

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023

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Pastor Liz Wells lead the Commissioners in prayer.

MINUTES

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B. Schorr made a motion to approve the July 18, 2023, Commissioners meeting; 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 July Clerk's report; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

AREA PLAN ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

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Amendment 1: Fines and Penalties: Mrs. Bourne stated this amendment would take out the language on the fines and penalties section and replacing with what is in the statute under Indiana Code for fines and penalties.

Amendment 2: Complaints: Mrs. Bourne stated that the amendment would take out the requirement in the ordinance that requires the complainant to identify themselves to file a complaint.

B. Collins opened the meeting for public comment regarding the above amendment proposals.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the ordinance change proposed for the fines and penalties section; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

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SEWER BOARD APPOINTMENT

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners need to appoint one position to the Posey County Sewer District.

B. Schorr made a motion to appoint Jeff O'Risky to the Posey County Sewer District; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

AREA PLAN LAWSUIT

Mindy Bourne, Area Plan Director, informed the Commissioners that there is a pending lawsuit against the Board of Zoning Appeals, and they are requesting to use local council to represent the BZA in this lawsuit versus turning this into the insurance and using council that is appointed by the insurance company. Mrs. Bourne stated that in recent history, they had used council appointed by the insurance company, and by the time the deductible was paid, it was going to cost less to use a local attorney to represent them. B. Collins asked if there were funds in the legal account to cover this. Mrs. Bourne stated she has a legal line but will have to ask for an additional for this lawsuit.

OHIO RIVER CROSSING GRANT LETTER OF SUPPORT

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners were approached to provide a letter of support for the grant application on the I69 Ohio River Crossing project.

G. Newman made a motion to prove a letter of support for this project; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

EMS AMBULANCE REMOUNT CHANGE ORDER

Posey County EMS Director Paul Micheletti informed the Commissioners that the current remount requires the following changes:

2023 model to 2024 model \$1394.00 difference

GPC discount from Ford manufacture of \$3500 for 2023 and 2024 dropped to \$300.

B. Schorr asked when the remount was approved for the 2023 chassis, was this not purchased at that time? Mr. Micheletti stated they could not get the 2023 at that time.

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

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY LETTER OF SUPPORT EREP

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners were approached by EREP to provide a letter of support for EREP in regards to a grant they are applying for to compile a comprehensive economic development strategy. Mr. Collins stated that this comprehensive plan would cover Gibson, Warrick, Vanderburgh, and Posey County.

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

PITNEY BOWS

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated that the Commissioners have two contracts to review for the County's postage machines. Mrs. Greenwell stated that there are two machines, one is housed in the Courthouse Clerk's office, and the other is housed in the Treasurer's office in the Coliseum. Mrs. Greenwell stated that these machines are used by everyone in the County.

G. Newman made a motion to approve the two contracts required for the postage machines; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTRACT NURSE

Donnie Martin with the Health Department stated that this contract is for the contract nurse that is being funded by the school liaison grant that was awarded.

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

AMERICAN STRUCTURE POINT LPA CONTRACT

B. Collins stated that this contract is with American Structure Point regarding work on the Mulberry Bridge replacement project. Mr. Collins stated that the County was awarded an 80/20 matching grant for this project. G. Newman made a motion to approve the contract with American Structure Point; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the signing of a letter to proceed with this project; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Donnie Martin, with the Health Department, informed the Commissioners that the Health Department would be holding several public meetings coming up, including August 8th at 5:30 at the Poseyville Town Council, August 15th at 8:30 am at the New Harmony Town meeting, and August 15th at 9:00 am at the Commissioners meeting.

Mr. Martin stated that recently the State Health Department had discovered West Nile in several different areas of Posey County. Mr. Martin stated that these were not human cases. Mr. Martin stated that both the County and the City of Mt. Vernon have increased their vector spraying efforts.

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Posey County Dispatch Director, Jamie Bradford, stated that the Dispatch department is still working on the internet issues on the towers that she spoke to them recently about.

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

20 DOC

35 Vanderburgh County

108 Posey County

163 total

Chief Deputy Fortune provided the Commissioners with the fully signed SRO contract for filing.

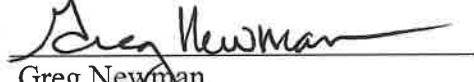
Cody Simpson, with Morely, spoke to the Commissioners regarding the ongoing broadband project. Mr. Simpson stated that Commissioner Collins, himself, OCRA representatives, Indiana Broadband representatives, and Mainstream met onsite, driving through segment one, and spoke regarding the issues that everyone is seeing. Mr. Simpson stated that through that meeting, Mainstream was able to witness the issues that the Commissioners had and have come up with several ideas to remedy these issues.

Posey County EMS Director Paul Micheletti informed the Commissioners that the approval had been given by the State for the additional grant funding of \$75,000.00.

Carrie Thompson, with Posey County EMA, informed the Commissioners that the local LEPC committee has not been able to hold a Safety Fair in several years, and as an alternative to that, they are planning to have an informational booth at River Days with information regarding Posey County Dispatch, Posey County EMA, Posey County EMS, and the Posey County Health Department will be representative.


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Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell