

## **POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MONDAY, JULY 18, 2023**

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon, on Monday, July 18, 2023. Commissioners Bill Collins, Bryan Schorr, and Greg Newman were in attendance. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were also in attendance.

Deacon Mark McDonald lead the Commissioners in prayer.

### **MINUTES**

G. Newman made a motion to approve the July 5, 2023, Commissioners meeting; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **CLAIMS**

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

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

G. Newman made a motion to approve the June Treasurer's report; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **COLISEUM REMODEL**

B. Collins stated that recently the Commissioners were asked to relocate the probation offices that are currently in the Courthouse to the Coliseum. Mr. Collins stated that in order to do this, there would have to be significant remodeling done to the current area that is housed by Purdue Extension Offices. Mr. Collins stated that the Commissioners asked Haafer to submit a proposal for what the cost would be for overseeing this project. Mr. Collins stated that the cost of \$12,300.00 would be for the design, construction documents, bidding information, and project management.

B. Schorr made a motion to allow Haafer to complete the design, construction documents, bidding information, and project management of the Coliseum remodel; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **MULBERRY STREET BRIDGE**

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners had applied for a grant recently to cover some of the cost of replacing the Mulberry Street Bridge. Mr. Collins stated that the Commissioners were awarded that grant. Mr. Collins stated that the Commissioners had received a contract with American Structure Point and today need to approve the checklist provided to send to the State, which will approve the contract and allow the County to move forward with American Structure Point. G. Newman made a motion to approve the checklist and move forward with American Structure Point on the Mulberry Bridge project; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **MAINSTREAM BROADBAND PROJECT**

Zach Stevens, with Mainstream Broadband, addressed the Commissioners regarding the ongoing broadband project. Mr. Stevens stated that the ongoing punch list provided by Morley that was discussed at the last meeting has now been completed for segments one, three, and four. B. Schorr asked if Mr. Stevens had checked the punch list himself. Mr. Stevens stated no he had not. Mr. Schorr stated he would recommend Mr. Stevens look at these areas himself. B. Collins asked if Cody Simpson, with Morley, has had a chance to look over the punch list since it is considered complete by Mainstream. Mr. Simpson stated that Morley had not been notified by Mainstream that the punch list had been completed. Mr. Stevens stated that Mainstream had just received the sign-off from their team regarding the potential adjustment costing that was discussed last meeting, along with segments updated on the discussed punch list late last week, and were unable to get those to Morley for their review prior to the start of this week.

Mr. Newman asked Mr. Stevens to explain the process to him since there seems to be a disconnect with Mainstream stating items have been remediated; however, Commissioner Schorr

states they have not been. Mr. Stevens stated he has yet to be able to confirm what segments the issues Mr. Schorr is speaking on are in. Mr. Stevens stated that if the issues are within an area that the punch list has been signed off on by Mainstream, he would be going back to his teams for review. Mr. Schorr stated that the issues are all in segment one and include Upper Poseyville Road, Ramsey Road, Pumpkin Run Road, Overton Road, Bethesda Church Road, Stone Road, and Wilsey Road. Mr. Schorr stated that a majority of that runs through trees, with lines currently lying on trees. Mr. Schorr stated that he was able to see where some cleanup had occurred due to feedback from Morley, but he is suggesting Mainstream bring in their engineers regarding the placement of poles and fiber in the tree lines in this section. The Commissioners and Mr. Stevens discussed whether Mainstream was considered a regulated utility entity with the State. Mr. Stevens stated that Mainstream is registered with IRUC as a telecommunications service provider.

Mr. Stevens stated that the cost analysis to perform the requested changes moving forward with this project would be roughly 3.2 million dollars additional. Mr. Stevens stated that it is the cost to put all remaining footage for segments nine, ten, and also segment twelve, and also everything that was not already planned to be underground for Next Level Connections round three.

Posey County Resident, Frank Bender, addressed the Commissioners and Mr. Stevens regarding when notification will be given regarding work done on a property. Mr. Stevens explained that the new notification process was just approved and is now being implemented, so if the work that Mr. Bender is referring to were permitted prior to the new procedures, there would not have been this new notification process.

### **OLIVER ROAD NUISANCE COMPLAINT**

Posey County Building Commissioner, Ed Battieger, addressed the Commissioners regarding the Oliver Road Nuisance Complaint. Sarah Marshall, the landowner, spoke to the Commissioners regarding this complaint. Mrs. Marshall stated that the home had burnt during a fire, and the estimate they were given was upwards of \$20,000.00.

Mr. Schorr asked what the needed time frame would be to have this cleaned up. Mrs. Marshall stated that due to the expense, her family intends to do most of the work themselves and anticipates it being done sometime in the fall.

B. Collins asked if the landowners would come back in three months to give an update. Mr. Marshall stated that would be fine. Joe Harrison, the Commissioner's Attorney, asked Mr. Batteiger if he could get two estimates on the cleanup of this property for the Commissioners. B. Schorr made a motion to extend this complaint process for 90 days; B. Collins seconded. Mrs. Greenwell stated that the meeting will be on October 17, 2023. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **4307 BLACKFORD ROAD COMPLAINT**

Posey County Building Commissioner, Ed Battieger, stated that this complaint is being addressed, the eviction process has been started by the homeowner for the individuals renting the property, but this process will take sixty days to complete before the homeowner can begin the cleanup process.

### **MSD OF NORTH POSEY SRO CONTRACT**

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners have a contact with MSD of North Posey to consider for the school resource officer. G. Newman made a motion to approve the contract with MSD of North Posey for the school resource officer; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **SRO CONTRACT/CHARLES CARTER**

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners have a contract with Charles Carter for SRO services in the North Posey School District to consider. Mr. Collins stated the contract is for not exceeding \$60,000.00. Mr. Collins stated this is paid by the County and reimbursed by North Posey School District.

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

### **AREA PLAN REZONE REQUEST**

Mindy Bourne, Posey County Area Plan Director, presented the Commissioners with a rezoning request for 4424 Bluff Road in Mt. Vernon. Mrs. Bourne stated the request to rezone from M2 to Agriculture to allow for additions to be made to the homeowner's barn. Mrs. Bourne stated this request was heard at the July 13, 2023, Area Plan meeting with a 6-0 yes vote. Mrs. Bourne stated that no remonstrators were present.

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

#### **EMA PEST CONTROL CONTRACT**

Carrie Thompson, with Posey County EMA, addressed the Commissioners regarding the need to add the EMA storage facility to a pest control program. Mrs. Thompson stated currently that the building is not serviced and they are having a spider issue. Mrs. Thompson stated that Action Pest Control is who currently services the Dispatch building, and they provided a quote to add the EMA storage building to that service. Mrs. Thompson stated the cost would be \$1,100.00 yearly and includes the initial services that would then taper off to be a bi-monthly service. G. Newman made a motion to approve this request; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Mrs. Greenwell stated that this would come from the Commissioner's budget.

#### **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Posey County EMS Director Paul Micheletti gave the following update:

220 Request  
149 Transports  
\$93,705 in Revenue

Mr. Micheletti stated that today is the first day of the Community Paramedic working as such; however, she would not be ready for duties regarding this position until August 1, 2023. The Commissioners reviewed several questions on procedures for the Community Paramedic with Mr. Micheletti.

Posey County Sheriff Deputy, Dustin Seitz, gave the following report:

39 Vanderburgh County  
17 DOC  
123 Posey County Residents  
179 total

Posey County Building Commissioner Ed Batteiger gave the following update:

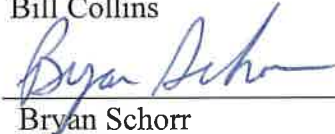
293 Permits written to date  
14 New homes to date  
18 New commercial properties to date  
26 Pole barns to date

Mr. Batteiger stated that the Coliseum Board would like to review the projected plans for the Coliseum remodel once the Commissioners have those available.

Mrs. Greenwell stated that the first meeting in August for the Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, August 2, 2023.



Bill Collins



Bryan Schorr

Maegen L. Greenwell  
Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell

Greg Newman  
Greg Newman