

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon, on Wednesday, September 6, 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 Elizabeth Wells lead the Commissioners in prayer.

MINUTES

G. Newman made a motion to approve the August 15, 2023, Commissioners meeting minutes; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the August 23, 2023, Executive Session minutes; 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. Collins 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.

POSEY COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND COLISEUM ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION

B. Collins stated the Commissioners tabled this discussion at the last Commissioners meeting to allow time for a few questions to be answered. Mr. Collins stated the cost to modernize the Coliseum elevator will be \$77,298.95. G. Newman made a motion to approve the tabled quote; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

EMS AMBULANCE BIDS

B. Collins stated the Commissioners received the following three quotes regarding the remounting of an ambulance:

Crossroads: \$214,800.00

American Response Vehicles: \$206,352.27

American Response Vehicles: \$164,362.00

Mr. Micheletti stated that the second bid from American Response Vehicles is not a bid and should be disregarded.

Mr. Micheletti stated he is in favor of seeing where the new ambulance bids come in at before committing.

G. Newman made a motion to table these bids until Mr. Micheletti comes back with new ambulance quotes; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Micheletti stated the turnaround time for a remounted ambulance is 12-15 months and two years for a new ambulance. Mr. Micheletti stated as soon as this remounted ambulance is approved, he will be asking to advertise for quotes for a new ambulance that will be received in 2025.

NUISANCE VIOLATION PRINCETON STREET

Posey County Building Director Ed Batteiger informed the Commissioners this property has been cleaned up, and the only item still left is the frame for the trailer. B. Schorr stated that he would like to see the frame taken off the property before the Commissioners closed this claim. B.

Schorr made a motion to table this complaint for thirty days to give time for the frame to be removed; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

STOP SIGN ORDINANCE

B. Collins stated this ordinance would allow for a stop sign to be placed on the north side of the intersection of St. Wendel Road and Boonville New Harmony Road.

B. Schorr made a motion to waive the second reading of this ordinance; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

G. Newman made a motion to approve ordinance 2023-09-06-01; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

LANDSCAPE BIDS OPENED

B. Collins stated that this bid was tabled to allow time for some questions to be answered. Mr. Collins stated that the bid includes \$762.00 in sales tax, which will not be paid, bringing the true bid amount to \$19,002.50.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve this quote; G. Newman seconded. Mr. Collins stated the given time frame to begin was two to three months. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

PARKING LOT USAGE REQUESTS

Posey County Auditor Maegen Greenwell stated that the Commissioners have received two requests for the use of County parking lots.

Mrs. Greenwell stated that the Prosecutor's office is requesting to close the parking lot at the Hovey House on October 19, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to allow the Prosecutor's office to hold a fundraiser that will be a prepackaged lunch pickup.

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

Mrs. Greenwell stated the second request is for the usage of the Courthouse parking lot on September 9, 2023, for the Riverdays 5K that will be held in conjunction with Riverdays. Mrs. Greenwell stated there would be no parking on grass, and the host would make sure all trash was removed. G. Newman made a motion to approve this request; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

1878 COMMEMORATION CEREMONY

A representative from USI is requesting permission to hold an 1878 Commemoration Ceremony at the recently placed historical marker. It was stated the ceremony would be held on October 21, 2023, at 6 p.m. on the courthouse lawn near the monument. The representative stated the ceremony would include interactive stories told by descendants of the lynching victims, and they are expecting roughly 25-100 people.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve this request; G. Newman seconded. Mr. Collins asked that the planning committee be aware of the landscaping during this time. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

PROCUREMENT POLICY

Posey County Auditor Maegen Greenwell stated the County needs to update the current procurement policy per the State Board of Accounts. Mrs. Greenwell stated the last time the policy was updated was 1998; however, the County is following the most up-to-date IC codes regarding procurement, and this updated ordinance will reflect that.

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

COURTHOUSE PARKING LOT EXPANSION PROJECT

B. Collins stated the Commissioners are moving forward with expanding the Courthouse parking lot on the east side. Mr. Collins stated this would be adding parking spots between the current trees on the east side and then completing a new overlay on the entire parking lot.

B. Schorr made a motion to seek requests for proposals for this project; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

SBS PORTAL CONTRACT

Posey County Auditor Maegen Greenwell stated this contract will allow for the digitization of several different types of records in her office. Mrs. Greenwell stated this will allow for easy

searching of items, such as minutes, ordinances, and resolutions, by both County employees and the public. Mrs. Greenwell stated the cost was \$8,943.58, with a \$3,000.00 annual maintenance cost. G. Newman asked if hard copies would be retained. Mrs. Greenwell stated yes that they would be stored.

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

HIGHWAY 62 MOWING

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners recently reached out to INDOT regarding the lack of mowing in the median of Highway 62. G. Newman stated that St. Phillips Road to Evansville is considered an urban zone and is mowed by the State three times a year; between St. Phillips Road and the State Line, it is considered a rural zone and is mowed by the State twice yearly. Mr. Newman stated this is typically done around Memorial Day and mid-to-late September. Mr. Newman stated the State contracts this work out as contracted work; however, INDOT does have the ability to conduct safety mowing if they see fit, which Mr. Newman stated they had begun last week around the intersections and one strip down each side of the highway.

SEWER EXPANSION PROJECT

B. Collins stated the Commissioners have been exploring the idea of expanding the Harbor Town sewer plant capabilities to the opposite side of the highway. B. Schorr stated the estimated cost was gathered from one company, but there are several others that would be interested in bidding on this project. Mr. Collins stated it has been discussed that ARPA funds be used, and this was approved by the ARPA committee. Jenna Richardt, with EREP, stated that EREP would be handling the request for proposals for this project.

B. Schorr made a motion to send out requests for proposals for this project; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

SYSTEM EAST INC. CONTRACT

Posey County Building Director Ed Batteiger stated that his contract is to change the company that is being used to process their credit cards for that department.

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

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County Highway Superintendent Steve Schenk stated the County should be receiving the Community Crossing funds in the next week.

Mr. Schenk stated that he received the performance bond from Blankenberger for the Bridge 211 project, so the County will be sending a notice to proceed.

Mr. Schenk stated that he has lost four employees since the last meeting.

Posey County EMS Director Paul Micheletti gave the following report for August:

Complaints: 246

Transports: 180

\$122,817.24

Jenna Richardt, with PCEDP, introduced Matt Schaeffer to the Commissioners. Mrs. Richardt stated Mr. Schaeffer will be transitioning to a more visible role with EREP and Posey County.

Posey County Dispatch Director Jamie Bradford addressed the Commissioners regarding a quote for a new tower that is needed that she received from J&K. Mrs. Bradford stated she did receive other quotes but is working on a plan to meet with the needed parties involved so that the County can determine a plan of action.

Mrs. Bradford informed the Commissioners the Barker Road generator is being serviced on Friday.

Donnie Martin, with Posey County Health Department, stated the Health Department has seen a rise in COVID testing; however, the County nor the State are tracking cases currently.

Mr. Martin stated there are currently three cases of human West Nile viruses in Indiana.

Mr. Martin stated the Health Department is due to receive \$255,266.00, and they are expecting \$491,000 to \$600,000.

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

21 DOC

30 Vanderburgh County

112 Posey County

163 total

\$37,762.50

Chief Deputy Fortune stated his deputies are having radio issues in the northern end of the County.

Chief Deputy Fortune stated they have three Deputies who were offered positions.

Carrie Thompson, with Posey County EMA, updated the Commissioners regarding their time spent with the Central United States Earthquake Consortium last week. Mrs. Thompson stated between Mr. Robb and herself; they were able to visit all local fire departments, police departments, the Sheriff's office, jail, water utilities, nursing homes, the Health Department, Hovey House, the Courthouse, the Coliseum, North Posey schools, and Mt. Vernon schools with representatives from the consortium. Mrs. Thompson stated they will compile a report for the County in the next few months.

Mrs. Thompson stated EMA, the Community Paramedic, Solid Waste, the Health Department, and Dispatch will all be representing LEPC during the upcoming River Days with an informational booth.

Cody Simpson, with Morely, updated the Commissioners regarding sections nine and ten of the broadband project. Mr. Simpson stated these sections had not been permitted yet, and he has not heard from Mainstream regarding the design questions that were proposed during the meeting with Mainstream, the Commissioners, and Morley. Mr. Simpson stated he has been inspecting punch list items for sections two, four, and eight. Mr. Simpson stated he has done the inspections of these areas but has not completed the report yet. Mr. Simpson stated sections five, six, and seven are actively under construction.

B. Collins asked if Mr. Simpson is seeing progress as he is working through inspections on the punch lists. Mr. Simpson stated yes that he is seeing progress over what was originally done and with the issues that the County and Morley had previously brought to their attention.

Joe Harrison, Posey County Attorney, asked if Mainstream has requested an extension with the State for this project. Mr. Simpson stated the deadline with the State is October 2023, and he has not been made aware of any contract extension. Mr. Simpson stated he expects an extension will be needed.

Kristin Lowery, with Purdue Extension, informed the Commissioners that the Extension office still has an option position for an ANR Educator. Mrs. Lowery asked if the County had a county-wide social media page. Mrs. Greenwell stated no, there is not, but each department can utilize social media.

Ed Batteiger, speaking as the Coliseum Board President, informed the Commissioners that the stone on the building needs to be cleaned and sealed again. Mr. Batteiger stated it was 2015, the last time this was done. B. Schorr asked if there was a maintenance line for the Coliseum. Mrs. Greenwell stated yes.

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

Posey County Auditor Maegen Greenwell informed the Commissioners that the Council would begin the budget process next week.

Mrs. Greenwell stated the Auditor's office will be rolling out a new financial software update that will allow each department to access their budget information. Mrs. Greenwell stated AOS will be coming to each office and department to install the needed software, and the Auditor's office will be training individuals on this. Mrs. Greenwell stated that the end goal with this software update is to allow departments to submit their budget requests and submit electronic claims; however, that will be down the road.

B. Collins gave the following August Animal Control report:

42 Complaints
10 Animals Picked Up
1 Animal Euthanized
2 Bite Reports



Bill Collins



Bryan Schorr



Greg Newman



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell