POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon, on Wednesday, July 5, 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

- B. Schorr made a motion to approve the June 20, 2023, minutes; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- G. Newman made a motion to approve the May 16, 2023, minutes; B. Schor seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0
- B. Schorr made a motion to approve the May 16, 2023, executive session minutes; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- G. Newman made a motion to approve the June 20, 2023, executive session minutes; 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.

WESTERN BYPASS PURCHASE AGREEMENT

- B. Collins stated that the Commissioners received an updated counteroffer.
- B. Collins stated that the Commissioners would be tabling this agreement.

J&K CONTRACT UPDATE

Jamie Bradford, Posey County Dispatch Director, presented the Commissioners with an updated contract needing to be signed for J&K. Mrs. Bradford stated that this addendum would allow J&K to have remote access to the radio system when needed. B. Schorr made a motion to approve this addendum; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

COURTHOUSE LANDSCAPING

- B. Collins stated that the Commissioners had discussed the need to hire a company to design and maintain landscaping around the Courthouse. Mr. Collins stated that the Garden Club currently maintains the corners of the Courthouse lawn and the Hovey House but are not interested in taking on the area around the Courthouse footprint. Joe Harrison, Commissioner's Attorney, advised the Commissioners to hold a pre-bid meeting with potential bidders to discuss what the Commissioners are looking for and then ask for requests for proposals from the companies interested.
- B. Schorr made a motion to move forward with a request for proposals for the Courthouse landscape project; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

COLISEUM REMODEL

- B. Collins stated similarly to the Courthouse landscaping; the Commissioners would like to proceed with gathering proposals for a remodel project in the Coliseum. Mr. Harrison stated that this project would likely require bids. Mrs. Greenwell stated that when the last remodel was done in the Coliseum, a Commissioner and herself met with contractors, told them what they were looking for, and then accepted bids for that project.
- B. Collins stated that this discussion would be tabled until the next Commissioner's meeting.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County E911 Director Jamie Bradford informed the Commissioners that she is working on ongoing issues caused by a power surge. Mrs. Bradford stated that she is moving forward with J&K.

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners are meeting with the State of Indiana regarding the ongoing broadband project. Mr. Collins questioned Mr. Harrison if this needed to be a public meeting, and Mr. Harrison stated yes. B. Schorr stated that the public meeting will be held on July 12, 2023, at 11:00 am at the Red Wagon in Poseyville.

Steve Schenk, Posey County Highway Superintendent, informed the Commissioners that in the next few years, the Courthouse parking lot would need to be repaved.

Mr. Schenk stated he is working with the Historical Society on the Wildeman Road bridge and should be ready to bid this project out for the second meeting in August.

Mr. Schenk stated that the County Line Road project is complete, and the road is open.

Mr. Schenk stated that the Distressed Road program with the State allows the County to borrow funds from the State interest-free and repay the funds within ten years. Mr. Schenk stated that the County took advantage of this in the past and will be making the final payment to the State in August. Mr. Schenk stated that this program is still available if the County is interested in doing that again; however, Mr. Schenk stated that with the incoming EDIT funds and Community Crossing funds available, it might not be needed.

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, gave the following housing update: 34 Vanderburgh County Inmates
11 DOC
123 Posey County Inmates
168 Total Inmates
June Billing \$40,987.50
Sheriff Latham stated he is currently 100% staffed in the Jail.

Donnie Martin, with Posey County Health Department, stated the Health Department is working on its budget for 2024. Mr. Martin stated that the new truck is in and being used.

Posey County EMS Director Paul Micheletti informed the Commissioners that the remounted ambulance should be back in the County in mid-September.

Maegen Greenwell, Posey County Auditor, stated the second July Commissioners meeting will be held on Monday, July 17, 2023, and the first August Commissioners meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 2, 2023.

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

Bill Collins

Bryan Schorr

Greg Newman

Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell