

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon, on Tuesday, March 21, 2023. Commissioners Bryan Schorr, and Greg Newman were in attendance. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were also in attendance.

Pastor Wayne Nall led the Commissioners in prayer.

MINUTES

G. Newman made a motion to approve the minutes from March 7, 2023; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

G. Newman made a motion to approve the executive session minutes from March 7, 2023; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

G. Newman made a motion to approve the executive session minutes from March 9, 2023; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

CLAIMS

G. Newman made a motion to approve the claims as presented; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

CLERK'S REPORT

G. Newman made a motion to approve the Clerk's Report from February; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

G. Newman made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report from February; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

POSEYVILLE VEHICLE LEASE AGREEMENT

County Attorney Joe Harrison stated that the vehicle lease agreement between Posey County and Poseyville had been drawn up. Mr. Harrison stated that the rental for the vehicle is \$1.00. Mr. Harrison stated that the lease agreement is on a day-to-day basis, and it requires that Poseyville has insurance. G. Newman made a motion to approve the vehicle lease agreement with Poseyville; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

HIGHWAY BIDS

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, asked the Commissioners to accept the only bid from J.H Rudolph for the Section 7 bid. Mr. Schenk stated that for Section 7 patching material, the highway department would like to get the materials from David Enterprises or E&B Paving, depending on which company is closer to the location the department is at. B. Schorr made a motion to accept the bids from J.H Rudolph, E&B Paving, and David Enterprises for Section 7; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

Mr. Schenk stated that for Section 8, the Highway department would like the commissioners to accept the bid from J.H Rudolph as the low bid and to use E&B Paving as a backup. G. Newman made a motion to accept the bid from J.H. Rudolph and to use E&B Paving as a backup; B. Schorr accepted. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER

President of the Board of Directors for the Children's Learning Center, Andy Weintraut, stated that he recently made a plea to the Posey County Council, and it was recommended to talk to the Posey County Commissioners as well. Mr. Weintraut stated that the Children's Learning Center was created due to large employers stating that the County didn't have adequate childcare as a factor for not coming to this community. Mr. Weintraut stated that the Children's Learning Center currently has over 70 children with the ability to provide 165 children with childcare. Mr. Weintraut stated that the Children's Learning Center is asking Posey County for a stipend of \$25,000 per year. Mr. Weintraut stated that their partner, Building Blocks of Indiana, has informed the learning center that the Children's Learning Center is the only childcare that they are partnered with that is running based solely on the tuition that is made. Mr. Weintraut stated

that the City of Mount Vernon is the deed holder of the property where the learning center is located on.

Board Member of the Children's Learning Center, Steve McGruder, stated it concerns him that younger families may not have the ability to utilize the Children's Learning Center.

Barry Cox, 45 Parkridge Drive, Mount Vernon, In 47620, stated that he urges people to write to Senator Tomes and Representative McNamara regarding the proposals that supports young women and parents using the Learning Centers and allowing them to work in this community.

Posey County resident, Jake McGinnis, stated that the Children's Learning Center has a new board and is a not-for-profit learning center. Mr. McGinnis stated he is a board member of the Children's Learning Center.

Mr. Weintraut stated that the Children's Learning Center had received a donation from a private donor to expand the infant care at the Learning Center. Mr. Weintraut stated that multiple childcare centers have shut down their infant sections due to being unable to make as much money with the ratio being 4-1 vs. a toddler being 7-1 or 8-1. Mr. Weintraut stated that the Children's Learning Center Plans to build a new and larger infant room.

B. Schorr stated that it was suggested in the Council meeting to look into using TIF funds for donations. B. Schorr stated that the commissioners looked into that, and it is not an option. B. Schorr stated that the Commissioners could use ARPA funds and plan to look into doing so. G. Newman stated that infant care is very important and wanted to reiterate everything Mr. Schorr stated. G. Newman made a motion to ask the ARPA Committee to designate \$25,000 for the Children's Learning Center; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER ORDINANCE UPDATE

B. Schorr stated he would like to discuss the process of a nuisance complaint being submitted to the Building Commissioners. Mr. Schorr stated currently that if there is a complaint, the complainant has to provide their name and information that is public knowledge. B. Schorr stated that he believes that we should update that to allow for anonymous complaints.

Posey County Building Commissioner, Ed Batteiger, stated that the complaint process was implemented by prior Commissioners. Mr. Batteiger stated that the Building Commissioners received many complaints in neighborhoods because people were angry with each other. Mr. Schorr stated that he believes that is something that needs to be changed due to people not wanting to complain because they have to put their name on the complaint. Mr. Batteiger stated that the budget for cleaning up properties had been lowered to \$5,000 for grass cutting. Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated that if there was a cleanup that needed to be done, Mr. Batteiger could go to the Council and ask for more money to fund the cleanup. G. Newman stated that he did not want to get in the middle of problems with neighbors. G. Newman suggested changing the form, and if it does not work, changing the form back. B. Schorr questioned whether there could be a fine given to the complainant if the Building Commissioner appears multiple times and there is no cleanup needed. B. Schorr suggested discussing this matter in the next meeting.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER SOFTWARE

Posey County Building Commissioner, Ed Batteiger, stated that they had had multiple problems with the software that is currently being used, and it will soon be unsupported. Mr. Batteiger stated that he has two bids for new software from InfoVision and Civic Plus. Mr. Batteiger stated that the first year of InfoVision would cost \$34,750 and then \$17,750 annually following the first year. Mr. Batteiger stated that the first year of Civic Plus would cost \$35,925 for the first year and then \$19,125 yearly following that first year. Mr. Batteiger stated that the Area Plan Director, Mindy Bourne, would prefer the InfoVision. G. Newman made a motion to accept the bid from InfoVision for the Building Commissioners Software; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

TIME-CLOCK SOFTWARE

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated that when the County made a switch in financial servers, it affected the support that we received from our old financial company in

regard to the time clock system. Mrs. Greenwell stated that when it was realized that we had no contact for the time clock software, she began reaching out to the time clock company to receive a contact. Mrs. Greenwell stated that this is a high priority because this is how the County employees track hours that have been worked. Mrs. Greenwell stated that the contract presented is \$30,377.72. Mrs. Greenwell stated that it could cost around \$21,000 for maintenance per year. Mrs. Greenwell stated that there would be 30 prepaid hours of support. Mrs. Greenwell stated that this contract is for three years. B. Schorr made a motion to approve the contract with Time-Clock Plus for \$30,377.72; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, stated he had hired two new employees. The first employee that was hired has already been signed up for the CDL online training and has already completed the first step to get his CDLs. Mr. Schenk stated that the second employee that was hired started yesterday, and they are going to give him some time before starting the process of getting his CDLs. Mr. Schenk stated that he has an interview set up for tomorrow. Mr. Schenk stated that they had a mechanic quit last week and will be looking to fill that position soon.

Health Department Administrator, Donnie Martin, stated that there are still Covid-19 tests that are available if needed. Mr. Martin stated that the Health Department had proposed money that is coming from the State and is planning to be used by partnering with the Children's Learning Center. Mr. Martin stated that the State suggests that the Health Department partners with multiple different entities with the money received in the future. Mr. Martin stated that direct money could not be donated to the learning center; however, they can buy necessities or provide services for the learning center.

Jamie Bradford, Posey County E911 Director, stated that the radio audit results were received this morning. Mrs. Bradford stated that she is in the process of receiving the predictive coverage map for the potential changes that were discussed in the meeting with the company that completed the radio audit. Mrs. Bradford stated that the quote for the New Harmony radio tower site to be fixed was high in her opinion and that it would take six to eight weeks to fix. Mrs. Bradford stated that she has reached out to J&K to receive a quote for their company to fix the New Harmony radio tower. G. Newman stated that he believed that the meeting on Friday went well.

Posey County EMS Director, Paul Micheletti, stated that the EMS Department is currently down one Paramedic, and one EMT is going on Military leave for four months to become a Paramedic. Mr. Micheletti stated that he went to the Community Paramedic Seminar last week, and it was very informative. Mr. Micheletti stated that the purpose of the Community Paramedic is to keep people out of the hospital.

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, gave the following inmate housing update:
86 Posey County
12 IDOC
30 Vanderburgh County
128 Total inmates

Sheriff Latham stated that another Sheriff Deputy would be leaving in May of 2023, and another is planning to leave at the start of 2024. Sheriff Latham stated that the Deputies leaving had said that it came down to money and no advancement in the agency. Sheriff Latham stated that both employees would be leaving to go to other agencies.

Posey County Highway Superintendent, Steve Schenk, stated he would like Cody Simpson with Morley to explain the height of the hanging wires due to the County receiving complaints. Mr. Simpson stated that when being installed, the fiber must meet a vertical clearance that is set at a minimum of 15 ½ feet. Mr. Simpson stated that Mainstream's poles normally exceed that minimum. Mr. Simpson stated that if there are any concerns regarding the height of the wires, to reach out to him, and he will contact Mainstream and get it taken care of.

G. Newman stated that John Hoehn had emailed the Commissioners regarding replacing the batteries in the fire alarm system in the Courthouse. G. Newman stated that the County had received a quote from Johnson Controls in the amount of \$729.97 to replace the batteries. G.

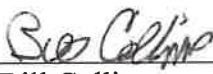
Newman made a motion to accept the quote from Johnson Controls in the amount of \$729.97 to replace the batteries; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a motion of 2-0.

G. Newman made a motion to surplus the laptops that Larry Robb had recommended based on AOS's recommendation; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.


G. Newman stated that the commissioners received an email stating that there would be a car show on April 16, 2023. G. Newman stated that it was requested to use the Courthouse parking lot for the Zach Allyn Memorial Car Show. G. Newman made a motion to approve the use of the Courthouse Parking Lot for the Zach Allyn Memorial Car Show on April 16, 2023, with the stipulation of no parking on the grass, they coordinated the hanging of banners with John Hoehn, and they clean up any messes; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated that the State Board of Accounts would be here soon.

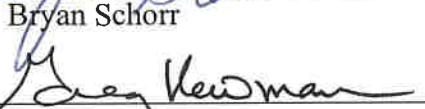
No further business was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned.



Bill Collins



Bryan Schorr



Greg Newman



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell