

POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL, TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023

The Posey County Council met in regular session at the Hovey House on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 9:00 am. The following members were present at the said meeting: Heather Allyn, Aaron Wilson, Dave Dausman, Zach George, Brandon Deig, Tom Schneider, Jerry Chastain, 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.

Judge Craig Goedde led the Council in prayer.

COUNCIL BOARD STRUCTURE

A. Wilson made a motion to appoint Heather Allyn as the Posey County Council President for the year 2023; J. Chastain seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Z. George made a motion to appoint Aaron Wilson as the Posey County Council Vice President for the year 2023; J. Chastain seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

COUNCIL ATTORNEY

Z. George made a motion to appoint Josh Clayborn, with Jackson Kelly, as the Posey County Council Legal Counsel for the year 2023; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

PAUPER ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

Posey County Circuit Court Judge, Craig Goedde, addressed Council regarding issues with the rate of pay for Pauper Attorneys that work for Posey County. Judge Goedde stated that currently, the State sets a guideline for public defender rates, and the County then works from that rule in regard to rates. Judge Goedde stated that the County had not raised the \$95.00/hour rate in twenty years, and many surrounding Counties have recently increased the rates. Judge Goedde stated he, and Superior Court Judge, Travis Clowers, are suggesting a rate of \$125.00 per hour.

T. Schneider asked how this new rate compares to others in the State. Judge Goedde stated he was not sure.

Judge Goedde stated he had not received word regarding the grant that he applied for regarding court security equipment.

MINUTES

H. Allyn asked that wording under the Salary Study section be reworded to say study, not salary ordinance. H. Allyn stated that under the EMS additional, no motion is listed. A. Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes from December 20, 2022, meeting with the changes noted; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Posey County Treasurer, Vicki Peerman, addressed the Council at the request of H. Allyn to help the new members understand the report that is presented monthly.

T. Schneider made a motion to approve the December Treasurer's report; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

CLERK'S REPORT

Posey County Clerk Kay Kilgore and Chief Deputy Donna Curtis addressed the Council at the request of H. Allyn to help the new members understand the report that is presented monthly.

J. Chastain made a motion to approve the November Clerk's report; B. Deig seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- Alexandrian Public Library: T. Schneider made a motion to reappoint Julie Kissinger to the Alexandrian Public Library board for a four-year term to expire 12/31/2026; D. Dausman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

- ABC Board: Z. George made a motion to reappoint Randy Rankin to the ABC Board for a one-year term to expire 12/31/2023; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.
- Area Plan: J. Chastain made a motion to appoint Dave Dausman to the Area Plan Board for a one-year term to expire 12/31/2023; B. Deig seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.
- Board of Review: T. Schneider made a motion to reappoint Ruth Redman to the Board of Review for a one-year term to expire 12/31/2023; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.
- EMA Advisory Board: A. Wilson made a motion to appoint Brandon Deig to the EMA Advisory Board for a one-year term to expire 12/31/2023; J. Chastain seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.
- Election Board: Kay Kilgore, as the Posey County Clerk, serves as the secretary to the Election Board.
- Posey County Redevelopment: T. Schneider made a motion to reappoint Matt Nix and Phillip Wells to the Posey County Redevelopment Board for one-year terms to expire 12/31/2023; Z. George seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.
- Solid Waste Board: A. Wilson made a motion to appoint Jerry Chastain to a one-year term to expire 12/31/2023; Z. George seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.
- Visit Posey County: A. Wilson made a motion to reappoint Shelley Hargrove to the Visit Posey County Board for a one-year term to expire 12/31/2023; B. Deig seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.
- Media: Posey County News will serve as the designated media outlet for the Posey County Council for the year 2023.

COMMISSARY RESOLUTION

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, stated that yearly the Council revisits the ongoing Commissary resolution, which lays out acceptable uses for the commissary funds. Sheriff Latham stated the original resolution is 2013-12-10-01. T. Schneider made a motion to extend the ongoing resolution; B. Deig seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

Posey County Circuit Court Judge, Craig Goedde, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$8,500.00 into the County General Circuit Court Reporter #1 line. Judge Goedde stated this is needed to pay out the remaining time and benefits for an employee that is retiring. A. Wilson made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for \$6,478.24; Z. George seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Posey County Auditor Maegen Greenwell is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$43,562.00 into the County General Court Sound System line. Mrs. Greenwell stated this is needed for a new sound system for the court. A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; J. Chastain seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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

- \$50,000.00 into the supply line of the jail maintenance fund
- \$ 79,998.72 into the equipment line of the jail maintenance fund
- \$175,000.00 into the repair and maintenance line of the jail maintenance fund
- \$3,000.00 into the uniform line of the Sheriff's Reserve fund
- \$ 2,500.00 into the supplies line of the Sheriff's Reserve fund
- \$3,000.00 into the repair and maintenance line of the Sheriff's Reserve fund
- \$7,456.76 into the equipment line of the Sheriff's Reserve fund
- \$3,000.00 into the supplies line of the K9 fund
- \$5,000.00 into the repair and maintenance line of the K9 fund
- \$2,100.00 into the training line of the K9 fund
- \$1,086.22 into the uniform line of the K9 fund
- \$1,085.35 into the equipment line of the K9 fund
- \$82,187.86 into the equipment line of the misdemeanor fund

A. Wilson made a motion to approve the above request; Z. George seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

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

14 Vanderburgh
6 DOC
83 Posey County
103 total

\$25,762.50 was taken in from Vanderburgh County for December.

Sheriff Latham stated he is down five deputies, four of those were hired by Deaconess.

D. Dausman questioned the reasoning for Council not addressing the request when presented last year. H. Allyn stated that the Sheriff presented a matrix that she felt did not address the issues that he was having at the time, which was recruiting new employees, as the large increases were at the top of the matrix. Mrs. Allyn stated she suggested the proposed matrix be reworked to put more increase at the starting pay as his issues were hiring competent employees.

H. Allyn stated that although this discussion is regarding Sheriff's office, the Council must look at the County as a whole, which is where the salary study came into play.

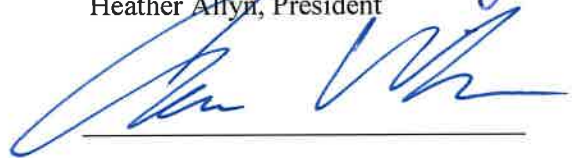
D. Dausman suggested the Council create a three-person committee to look at the request put forth by the Sheriff. Mr. Dausman stated that Maegen Greenwell and Sheriff Latham should also serve.

A. Wilson made a motion to appoint Brandon Deig, Tom Schneider, and himself as Council members, along with Sheriff Latham and Maegen Greenwell; B. Deig seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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



Heather Allyn, President



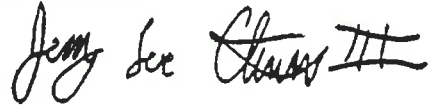
Aaron Wilson, Vice President



Brandon Deig



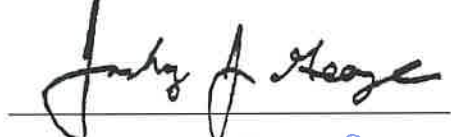
Dave Dausman



Jerry Chastain



Thomas Schneider



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