

POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL, TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023

The Posey County Council met in regular session at the Hovey House on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 9 am. The following members were present at the said meeting: Heather Allyn, Aaron Wilson, Dave Dausman, Tom Schneider, Zach George, County Attorney Josh Clayborn, and Auditor Maegen Greenwell. Council members Jerry Chastain and Brandon Deig were absent.

H. Allyn called the Posey County Council meeting to order at 9 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Betsy led the Council in prayer.

MINUTES

T. Schneider made a motion to approve the minutes from July 11, 2023; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes from the July Department Head Budget review meeting; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Z. George made a motion to approve the July Treasurer's report; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

CLERK'S REPORT

D. Dausman made a motion to approve the June Clerk's report; Z. George seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

LOCAL INCOME TAX DISCUSSION

Council Attorney, Josh Clayborn, reminded the Council that the State average for LIT is 1.6%, the maximum allowed is 2%, and Posey County's rate is currently 1.25%. Mr. Clayborn stated that the LIT is broken down into these different categories, property tax relief (PTR) at .056% of that total, certified shares is .444% of that total, public safety is .25% of that total, and economic development is .5% of that total. Mr. Clayborn stated that there are two new local income tax options available to the Council, a Correctional or Jail rate and an EMS rate.

Mr. Clayborn stated that if they chose to adopt an ordinance prior to September 1, 2023, it would go into effect October 1st, 2023; if it is after August 31st, 2023, but before November 1st, 2023, it would go into effect January 1, 2024.

H. Allyn asked about the timeline. Mr. Clayborn stated that the taxing units have to have ten days' notice, and it must be published in the newspaper for two weeks.

H. Allyn asked if the ordinance could be drafted for consideration at the September meeting.

T. Schneider stated that the Council needs to remember that if they chose to increase the rates on the shared portions, it would help both the cities and towns also, whereas if they implement a new EMS or correctional income tax, it would not.

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, asked Mr. Clayborn what the State considers public safety, as far as what public safety LIT could be used for. Mr. Clayborn stated that EMS and Dispatch would be considered, along with what the County is currently using to fund. Mrs. Greenwell asked if it could be used for jail operations. Mr. Clayborn stated he was not sure, but he thought that was the case.

Mrs. Greenwell stated that there are cities and towns in other Indiana Counties that contribute to the operations of their EMS, Dispatch, and Jail entities and reminded Council that in Posey County, that is not the case.

T. Schneider asked if Maegen could reach out to BakerTilly and ask for a breakdown of the revenue that would be generated by increasing the current percentages.

Z. George stated that increasing the Public Safety portion of LIT would help the County move toward funding school resource officers in each school.

NON-BINDING UNITS

H. Allyn stated that yearly in August, the Council is required to review the non-binding units' budgets. Mrs. Allyn stated that these units have yet to meet with their DLGF representative and therefore do not have their budgets submitted. Mrs. Allyn stated that although the Council does not have the ability to control these budgets, they are required to review and advise these units to stay within their max levy, as discussed with their DLGF representatives.

Mrs. Allyn listed the following non-binding units:

Bethel Township, Black Township, Center Township, Harmony Township, Lynn Township, Marrs Township, Point Township, Robb Township, Robinson Township, Smith Township, Mt. Vernon Civil City, Cynthiana Civil Town, Griffin Civil Town, New Harmon Civil Town, Poseyville Civil Town, M.S.D of Mt. Vernon, M. S. D of North Posey, New Harmony Workingman's Institute, Poseyville Carnegie Library, and Alexandrian Public Library.

T. Schneider made a motion to issue the needed notices to these units; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

Posey County Dispatch Director, Jamie Bradford, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$21,715.11 into the machinery and equipment line of the non-county E911 fund. Mrs. Bradford stated that these funds are needed for the new DNS server that was installed. Z. George made a motion to approve this request; D. Dausman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Posey County EMS Director Paul Micheletti is requesting the following additional appropriations:

\$150,000.00 into the overtime line of the EMS County General fund. A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; D. Dausman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

\$5,000.00 into the uniform line of the EMS County General fund

\$5,000.00 into the maintenance contract line of the EMS County General fund

\$50,000.00 into the contractual service line of the EMS County General fund

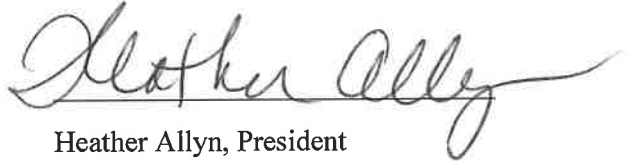
Z. George made a motion to approve these three additional appropriation requests; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

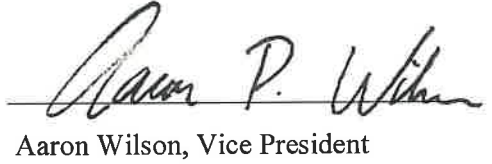
Posey County Assessor, Nancy Hoehn, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$15,000.00 into the Springfield Project line of County General. Mrs. Hoehn stated that this would fund the project that has been discussed with Council regarding the Springfield replat. A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; Z. George seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

H. Allyn stated that recently the Council was approached regarding a Fire Warden project that was in the works for North Posey schools. The program director requested the Council to help fund this project. Mrs. Allyn is requesting that the Council approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$3,500.00 for this project. Z. George made a motion to approve this request; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

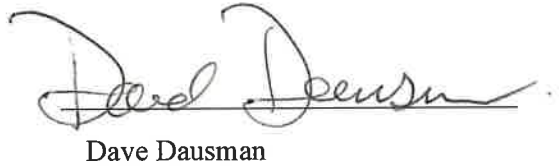
DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County EMS Director Paul Micheletti stated that the July income for EMS was \$106,417.00.

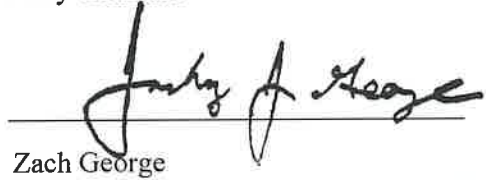

Heather Allyn, President

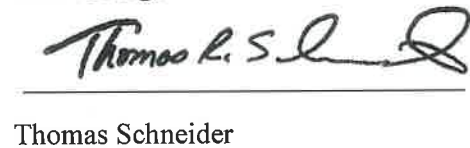

Aaron Wilson, Vice President

Brandon Deig


Dave Dausman

Jerry Chastain


Zach George


Thomas Schneider

ATTEST:

