

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon, on Tuesday, February 7, 2023. Commissioners Bill Collins, Bryan Schorr, and Greg Newman were in attendance. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were also in attendance.

Judge Travis Clowers led the Commissioners in prayer.

MINUTES

G. Newman made a motion to approve the minutes from January 18, 2023; 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.

CLERK'S REPORT

G. Newman made a motion to approve the Clerk's Report for December; B. Schorr 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 prepared a list of all checks that are uncashed after two years. Mrs. Peerman stated that a copy of the checks are kept due to IC Code. Mrs. Peerman stated there are 15 checks totaling \$2,725.07. G. Newman made a motion to purge the outstanding checks; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

EMS ADVISORY BOARD RESOLUTION

B. Collins stated that County Attorney, Joe Harrison, drafted a resolution to change the EMS Advisory Board regarding the members. Mr. Collins stated that the Commissioners took out the requirement for a member to be a nurse or P. A and changed it to a resident of Posey County. B. Schorr made a motion to approve this resolution; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

2023 BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- EMS Advisory Board: G. Newman made a motion to appoint CPA Kathy Yearwood to the EMS Board for a two-year term to expire 12/31/2024; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0. B. Schorr made a motion to appoint Greg Newman as a citizen representative to the EMS Board for a two-year term to expire on 12/31/2024; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- Posey County Sewer Board: B. Collins made a motion to appoint Greg Russell to the Sewer board for a one-year term to expire 12/31/2023; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- Compton Ditch: G. Newman motioned to reappoint Ronald Eimer and appoint Will Pfifer to the Compton Ditch Board for one-year terms to expire 12/31/2023; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0. B. Collins questioned why the Compton Ditch Board was different from the Drainage Board; B. Schorr explained it is a separate entity that is part of Black River and is not controlled by the County.

ENGAGE PROPOSAL

Posey County Assessor's Office Deputy, Joshua Hammond-Kelley, presented a contract for new software, Engage. Mr. Hammond-Kelley stated that citizens would be able to access everything efficiently and accurately, and the information found would be information that they would need from the Assessor's Office, Treasurer's Office, and Auditor's Office. Mr. Hammond-Kelley stated that the money would come from the Assessor's budget. Posey County Treasurer, Vicki Peerman, stated that the website is not ready for the Treasurer's information fully yet. Mrs. Peerman is expecting it to happen for all of the offices within the next two to three years. Mr. Hammond-Kelley stated that you would eventually be able to pay taxes on the website. Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated that you would also be able to file deductions and see

what deductions are on your property. B. Schorr made a motion to approve the Engage proposal; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

IPEP

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, updated commissioners and employees on IPEP. Mrs. Greenwell stated that IPEP is the County's Workman's Compensation company. Mrs. Greenwell stated that IPEP offers free virtual and in-person training. Mrs. Greenwell stated each department would have specific training.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE CONTRACT

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, proposed extending a contract with Tiffany Jarvis for 2023. Mrs. Greenwell stated that this contract is paid out of the part-time line in the Auditor's Office. B. Schorr made a motion to approve the contract; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

BRIDGE INVENTORY AND SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, stated he is presenting the Commissioners with the bridge inspection as required. Mr. Schenk stated that the Commissioners will sign off that they received this. Mr. Schenk stated this phase 1.

Mr. Schenk stated that in April, they would start phase 1(A) of the bridge inspection, which will include certain bridges getting inspected. Mr. Schenk stated that phase 2 would follow, and they will inspect all bridges at that time. Mr. Schenk stated that this is a four-year program. Mr. Schenk stated that the federal government pays 80%, and the County pays the remaining 20%. Mr. Schenk stated this is a federal mandate that states any bridge over 20 feet or culvert that has a mouth of over 20 feet be inspected. Mr. Schenk stated there is an 11-ton bridge on Allison Lane which is a dead-end road that is off Caborn road that will need to be fixed before harvest due to farmers need to cross the bridge to get to their fields. Mr. Schenk believes it can be removed and replaced by a culvert. Mr. Schenk stated that the Mayor of Mount Vernon believes the historical bridge on Wildeman Road can be used as a walking path to go over the creek in a City park. Mr. Schenk stated he would be meeting with the Mayor to discuss if this bridge would work for their needs.

G. Newman made a motion to approve the Bridge Inspection Report; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

GERMAN TOWNSHIP WATER DISTRICT

Joe Harrison, Commissioner Attorney, spoke on the lawsuit that was filed against German Township for the damages that were done to Buchanan Road. Mr. Harrison stated that the settlement amount is \$8,000, and the check has been given to the Auditor's office. B. Schorr made a motion to approve the agreement with the German Township Water District; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Mr. Schenk, stated that it's time to advertise for asphalt bids for the year. Mr. Schenk stated he wants to open the bids in the first meeting of March and award the winning bid during the second meeting in March.

Mr. Schenk has stated that his department has three job openings currently and is expecting to have another person leave this summer. Mr. Schenk stated that he has five applications. Mr. Schenk stated that the department has been preapproved to start its own CDL school. Mr. Schenk stated that the online portion of the school still needs to be worked out. Mr. Schenk stated that the cost is \$100 per applicant.

B. Collins questioned Joe Harrison on there being any legal concerns with starting our own school. Mr. Harrison stated he would look into this. Mr. Harrison asked how many employees are required to have their CDLs. Mr. Schenk stated that all Highway employees are required to

have CDLs. Mr. Schenk stated that Russell's has been allowing County employees to go to their school and have helped him get started with their own school. Mr. Schenk stated it costs between \$4,000 to \$5,000 to get them through school.

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

100 Posey County

4 IDOC

26 Vanderburgh County

130 Total inmates

Sheriff Latham stated that the Vanderburgh January billing was \$25,612.50.

Sheriff Latham stated that the staffing issues are prohibiting him from having more Vanderburgh County inmates.

Sheriff Latham stated that he is six deputies down, including the three new additional positions that they got approved.

Larry Robb, Posey County Emergency Management Director, stated that the National Weather Service informed them of the potential for up to two to three inches of rain throughout today, tonight, and tomorrow.

Mr. Robb stated that he has been working on a response to the eclipse of 2024 alongside Carrie Thompson. Mr. Robb stated that multiple counties in Kentucky had problems with the eclipse in the past due to their population doubling. Mr. Robb stated that he would be in communication with the Sheriff's Department, other Law Enforcement Agencies, EMS, Highway Department, and the schools in the coming months. Mr. Robb stated they would be recommending that the schools take into consideration the eclipse is due to happen around 3 pm. Mr. Robb stated that the State is also working on getting more information out to the public. Mr. Robb stated that the date of the eclipse is April 8, 2024. Mr. Robb stated that he and Carrie Thompson have a meeting with the Tourism Council coming up to discuss the matter.

Posey County Clerk, Kay Kilgore, stated that the filing period for the City of Mount Vernon's offices, such as the Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer, and the five Common Council seats, was over at 12 pm on Friday, February 3, 2023. Mrs. Kilgore stated there would be no primary election on May 2, 2023 due to there being no contested races within either of the major parties.

Jamie Bradford, Posey County E911 Director, updated the Commissioners regarding the site audit that needs to be completed. Mrs. Bradford stated the audit would be done February 9, 2023 and February 10, 2023. Mrs. Bradford stated that they still have a lot of issues that they are trying to work through. Mrs. Bradford stated that this audit is for the dispatch building and three of the tower sites. Mrs. Bradford stated that the New Harmony location is still set up temporarily as a cell modem operation. Mrs. Bradford stated the Dispatchers are currently keeping logs of any complaints that they are getting, and they are forwarding those complaints to VEI. Mrs. Bradford stated that two companies have come in and are providing quotes and drawings for new consoles at dispatch.

Mrs. Bradford stated that she has offered the open position to someone. Mrs. Bradford stated she would be fully staffed.

Paul Micheletti, Posey County EMS Director, stated that January's income was \$112,755. Mr. Micheletti stated he was notified via email, on February 7, 2023 that the remount would be delayed and will happen in December of 2023 instead of April or May.

Mr. Micheletti stated that the EMS department is currently two paramedics down. Mr. Micheletti stated there is another EMT that will possibly be leaving also. Mr. Micheletti stated that he has begun advertising for those positions.

Mr. Micheletti stated he received notification that we have been approved for the \$370,000 Community Paramedic Grant. Mr. Micheletti stated that includes the salary for a paramedic for three years and a vehicle and equipment to stock the vehicle. Mr. Micheletti stated the job would begin July 1, 2023 and is a three-year program. Mr. Micheletti stated he has a meeting on February 10, 2023 in Plainfield to discuss the grant further and will update the Commissioners once he knows more.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated that the next meeting will be Wednesday, February 22, 2023. The Council will meet at 9am and the Commissioners will follow at 10am.

B. Collins gave the following animal control report for January 2023:

25 Complaints
12 Animals Picked Up
0 Bite Reports
0 Euthanized
\$147 collected



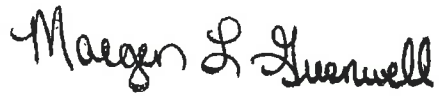
Bill Collins



Bryan Schorr



Greg Newman



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell