

## POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon, on Wednesday, January 18, 2023. Commissioners Bill Collins, Bryan Schorr, and Greg Newman were in attendance. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were also in attendance.

Wayne Nall led the Commissioners in prayer.

### MINUTES

G. Newman made a motion to approve the minutes from January 4, 2023, with changing the wording of Wadesville Center Township Board to read Wadesville Center Township Fire District; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### CLAIMS

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the claims as presented; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for December; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### 2023 BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- Alexandrian Public Library: G. Newman made a motion to appoint Beth Russell to the Alexandrian Public Library board for a four-year term to expire 12/31/2026; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- EMS Advisory Board: B. Collins stated the open position is for a nurse and would like to change the ordinance to change the nurse appointee and replace with a Commissioner or designee from Posey County. B. Collins made a motion to table this appointment and change the ordinance; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- E911 Board: B. Collins made a motion to reappoint Stefani Miller to the E911 Advisory Board for a one-year term to expire on 12/31/2023; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- Posey County Sewer Board: B. Collins stated that the Commissioners appointed Donnie Martin in error at the last meeting. B. Schorr made a motion to remove Donnie Martin from this board; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0. G. Newman made a motion to table this appointment until the next Commissioner's meeting; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- ADA Board: B. Collins made a motion to appoint Heather Allyn to the ADA board for a one-year term to expire on 12/31/2023; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- Compton Ditch: B. Collins tabled this appointment.
- Redevelopment Board: B. Schorr made a motion to appoint Greg Schmitt to the Posey County Redevelopment Board for a one-year term to expire 12/31/23; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- Posey County Jail Building Corporation: B. Collins motioned to appoint Jim Kilgore to the Posey County Jail Building Corporation for a one-year term to expire 12/31/2023; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- Area Plan: B. Schorr made a motion to appoint Stefani Miller to the Area Plan Board for a one-year term to expire 12/31/2023; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### ANNUAL BOARD OF FINANCE

Posey County Treasurer, Vicki Peerman, addressed the Commissioners regarding the Annual Board of Finance. Mrs. Peerman stated that the board is made up of three Commissioners, the Treasurer, and the Auditor. Mrs. Peerman stated that the board must meet once a year to review the prior year's reports. Mrs. Peerman stated that the board must elect a president and a secretary. B. Collins made a motion to appoint Greg Newman as the President of the Board of Finance for the year 2023; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

B. Schorr made a motion to appoint Vicki Peerman as the Secretary of the Board of Finance for the year 2023; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Peerman reminded the Commissioners that County funds are covered under the FDIC up to \$250,000.00 in addition to Counties being covered by PDIF (Public Depository Insurance Fund). Mrs. Peerman explained that as long as the County is in compliance with the State, County funds are insured.

Mrs. Peerman gave the following investment totals for the year 2022:

Highway EDIT Fund CD:  
Crane Credit Union: \$2307.42  
United Fidelity: \$25.33  
Total: \$2332.75

Congressional School Fund CD:  
Community State Bank: \$109.24  
United Fidelity: \$114.53  
Total: \$223.77

Bank Account Interest:  
United Fidelity Operating: \$29,980.21  
United Fidelity ICS: \$136,667.49  
Trust Indiana: \$50,117.07  
Crane Credit Union Checking: \$13,021.55  
First Bank of Carmi: \$66,494.95  
Total: \$29,8591.61

Year Total Checking: \$298,591.61  
Year Total Fund Accounts: \$2,556.52  
Total: \$301,148.13

Mrs. Peerman gave the following ending bank balances for 2022:

United Fidelity Operating: \$6,194,978.95  
United Fidelity Payroll: \$1,107,949.21  
United Fidelity ICS: \$9,554,667.39  
Crane Credit Union: \$6,629,751.20  
Crane Credit Union: \$5.00  
First Bank of Carmi: \$8,700,187.08  
Trust Indiana: \$15,385,220.41  
Total: \$47,572,759.24

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the Annual Board of Finance Report as presented; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

#### **2023 INVESTMENT POLICY**

Posey County Treasurer, Vicki Peerman, stated that the Board of Finance will also approve the 2023 Investment Policy. Mrs. Peerman stated that this policy has not changed from the previous year. Mrs. Peerman stated that the County Attorney had reviewed this policy.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the 2023 Investment Policy; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

#### **EREP CONTRACT 2023**

G. Newman made a motion to approve the 2023 EREP Contract as presented; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

#### **2023 LEGAL SERVICE AGREEMENT**

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the 2023 Legal Service Agreement with Joe Harrison for the Posey County Commissioners; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### WESTERN BYPASS RIGHT-OF-WAY PURCHASE OFFERS

County Attorney, Joe Harrison, stated that the Commissioners have the following two right-of-way land purchase offers to consider for the Western Bypass project:

5491 Lower New Harmony Road Project Parcel #40 \$53,400.00

B. Schorr made a motion to approve this request; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

1100 Rippy Road Project Parcel #45 \$81,350.00

G. Newman made a motion to approve this request; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, gave the following end-of-year report for 2022:

Recycled Roads: 9.97 miles \$340,063.81

Chip and Seal Roads: 6.24 miles \$303,379.96

Overlay on Chip and Seal Roads: 7.39 \$1,011,215.50

Overlay on Existing Blacktop Roads: 10.07 miles \$928,864.61

Community Crossing: 14.699 miles \$1,877,588.38

Total Miles: 48.369

Total Cost: \$4,461,112.26

Mr. Schenk stated that 1 million of these funds are granted with the Community Crossing grant and 2 million from EDIT taxes.

Mr. Schenk stated they would bid for asphalt in April.

Mr. Schenk stated that his department has two openings.

Donnie Martin, with Posey County Health Department, informed the Commissioners that shots are still available and will have home tests for COVID available for residents.

Jamie Bradford, Posey County E911 Director, informed the Commissioners that she met with an IT company regarding the server issues they are having. Mrs. Bradford stated she would bring a service contract to the Commissioners for approval. Mrs. Bradford stated they had identified several issues.

Mrs. Bradford stated that the New Harmony tower went down last Thursday and is still down, and they are working on a fix.

It was asked what the backup for communication is when the towers are down. Mrs. Bradford stated that if the agency has the ability to use an 800 megahertz radio that would be the backup option. B. Schorr asked if the County should look into moving to the 800 megahertz system. B. Collins stated that the problem is that most agencies that utilize the radios do not have the financial capability to change over to that system on their end. B. Schorr asked about the number of radios that are utilized that would have to be switched over. Mrs. Bradford stated she would work on getting that number; however, it would be more than just replacing radios; new towers would have to be constructed.

Mrs. Bradford stated that the County is also not using a Public Safety System for the radio equipment.

Mrs. Bradford stated she has interviews set up for next week with one position to fill.

Posey County Extension Director, Kristin Lowery, addressed the Commissioners regarding the upcoming opportunities for the County to seek state and Federal grants in the health service area.

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

84 Posey County inmates

6 IDOC

24 Vanderburgh County inmates

114 Total inmates

Sheriff Latham stated he met with the new Vanderburgh County Sheriff, and they have a plan moving forward for housing Vanderburgh inmates.  
Sheriff Latham stated he is four jailers down.

Paul Micheletti, Posey County EMS Director, informed the Commissioners that he is one paramedic down.

Paul Micheletti stated that the rebuilt ambulance should be in the County in April or May and will include everything but a cot.

Cody Simpson, with Morley, addressed the Commissioners with a broadband update. Mr. Simpson stated that progress is being made on sections one through four. Mr. Simpson stated he met with Mainstream for their monthly meeting, and they discussed issues such as tree trimming debris and fiber height across several addresses.

B. Collins gave the following animal control report for December 2022:

18 Complaints  
10 Animals Picked Up  
4 Bite Reports

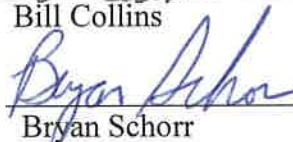
The year 2022:

369 Complaints  
128 Animals Picked Up  
3 Euthanized  
34 Bite Reports  
\$286.00 turned into Auditor's office.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated the W2 and 1099's are completed and will be held in the Auditors office until 2:30 pm today, and they can also be viewed on DocuDelivery.



Bill Collins



Bryan Schorr



Greg Newman

  
Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell