

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon, on Tuesday, June 20, 2023. Commissioners Bill Collins, Bryan Schorr, and Greg Newman were in attendance. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were also in attendance.

Pastor Rick Sellers lead the Commissioners in prayer.

MINUTES

G. Newman made a motion to approve the June 6, 2023, 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.

CLERK'S REPORT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

8720 UPPER MT VERNON ROAD NUISANCE

Posey County Building Commissioner, Ed Battieger, stated that he had not contacted the landowner, but progress has been made, and there is still work to be done. B. Schorr made a motion to table this complaint to allow for more time to complete the work; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

SELERIX BENEFIT WEBSITE

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated that this website would allow County employees to manage their benefits online, including open enrolment activities, change of statuses, find current and past pay stubs, view the handbook, and a multitude of other HR options. B. Schorr made a motion to approve this website contract; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

TAX SALE ADDENDUM

Posey County Treasurer Vicki Peerman presented a yearly contract with the County's tax sale vendor, SRI, to the Commissioners for approval. Mrs. Peerman stated there had been one change from previous years, and that is the service fee that went from \$100 to \$125. Mrs. Peerman stated that the \$125 service fee is attached to the parcel and paid when the taxes are paid. Mrs. Peerman stated that this is along with the \$25 dollar fee that the County imposes also. G. Newman made a motion to approve this request; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

VANDEBURGH COUNTY/POSEY COUNTY SHERIFF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, presented the signed interlocal agreement with Vanderburgh County to house inmates in Posey County to the Commissioners for approval. Sheriff Latham stated that this agreement would increase the housing population from Vanderburgh County from 50 inmates to 75 inmates. B. Collins asked if this would ensure the number is more consistent. Sheriff Latham stated that is the plan; however, circumstances in Vanderburgh County have made that hard. Sheriff Latham stated that Vanderburgh County is also housing in Illinois and Kentucky as well. B. Schorr made a motion to approve this contract; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

MAINSTREAM BROADBAND PROJECT

Cody Simpson, with Morley, addressed the Commissioners regarding the broadband project. Mr. Simpson stated that segments five, six, seven, and eight have begun. B. Schorr asked why the punch list is not being completed until well after the segments were completed. Mr. Simpson stated that the punch list is being completed after each segment.

Zach Stevens with Mainstream addressed the Commissioners regarding questions surrounding this project.

Mr. Stevens stated that one of the issues Mainstream is running into is the local workforce and staffing issues. Mr. Stevens stated that Mainstream works hand in hand with Morley to ensure once the sections are completed, that it is to the standards of both agencies.

Mr. Schorr asked if Mainstream has a quality assurance division. Mr. Stevens stated yes, and they reviewed each section after Morley signs off on that particular section. Mr. Schorr asked if the inspection team is monitoring work as it is being done. Mr. Stevens stated that the team comes in after work is done to sign off.

Mr. Schorr addressed several other issues that have been brought to the Commissioners.

Mr. Stevens stated that Mainstream has taken constructive feedback and are making operational changes to their procedures based on that feedback.

Mr. Schorr stated that he would like to note that he has been told that when Mainstream has been approached by landowners regarding pole placement issues, they are telling landowners that the Commissioners have given them permission to get the poles in the ground and to get the project done so that they get paid for the project. Mr. Schorr stated that this is not correct; this statement was never made by himself or the other two Commissioners. Mr. Schorr stated that the expectations from the Commissioners are that Mainstream is following their contract.

G. Newman asked if Mainstream would be able to make pole markings far enough in advance to allow for landowners to contact Mainstream or the Commissioners regarding pole placement issues. Mr. Stevens stated that could be done, and the procedures that are being discussed will allow for mailers to be sent two weeks prior to work being done.

Mr. Schorr asked if the September deadline is only for infrastructure work to be completed or if that was homes connected. Mr. Stevens stated that the backbone would have to be completed, but running laterals to individual houses is not in that deadline.

G. Newman asked if Mainstream could give the Commissioners a more comprehensive update on where the project is, including punch lists, prior to Mainstream meeting with the State for their quarterly meeting.

B. Schorr asked for a cost comparison looking at the difference between placing poles or burying lines underground. Mr. Stevens stated that for phase three, he would be able to do that.

B. Collins asked if Mainstream could attend the July 17th Commissioners meeting for a more comprehensive update, including punch lists. Mr. Stevens stated yes.

Craig Goedde, Posey County resident, expressed several concerns, including the markings on the road are not sufficient for informing landowners.

Jody Cumbee, Posey County resident, expressed several concerns, including the lack of contacting WIN Energy to use existing infrastructure and pole placement.

Sam Schenk, a Posey County resident, expressed several concerns, including pole placement and routing issues.

Joe Neidig, Posey County Resident, expressed several concerns, including preliminary studies that were done for this project.

WESTERN BYPASS AGREEMENT

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners have a bypass agreement to consider, and he would like to table it.

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

REZONE REQUEST

Mindy Bourne, Area Plan Director, addressed the Commissioners regarding a rezoning request at 4701 and 4703 Romaine Road. Mrs. Bourne stated that the request is to rezone from agricultural to M2 (medium manufacturing). Mrs. Bourne stated that this is an established company that is seeking to bring its current business into compliance so it may expand in the future.

Mrs. Bourne stated that the Area Plan Commissioner heard this request on June 8th and the motion passed with a 6-0 yes vote. Mrs. Bourne stated that there was one landowner with concerns about use and noise and was satisfied with the answers given. G. Newman asked Mr. Marshall to discuss the safety concerns that were brought up, including the speed of trucks. Mr. Marshall stated they are located on a road that currently a State Trooper and a Sheriff's Deputy reside on also, and he has never had one of his trucks pulled over for speeding. Mr. Marshall stated his family lives on this road also, and safety is important to him. Mr. Collins asked what kind of expansion the company is looking to do in the future. Mr. Marshall's attorney stated that the expansion includes moving the offices to a house located on the property and also expanding the current two-bay garage into a six-bay maintenance garage. The Commissioners discussed the possibility of lowering the speed limit on Romaine.

Zach George, Posey County resident, stated that Larry Marshall has always been a good steward of Poseyville, and he has no concerns regarding safety.

Joe Neidig, Posey County resident, stated he has worked with Larry Marshall Disposal on a professional level and has never had any issues with this company. He stated Mr. Marshall is a great supporter of Posey County.

Sheriff Tom Latham stated he uses Larry Marshall for his personal residence and praised Mr. Marshall for his ongoing support for Posey County. Sheriff Latham reminded the Commissioners that a large truck moving at 40 mph would look roughly like it is going 65 mph to someone sitting at a standstill.

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

AREA PLAN ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Mindy Bourne, Posey County Area Plan Director, stated the Commissioners had been provided with two zoning ordinance amendments for consideration. Mrs. Bourne stated the first one is regarding an amendment brought to the Area Plan Commission by the County Commissioners to amend section 153.212(a) standing. Mrs. Bourne stated this amendment would amend the section requiring a written complaint submitted would require the name of the complainant. Mrs. Bourne stated the Plan Commissioner heard this request on June 8th and gave a favorable recommendation. Mrs. Bourne stated the next step is for the Commissioners to have a public hearing and take action.

B. Schorr made a motion to notice a public hearing on July 17, 2023, to address the requested amendments; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Mrs. Bourne stated the second amendment was brought up by the Plan Commission and would amend section 153.213. Mrs. Bourne stated the request is to amend penalties for violations to change the language to match the Indiana code. Mrs. Bourne stated the next step is for the Commissioners to have a public hearing and take action.

B. Schorr made a motion to notice a public hearing on July 17, 2023, to address the requested amendments; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

COURTHOUSE LANDSCAPING

B. Collins stated the Commissioners have recently discussed having landscape work done around the Courthouse and would like a motion to proceed with advertising for proposals.

G. Newman made a motion to proceed with gathering proposals; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER VEHICLE

B. Collins stated the Commissioners need to move forward with a request for proposals for a new truck for the County Building Commissioner.

B. Schorr made a motion to request bids for a new truck for the County Building Commissioner; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Steve Schenk, Posey County Highway Superintendent, stated the department has several projects they are working toward completing, including the Allison Lane bridge, and the County Line project between Middle Mt. Vernon and Creamery is almost complete. Mr. Schenk stated that Highway 69 would be closed at the railroad crossing by the dealerships for repair to the crossing on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

B. Schorr asked about the historic bridge on Wildeman Road. Mr. Schenk stated that he received specs and plans, which he reviewed and sent back for a few revisions. Mr. Schenk stated that he is waiting for those revisions to be sent back to him.

G. Newman asked if the County has done any assessment for damage on Damm Road or Rexing Road from the detour that was recently used.

Mr. Schenk stated that he had used these roads and could not see any damage, but the State had before images to use in comparison.

Posey County E911 Director Jamie Bradford informed the Commissioners she has a contract for the new radio company, J&K, for the Commissioners to consider. Mrs. Bradford stated the cost is elevated slightly due to equipment that was not originally accounted for in the proposal.

B. Schorr asked how long before the County moved from VEI once the contract was approved. Mrs. Bradford stated July 1st is when the contract would begin.

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

Posey County EMS Director Paul Micheletti informed the Commissioners that he was unable to work with the town of Poseyville in regard to replacing a stove at the Poseyville station, and he ordered the stove to be paid for by the County. Mr. Micheletti stated the cost was \$664.05. Mr. Collins asked if Poseyville was going to pay for the cost, and Mr. Micheletti stated no; he tried working with them but ultimately ordered it himself when he received no response. Mr. Collins stated that the Commissioners can still ask for this to be paid for by Poseyville.

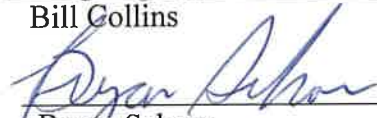
Mr. Micheletti stated he recently attended a Community Paramedic Grant meeting with the State and was told that Posey County was awarded an additional \$125,589.00 for an additional year. Mr. Micheletti stated he is working with the Council to establish the wage for this position. Mr. Schorr stated this is now for three years instead of two. Mr. Micheletti stated correct.

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.

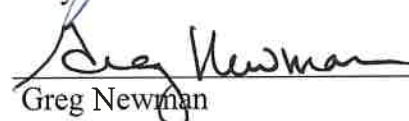
No further business was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned.



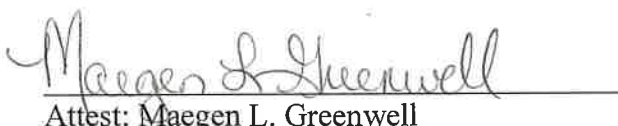
Bill Collins



Bryan Schorr



Greg Newman



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell