

## **POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023**

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

Wayne Nall led the Commissioners in prayer.

### **MINUTES**

G. Newman made a motion to approve the September 19, 2023, Commissioners meeting 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 August Clerk's report; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **PRINCETON STREET NUISANCE COMPLAINT**

G. Newman stated that he had driven by the property, and it is completely cleaned up. Mr. Newman stated that the concrete pad is the only remaining piece on the property. B. Schorr made a motion to dismiss the Princeton Street nuisance complaint; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **D.E.A. TASK FORCE AGREEMENT**

Posey County Sheriff Tom Latham stated that the Posey County Narcotics Detective has been extended the opportunity to work as part of a D.E.A. Task Force. Sheriff Latham stated that this is an opportunity to utilize federal items and funds to assist Posey County locally. Sheriff Latham stated that the County would be reimbursed for any overtime that is worked up to \$20,000 for the detective. Sheriff Latham stated that Posey County will pay the overtime and be reimbursed by the D.E.A. Task Force. Sheriff Latham stated that Chief Deputy Fortune has participated in a similar agreement with the F.B.I., and it worked out for Posey County very well. Sheriff Latham stated that the narcotics detective could be assisting the D.E.A. outside of Posey County as well. B. Schorr made a motion to approve the D.E.A. Task Force Agreement; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **SHERIFF SURPLUS**

Sheriff Latham stated that he is requesting to surplus a 2011 Crown Victoria. Sheriff Latham stated that the Vin number is 2FABP7BV1BX133205. Sheriff Latham stated that this vehicle would accompany the other nine vehicles for trade-in, so the Sheriff's Office is able to get additional vehicles. B. Collins questioned when the vehicles would be traded in. Sheriff Latham stated that a check was sent yesterday, and the vehicles should be picked up within a couple of weeks. B. Schorr made a motion to surplus the 2011 Crown Victoria; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **EMA POSITION**

B. Collins stated that Larry Robb is retiring at the end of 2023, and his position needs to be advertised. G. Newman made a motion to advertise for a new EMA Director; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

## DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Sheriff Tom Latham gave the following housing update:

16 DOC

30 Vanderburgh County

118 Posey County

164 total

\$38,887.50 from Vanderburgh County in September

Sheriff Latham stated that he reached out to the Indiana Department of Corrections regarding the inmate population, and he did not hear anything back. Sheriff Latham stated that he then reached out to someone of higher regard, and they took ten D.O.C. inmates out of our jail.

Health Department Representative, Donald Martin, stated that the Gregory Lane and Jeffrey Lanne off Siebert Lane, O'Donnel, and the old Russell's trailer parks are in need of some adjustments. Mr. Martin stated that some of the occupied mobile homes are missing doors and windows. Mr. Martin stated that the owner of two of the listed trailer parks is Dean Chestnut of Sunnyville, California. Mr. Martin stated that Mr. Chestnut is offering people a free mobile home as long as the people sign a lease to live there for a year. Mr. Martin stated that by doing this, Mr. Chestnut receives roughly a little over \$7,000 a year per trailer from Section Eight and residents' water. Mr. Martin stated that there are thirty-one trailers in one location and about the same number at the other location. Mr. Martin stated that the trailers had been condemned in Kentucky and had concrete poured into the drainage and plumbing systems to ensure the trailers were not used. Posey County Assessor, Nancy Hoehn, stated that the city has required proof of a title in order to hook up to the city water. Mr. Martin stated he would keep the Commissioners updated on the progress.

B. Collins questioned if Sheriff Latham had gotten into contact with DeBra-Kuempel. Sheriff Latham stated that he had not.

Posey County EMS Team Lead, Chris Neaveill, stated that the new ambulance should be complete next week. Mr. Neaveill stated that EMS is down one paramedic and one EMT. Mr. Neaveill stated that there was roughly \$100,000 in billing for September.

Posey County Highway Superintendent Steve Schenk stated that yearly bids are about to be advertised. Mr. Schenk stated that the pipe company that Posey County uses has contacted him and chosen Posey County to be one of the four counties to keep the current price for next year. Mr. Schenk stated that the price could go up as much as ten percent. Mr. Schenk stated that we do not just get pipes from the company. Mr. Schenk stated that the commissioners would just be renewing the agreement from 2023 to 2024. Mr. Schenk stated that there will be paperwork for the commissioners to sign at the next meeting. G. Newman made a motion to extend the agreement with Civacon; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Schenk stated that he is asking for permission to build the Hoenert Road Bridge. Mr. Schenk stated that farmers are using the bridge and are not supposed to be due to the weight limit. Mr. Schenk stated that the bridge would be replaced by an aluminum box culvert. Mr. Schenk stated that the road is going to be paved next year. B. Collins questioned if replacing the bridge with an aluminum box culvert would eliminate the weight limit. Mr. Schenk stated that it would take the weight limit off. Mr. Schenk stated that there will be an agreement from Civacon at the next meeting to start work on the bridge. Mr. Schenk stated that there will be a contract for the engineering and the design work. B. Schorr made a motion to move forward with the designing and engineering of the Hoenert Road bridge and get prices; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

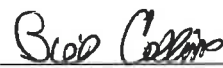
Mr. Schenk stated that roads are being paved. Mr. Schenk stated that Wildeman Road will be done on October 4, 2023.

Cody Simpson, with Morely, updated the Commissioners regarding the broadband project. Mr. Simpson stated that sections five, six, and seven have been in progress. Mr. Simpson stated that section nine has been released and is in progress as well. Mr. Simpson stated that sections nine, ten, and twelve are in the design phase. B. Schorr questioned what the odds were for finishing if

the extension till January was approved. Mr. Simpson stated that he believes that it could be done, but it could also drag on beyond January. B. Schorr questioned if the commissioners wanted to extend the contract with Morley. B. Collins stated that he believes the contract should be extended to keep the progress going. G. Newman agreed with B. Collins. B. Collins questioned if ARPA money could be used to pay for the contract. Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated that it could. Mrs. Greenwell questioned if Posey County has to continue to finish the project. B. Schorr stated that after speaking with the state of Indiana, he believes that the state is hesitant to give Mainstream the extension that has been requested. B. Collins stated that he believes the contract should be extended to what the project will be extended to. County Attorney, Joe Harrison, stated that a fixed fee would be the best option for the contract.

Posey County Assessor, Nancy Hoehn, stated that the first amendment audits are happening in the Southern Counties of Indiana. Mrs. Hoehn stated that there are signs posted in offices that restrict people in certain areas of the offices. Mrs. Hoehn stated that the people doing the audits are trying to get personal information and catch county employees upset on camera.

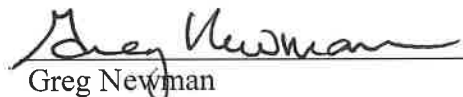
No further business was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned.



Bill Collins



Bryan Schorr



Greg Newman



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell