

POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2022

The Posey County Council met in regular session at the Hovey House on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, at 9:00 am. The following members were present at the said meeting: Heather Allyn, Aaron Wilson, Dave Pearce, Stefani Miller, County Attorney Joe Harrison, and Auditor Maegen Greenwell. Council Members Marilyn Brenton, Tom Schneider, and Brandon Deig were absent.

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

David Whitten led the Council in prayer.

SUPERIOR COURT/CIRCUIT COURT/SHERIFF SECURITY

Posey County Circuit Court Judge, Craig Goedde, addressed the Council on behalf of himself and Superior Court Judge Travis Clowers regarding court security. Judge Goedde explained the need to secure both the Circuit Court and the Superior Court.

Judge Goedde stated he is looking into a grant that would cover two metal detecting machines and cover the salary for deputies to man the machines. Judge Goedde stated the need is to hire three deputies for court security, and two of those would be covered by the grant.

Judge Goedde stated he is requesting approval to purchase the machines and hire the employees with the understanding that he is waiting to actually order the equipment until the grant approval is given.

Judge Goedde stated he would email the grant application to each Council member that gives the exact breakdown of costs.

H. Allyn asked what the timeline for the award of the grant was. Judge Goedde stated he was told it would be awarded quickly, but no specific dates were given.

D. Pearce made a motion to approve this request; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

H. Allyn reminded Judge Goedde that in January, there would be several new Council members, and this discussion could potentially have to be had again.

MINUTES

D. Pearce made a motion to approve the minutes from October 12, 2022; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

S. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from the special budget hearings on September 13, 2022; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

CLERK'S REPORT

A. Wilson made a motion to approve the September Clerk's Report; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

D. Pearce made a motion to approve the October Clerk's Report; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

SOIL AND WATER DISCUSSION

Megan Ritterskamp, with Posey County Soil and Water, addressed the Council regarding a recent water quality study completed on Big Creek. Mrs. Ritterskamp stated testing was for several different items; however, the most concerning was E.coli. Mrs. Ritterskamp stated that the EPA threshold is 160mpn, and there were several sites that tested at 29,870mpn.

Mrs. Ritterskamp stated that the Soil and Water District would like to complete further testing to identify if the E.coli is from human or animal feces. Mrs. Ritterskamp stated the cost of the additional testing is \$5,000.00. Mrs. Ritterskamp stated the Commissioners approved \$4,000.00 for the needed testing.

RECORDER'S DEPUTY SALARY RESOLUTION

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated this is a resolution to allow the Posey County Recorder to allocate her user fee funds to pay her employee's salaries. Mrs. Greenwell stated the Recorder wanted the Council to know that next year there would be a new Recorder who is on board with this process as long as the fees remain sufficient.

S. Miller made a motion to approve this request; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

2023 POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL SCHEDULE

H. Allyn stated the following are proposed dates for the 2023 Posey County Council:

Wednesday, January 10th

Wednesday, February 22nd

Tuesday, March 14th

Tuesday, April 11th

Tuesday, May 9th

Tuesday, June 13th

Tuesday, July 11th

Tuesday, August 8th

Tuesday, September 12th

Wednesday, October 11th

Tuesday, November 14th

Tuesday, December 19th

A. Wilson made a motion to approve the 2023 schedule; H. Allyn seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

Posey County Prosecutor, Thomas Clowers, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,200.00 into the Federal Forfeiture fund for task force expenses. Mr. Clowers stated these were federal funds that were sized several years ago.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$6,000.00 into the County General inmate and institution line. Mrs. Greenwell stated this account is used to house juvenile inmates, and the amount needed varies yearly.

D. Pearce made a motion to approve this request; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Posey County Extension Director, Kristen Lowry, is requesting the following two additional appropriations:

\$2,623.12 into the travel line of their County General fund

\$460.00 into the dues and membership of their County General fund. D. Pearce made a motion to approve these requests; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Mindy Bourne, Posey County Area Plan Director, is requesting the following additional appropriations:
\$2,000.00 into the part-time line of the County General fund

\$1,013.05 into the legal service line of the County General fund

\$1,085.00 into the legal service line of the County General fund

D. Pearce made a motion to approve these requests; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$60,000.00 into the insurance line of the County General. Mrs. Greenwell stated this is needed for property and casualty liability. Mrs. Greenwell stated this would cover the remainder of the year.

S. Miller made a motion to approve this request; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$26,000.00 into the IT maintenance contract line of the County General. Mrs. Greenwell stated this line was under budgeted by mistake. A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$13,600.00 into the EMS Director line of the County General fund. Mrs. Greenwell stated this is needed for the salary increase that was granted to the new EMS Director. A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$22,000.00 into the Commissioner's contractual service line of the County General fund. Mrs. Greenwell stated this consists of \$5,000.00 for the MS4 waiver process, \$4,000.00 to American Structure Point, \$1,200.00 for the Salary Study, \$4,000.00 for the Soil and Water request, and the remaining needed to cover the contract with Byron Sanders for work done on behalf of the Building Commissioners.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, is requesting the following additional appropriations:

\$1,000.00 into the supply line of the K9 fund from a donation

\$1,000.00 into the training line of the K9 fund from a donation

\$2,000.00 into the repair and maintenance line of the K9 fund from a donation

\$500.00 into the uniform line of the K9 fund from a donation

\$500.00 into the equipment line of the K9 fund from a donation

A. Wilson made a motion to approve the requested additional appropriations; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

TRANSFER REQUEST

Posey County Extension Director, Kristen Lowry, is requesting the following two transfers:

Summer Assistant to Travel \$ 339.38

Part-Time Secretary to Travel \$637.50

D. Pearce made a motion to approve these requests; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Posey County EMS Director, Paul Micheletti, is requesting the following transfers:

\$1378.13 from County General repair of vehicle to clinical and medical

\$541.67 from County General repair of vehicle to garage supplies

\$2,138.21 from County General repair of vehicle to gasoline

\$828.39 from County General repair of vehicle to uniforms

\$900.04 from County General vehicle maintenance to gasoline

\$1329.69 from County General maintenance contracts to clinical and medical

A. Wilson made a motion to approve the requested transfers; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Posey County E911 Director, Jamie Bradford, is requesting the following transfers:

\$2,000.00 from County General equipment to County General repairs and maintenance

\$5,328.27 from E911 equipment to E911 tower rental

A. Wilson made a motion to approve these requests; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, is requesting a transfer in the amount of \$61,000.00 from the Bridge Fund contractual service line to the health and life insurance line.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Posey County Clerk is requesting the following transfers:

\$3,100.00 from the Election fund clerk's line to the office supply line

\$137.50 from the Election fund legal service line to the office supply line

\$1,980.00 from the Election fund judge line to the transportation of voting machine line

\$481.04 from the Election fund overtime line to the transportation of voting machines.

D. Pearce made a motion to approve the requested transfers; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

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

35 Vanderburgh

10 DOC

80 Posey County

125 total

\$43,050.00 for October billing from Vanderburgh.

Sheriff Latham stated he would like to open the salary discussion up again, as he would like the Council to be aware that he has lost three deputies since the last time it was discussed. Sheriff Latham stated that all three deputies went to a private entity. Sheriff Latham stated he would like to start deputies at \$56,000.00 and jail officers at \$46,000.00. H. Allyn stated that the salary study had been started, and the hope is this study will uncover several options.

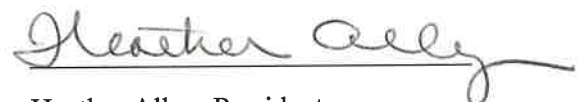
Paul Micheletti, Posey County EMS Director, stated he would have several additional appropriation requests at the next meeting for items he would like to purchase before the end of this year in the amount of \$20,738.00.

Posey County E911 Director, Jamie Bradford, stated it has recently been discovered that the County needs to purchase a new DNS service for the Dispatch office. Mrs. Bradford would like to purchase the server this year and is planning to bring an additional to the Council at the December meeting. A. Wilson made a motion to support the purchase of the needed equipment; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.


Robert Grewe with EREP introduced himself to the Council as the Director of Economic Development. Mr. Grewe stated he would be available for any questions after the meeting that the Council might have.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated the Auditors office will begin the settlement process soon. Mrs. Greenwell stated the salary study evaluation is due back to the office as soon as possible, and internal control training is due as soon as possible.

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



Heather Allyn, President

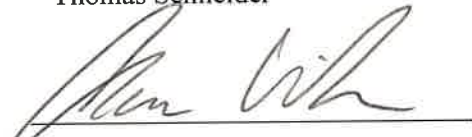

Stefani Miller, Vice President

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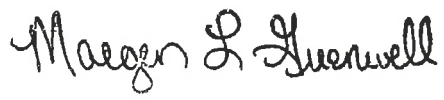
Marilyn Brenton

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