

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon, on Tuesday, December 5, 2023. Commissioners Bill Collins Greg Newman, and Byran Schorr were in attendance. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were also in attendance.

Pastor Rick Gooden led the Commissioners in prayer.

MINUTES

G. Newman made a motion to approve the November 21, 2023, Commissioners meeting minutes; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the November 15, 2023, Joint Commissioner and Council meeting 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. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

CLERK'S REPORT

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

SPRINGFIELD ROAD REZONE REQUEST

B. Collins stated the Commissioners have before them a rezoning request that was tabled at the last meeting to allow the two sides to work together on the concerns brought to the Commissioners.

Consultant Matt Lahman spoke on behalf of Dustin Rodges regarding the provided use and development agreement. Mr. Lahman stated that the agreement provided the plan for usage plans, hours, and what would happen if the property was sold.

Attorney Chris Wischer addressed the Commissioners on behalf of the Johnson family. Mr. Wischer stated they had received the use and development agreement, which does not address the noise, traffic, environmental issues, number of employees, or utilities. Mr. Wischer stated this project would change the dynamic of the area.

Public hearing speakers:

Scott Griffin

Scott King

Dustin Rodgers

Diane Johnson

Ken Johnson

Misty Rodgers

Stephanie Towers

B. Schorr stated the Commissioners had asked for the use and development agreement in hopes the two parties would be involved to come to an agreement, but that does not appear to be what happened.

B. Collins made a motion to approve this rezoning request; B. Schorr seconded.

B. Collins stated all the concerns that were brought up would have to be addressed through the site plan committee. Mr. Newman stated his concern remains to be regarding the placement of this type of business in this area.

The rezone request passed with a 2-1 roll call vote.

B.C- yes

G.N-no

B.S-yes

SHERIFF/EMS/HIGHWAY FUEL BIDS

B. Collins stated the Commissioners tabled the fuel bids for 2024 at the prior Commissioners meeting to allow each department head to review. B. Collins stated all three departments are in favor of awarding the fuel bids for 2024 to Synergy.

G. Newman made a motion to award the 2024 fuel bids to Synergy at the provided amounts for the firm bid; B. Schorr seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

SEWER PROJECT RFQ

B. Collins stated the Commissioners had opened the following three bids for the sewer project at the last meeting:

Commonwealth Engineering

American Structure Point

Midwestern Engineers

Crawford Murphy Tilly and Inc.

B. Collins made a motion to award this bid to American Structure Point; B. Schorr seconded.

The motion carried with a vote of 3-0

BOARD OF REVIEW

B. Collins stated the Commissioners needed to address a vacancy for the Board of Review for the remainder of 2023. B. Collins made a motion to appoint Monica Kittinger to the Board of Review for the remainder of 2023; B Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

HOVEY HOUSE REPAIRS UPDATE

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners recently asked for a proposal from SIMS Painting and ARC Construction to remove the medallions on the ceilings of the Hovey House, repair the damage that had occurred, and replace the light fixtures. Mr. Collins stated that the cost was given was not to exceed \$22,500.00. B. Schorr made a motion to approve this proposal; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners recently asked for a proposal from SIMS Painting to repaint and stain all trim and woodwork in the Commissioner's meeting room of the Hovey

House. Mr. Collins stated that the proposal was for an amount of \$28,050.00. B. Schorr made a motion to approve this proposal; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

GIS USE AGREEMENT

Posey County Auditor Maegen Greenwell stated that the Commissioners received a request from WTH to allow Kisel Wagner Survey access to the County's GIS data. G. Newman made a motion to approve this request; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

EMS CREDIT CARD AGREEMENT

Posey County EMS Director Paul Micheletti stated that he would like to amend the current credit card agreement with their vendor to allow the County to pass the charge to use a credit card on to the patient/customer instead of the County absorbing the 2.9% charge. B. Schorr made a motion to approve this request; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

EMPOWERMENT BEHAVIORAL SERVICES CONTRACT

Michelle Fortune with the Posey County Probation Department provided the Commissioners with a contract for consideration from Empowerment Behavioral Services. Mrs. Fortune stated that this company provides the screening needed for the ACCEPT program and is covered by grant funds. Mrs. Fortune stated this contract has not changed in cost for the year 2024. G. Newman made a motion to approve this request; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, provided the following housing update:

17 DOC
38 Vanderburgh County
93 Posey County
148 total
\$37,650.00 was taken in

Posey County Highway Superintendent Steve Schenk informed the Commissioners that he is working with Morely on the submitted permits that were given to him regarding the broadband project; however, many of them were for areas that were not County Roads, and the County should not be signing.

Mr. Schenk stated his concern that the final segments would not be overseen by Morley. B. Collins stated this would fall back onto the State.

Cody Simpson, with Morely, addressed the Commissioners regarding the ongoing broadband project. Mr. Simpson stated that Morely has met with Mainstream recently and expects the go-ahead to inspect section one later this week, and sections six and seven are expected to be complete later this week.

Posey County Dispatch Director Jamie Bradford informed the Commissioners that the firewall software should be in place by the end of the year.

Kristin Lowry, with Purdue Extension, informed the Commissioner they had hired a new ANR Educator for Posey County, who will start December 11th.

Posey County Assessor Nancy Hoehn addressed the Commissioners regarding the ongoing Springfield re-platting project. Mrs. Hoehn stated they have started meetings with residents.

Posey County Auditor Maegen Greenwell reminded the audience that there will not be a Council meeting next week; they will meet after the Commissioners on December 19, 2023.

Mrs. Greenwell stated since the week of Christmas is a short week, she is asking that timecards are all approved by 9 am on Monday, December 18.


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



Bill Collins



Bryan Schorr



Greg Newman



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell