

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon, on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. Commissioners Bill Collins, Bryan Schorr, and Greg Newman were in attendance. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were also in attendance.

Commissioner Newman led the Commissioners in prayer.

MINUTES

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the minutes from March 21, 2023; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

CLAIMS

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

BUILDING COMMISSIONER ORDINANCE

B. Schorr stated the Commissioners had tabled this discussion at the last meeting but would like to see the Commissioner approve changing the complaint form to take away the requirements for the citizen who is filing the complaint to leave their name and phone number. B. Collins stated that this would allow a complaint to be made anonymously.

G. Newman made a motion to approve the stated changes to the Building Commissioners' complaint form; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

E911 ADVISORY BOARD

Jamie Bradford, Posey County E911 Director, informed the Commissioners that there was a vacant spot on the E911 Advisory Board due to the Mt. Vernon City Fire Chief retiring. Mrs. Bradford stated she spoke with the new Fire Chief, Ryan Riggs, and he is willing to serve on this board.

G. Newman made a motion to appoint Ryan Riggs 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.

COUNTY ATTORNEY LEGAL AGREEMENT

B. Collins stated that the Commissioner's Attorney, Joe Harrison, has joined a new law firm, and the Commissioners will need to sign a new legal agreement with his new firm, Dentons Bingham Greenbaum LLP.

G. Newman made a motion to approve the new legal agreement with Dentons Bingham and Greenbaum LLP; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

ALDERSON LANE

Posey County Resident, Roger Webber, spoke to the Commissioners regarding concerns on Alderson Lane. Mr. Webber stated that currently, on Alderson Lane, there is a blind hill that is only 17 feet at the top, it has no lane markings, and there is only room at the top of the hill for one vehicle at a time. Mr. Webber stated that the current speed limit is 40 miles per hour, which he sees to be excessive for the current situation.

Mr. Webber is asking the Commissioners to take action in this area by either widening the lane, lowering the hill, lowering the speed limit, painting lines, or placing a mirror at the approach of the hill. Mr. Webber provided the Commissioners with notarized letters from the neighbors in the area who are in favor of these solutions.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve an ordinance to reduce the speed limit on Alderson Lane from Nation Road to Middle Mt. Vernon Road to 20 miles per hour; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

SURPLUS PRINTERS

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated that the Auditor's office has two printers they need to have declared as surplus to allow the office to give the printers to anyone who would use them. Mrs. Greenwell stated that the printers are in working condition.

B. Schorr made a motion to declare the two printers as surplus; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

ANIMAL CONTROL VEHICLE

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners are ready to proceed with sending a request for bids for a new Animal Control Vehicle. Mr. Collins stated he provided the Commissioners with the needed specs, and they would be sending those to various car dealerships for bids.

G. Newman made a motion to approve the Commissioner's request for bids for a new Animal Control vehicle; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

EMS VEHICLE GRANT

Paul Micheletti, Posey County EMS Director, informed the Commissioners he is ready to proceed with sending requests for proposals for the purchase of a new vehicle that will be used by the grant-funded Community Paramedic position.

B. Schorr made a motion to allow for requests for proposals for the Community Paramedic grant-funded vehicle; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

SWIRDA APPOINTMENT

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners need to make an appointment to the Southwest Indiana Regional Development Authority. Mr. Collins stated currently Beth McFaddin Higgins is the appointment, and he is recommending reappointing Mrs. McFaddin-Higgins. B. Collins made a motion to reappoint Beth McFaddin Higgins to the SWIRDA Board for a four-year appointment to expire 12/31/2026; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County EMS Director, Paul Micheletti, gave the following monthly update:

271 Request

206 Transportations

\$117,630.00 Billed

Mr. Micheletti outlined his plans for replacing ambulances in the future. Mr. Micheletti stated they are waiting for the 090 ambulance to be remounted, and the plan is to buy new and then have it remounted and use a rotating schedule. Mr. Micheletti stated that this would save \$100,000.00 by remounting on a rotating schedule. Mr. Micheletti stated that if this rotation is achievable, he would be purchasing a new ambulance in 2024 and remounting the next ambulance in rotation, then in late 2025, purchasing a new ambulance.

B. Collins gave the following Animal Control Report for March:

46 Complaints

10 Animals Picked Up

0 Euthanized

6 Bite Reports

0 Rabies

\$100.00 turned in.

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, stated that the Highway Department has a project pending on County Line Road, and the Commissioners will have proposals to consider at the next Commissioner's meeting.

Mr. Schenk stated that he had hired three new employees and would be looking for a mechanic for the Posey County garage.

Jamie Bradford, Posey County E911 Director, addressed the Commissioners regarding several maintenance contracts that she will be bringing for updates in the next few months.

Mrs. Bradford stated that the CAD system had been patched, and she will be requesting two quotes for the New Harmony tower sites.

Carrie Thompson, with Posey County EMA, stated that both the Ohio and Wabash are at flood stage, and the department has not had any major issues with either river other than a few road closures.

Posey County Chief Deputy Sheriff, Jeremy Fortune, gave the following inmate housing update:

74 Posey County

12 IDOC

25 Vanderburgh County

111 Total inmates

\$33,975.00 taken in from Vanderburgh County for March

Jenna Richardt, with EREP, addressed the Commissioners regarding several upcoming events for EREP that the Commissioners might be interested in. Mrs. Richardt reminded the Commissioners that EREP serves both the Economic Development and Chamber of Commerce needs for Posey County.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated that the tax bills had been mailed.

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

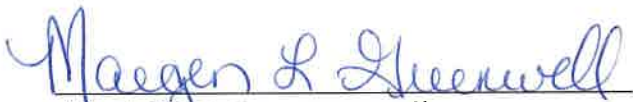


Bill Collins

Bryan Schorr



Greg Newman



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell