amount of \$125,000.00. Judge Goedde stated this would get the Court through the end of the year.

Judge Goedde is requesting an additional appropriation for the Circuit Court appeal transcript line in the amount of \$10,000.

Judge Goedde is requesting an additional appropriation for the law books line in the amount of \$6,000 due to an increase that came through after budgets in 2021.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve these requests; B. Deig seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Paul Micheletti, EMS Director, is requesting an additional appropriation into the uniform line in the amount of \$4,000. Mr. Micheletti stated this is due to a change in uniform shirts he wanted to implement. A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Heather Allyn is requesting an additional appropriation on behalf of the Posey County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$577.50 to the uniform line.

S. Miller made a motion to approve this request; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Mindy Bourne, Area Plan Director, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$3,042.12 to the legal services line. M. Bourne stated that this would pay an invoice from Van Haaften & Farrar. M. Brenton made a motion to approve this request. D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0, with A. Wilson abstaining.

EMA Director, Larry Robb, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,000 to the vehicle supplies line. Mr. Robb informed Council that he had received a grant in the amount of \$2,000 from Duke Energy to replace hazardous material supplies in the hazmat trailer. B. Deig made a motion to approve this request. T. Schneider seconded. The motion carries with a vote of 7-0.

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$100,000,000 to contractual services; funds from Community Crossing Grant. T. Schneider made a motion to approve this request; B. Deig seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$800,000 to Cum Bridge.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; B. Deig seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0

REIMBURSEMENT

Maegen Greenwell, Posey County Auditor, is requesting reimbursement in the amount of \$120.56 into the Medical/ Dental line on behalf of The Posey County Sheriff.

S. Miller made a motion to approve this request; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Paul Micheletti, EMS Director, informed Council that the latest ambulance that had been ordered arrived on Friday, August 5th. Mr. Micheletti stated the new ambulance is in and is waiting on the power load system and the rail system. Mr. Micheletti stated they are also waiting on the State to come to inspect and license the ambulance.

Posey County Sheriff Detective, Dustin Seitz, gave the following inmate housing update:

46 Vanderburgh County
13 DOC
84 Posey County
143 total inmates

Detective Seitz informed Council that the Sheriff's office had received three new vehicles. Detective Seitz stated these vehicles would need to be outfitted with lights and consoles, and then they would be on the road to replace some older equipment that is starting to deteriorate.

Detective Seitz informed Council that two new deputies had been sworn in. The new School Resource Officer for North Posey School District, Charles Carter, along with Aaron Straub. Mr. Straub is currently filling in for one week in the jail before he starts with his field training officer on the road. Detective Seitz stated that Mr. Straub would go to the academy in January.

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

Heather Allyn

Heather Allyn, President

Stefan Miller

Stefan Miller, Vice President

Brandon Deig

Brandon Deig

Marilyn Brenton

Dave Pearce

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Thomas R. Schneider

Thomas Schneider

Aaron Wilson

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ATTEST: Margen R. Greenwell