

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon, on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. Commissioners Bill Collins, Bryan Schorr, and Greg Newman were in attendance. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were also in attendance.

Rick Sellers led the Commissioners in prayer.

MINUTES

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the minutes from April 18, 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.

CLERK'S REPORT

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

COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC VEHICLE QUOTES

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners received the following two quotes for the Community Paramedic vehicle:

Kelly Chevy LLC: \$42,930.00

Gottman Auto Group: \$62,295.00

Paul Micheletti, EMS Director, informed the Commissioners the difference in these quotes is that the vehicle from Gottman Auto Group is ready to be delivered outfitted as needed by the department, whereas the Kelly Chevy LLC vehicle would need to be outfitted with lights, sirens, and console in the front. Mr. Micheletti stated that the prices are closer when you factor in all the outfitting costs. Mr. Micheletti stated he is recommending the Gottman Auto Group vehicle at the cost of \$62,295.00 to be delivered, turnkey, on July 1, 2023.

Mr. Harrison asked if a purchase time frame was indicated in the bid request. Mr. Micheletti stated verbally but not in writing.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the Gottman Auto Group quote of \$62,295.00; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

POSEY COUNTY HIGHWAY PAVING BIDS

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners received the following three bids for the Highway Paving project:

David Enterprise \$1,677,808.00

J. H. Rudolph \$1,740,511.15

E&B Paving \$1,727,720.25

Posey County Highway Superintendent Steve Schenk is recommending that the Commissioners accept the low bid from Jerry David Enterprise.

G. Newman made a motion to approve the low bid from Jerry David Enterprise; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

BRIDGE 211 WILDEMAN ROAD

Posey County Highway Superintendent Steve Schenk presented the Commissioners with a contract with CivilCon to address the issues on Bridge 211 on Wildeman Road, which is on the historical society list. Mr. Schenk stated that in order to remove this bridge, the County had to find an entity willing to use the bridge for another purpose. Mr. Schenk stated that the Mayor of Mt. Vernon has agreed to use the bridge in a City park.

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

COMMUNITY CORRECTION GRANT APPROVAL

Posey County Community Corrections Director Justin Rutledge provided the Commissioners with two grant approvals letters. Mr. Rutledge stated that these two grants will run his department for the year 2024. Mr. Rutledge stated that these are for the Work Release grant and the Electronic Monitoring grant. Mr. Rutledge stated that these grants are from the Department of Corrections and total \$352,900.00.

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

POSEY COUNTY E911 CONTRACTS

Jamie Bradford, Posey County E911 Director, addressed the Commissioners regarding several maintenance agreements that need to be addressed.

J&K Maintenance Agreement: Mrs. Bradford stated that this agreement is to replace VEI as the current vendor for the radios—\$ 2,392.15 per month, which covers dispatch equipment and tower site locations. Mrs. Bradford stated this is significantly less expensive than the current vendor with the same coverage. Mrs. Bradford stated she does not have the contract ready to sign at this meeting; however, she is looking for approval from the Commissioners to continue. G. Newman made a motion to approve the change from the current vendor to J&K; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

IT Resources: Mrs. Bradford stated that IT Resources have bought out VIA, which currently services the CAD and Spillman units that the department utilizes. Mrs. Bradford stated the cost would be \$1,000.00 monthly and a one-time \$1,000.00 fee.

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

Motorola: Mrs. Bradford stated this is for the GIS-managed services used by the department. Mrs. Bradford stated that this service was packaged originally with several other services that were purchased prior and will now be billed as its own service. Mrs. Bradford stated that this service is needed to keep the addresses in the GIS program updated for emergency services. Mrs. Bradford stated that this contract is for three years for a cost of \$25,065.27 per year. B. Collins made a motion to approve this request; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

AT&T Phone Contract: Mrs. Bradford stated that this contract is renewed every two years, and AT&T is suggesting the County switch from the current copper wiring to fiber for a better connection and will have a guarantee respond to service within four hours of a service call. Mrs. Bradford stated that with the current copper wiring, this is not the case. Mrs. Bradford stated that regardless of if the Commissioners would like to make the switch to copper, the Commissioners would have to consider the proved Centrex Service Agreement, and this would allow the County not to incur a \$9,503.00 fee.

Mrs. Bradford stated that moving to the fiber option would be a cost of \$677.00 per month, and staying with the current option of copper is \$263.50 per month. Mr. Collins asked if this was worth the difference. Mrs. Bradford stated that the statement that there is no guarantee of service time with the current copper option is troubling.

G. Newman made a motion to approve the CENTREX agreement for a cost of \$263.50 per month and ask that the AT&T representative come to speak to the Commissioners regarding the copper vs fiber options that have been presented; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

ASTOUND PRESENTATION

Steve Kalesia, with Astound, previously WOW, addressed the Commissioners regarding the current Astound programs and infrastructure and the possibility of switching the County to a fiber network. Mr. Kalesia went through several County buildings and highlighted the possible upgrades with fiber connections. Mr. Kalesia stated that these changes would lower the current monthly cost of \$3,670.65 to \$3,618.86.

B. Schorr addressed the frequency of service outages.

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

SHERIFF SURPLUS VEHICLE

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, is requesting that the Commissioners declare nine vehicles as surplus to allow him to trade the vehicles in for new vehicles for his department.

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT SURPLUS ITEMS

Posey County Health Department representative Donnie Martin is requesting the Commissioners declare the following two items as surplus to allow for the advertisements for sealed bids to purchase:

2005 Dodge Dakota

2014 Tilt Trailer

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

ADMINISTRATIVE SETTLEMENT ON PARCEL #44 OF WESTERN BYPASS PROJECT

B. Collins stated that this is a settlement of \$55,000.00 for parcel #44 of the Western Bypass project.

B. Collins made a motion to accept the settlement for \$55,000.00; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-1.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County Highway Superintendent Steve Schenk stated that the recycling of roads is finishing up, and chip and sealing will begin.

Mr. Schenk stated that Highway 66, beginning May 8, 2023, will be closed west of Parker. Mr. Schenk stated that the State is beginning a bridge project to be finished by June 15, 2023.

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

27 Vanderburgh

9 DOC

80 Posey County

116 total

Posey County EMA Director, Larry Robb, provided the Commissioners with the completed Posey County Hazardous Material Commodity Flow Study.

Paul Micheletti, EMS Director, gave the following report:

226 Requests

165 Transports

\$102,076.87

Cody Simpson, with Morley, addressed the Commissioners regarding the Posey County Broadband project. Mr. Simpson stated that segments 1-4 are near complete. Mr. Simpson stated that segments 5-7 recently started with pole sets and underground work. Mr. Simpson stated that the one segment under review had been sent back to Mainstream for changes.

Mr. Collins stated the Commissioners had made a recommendation that the nuisance complaint form be amended at a prior meeting to allow for anonymous complaints. Mr. Collins stated that it was recently discovered that there is an Area Plan Commission Ordinance that states the complaint must be signed. Mr. Collins stated that the Commissioners would follow the process of recommending to the Area Plan Commission that this ordinance be amended to allow for anonymous complaints to be filed. B. Collins made a motion to begin this process; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.


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




Bill Collins



Bryan Schorr



Greg Newman



Attest Maegen L. Greenwell