

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon, on Tuesday, November 21, 2023. Commissioners Bill Collins and Greg Newman were in attendance. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were also in attendance. Commissioner Bryan Schorr appeared virtually and participated audibly but not visibly.

Pastor Rocky Rye led the Commissioners in prayer.

MINUTES

G. Newman made a motion to approve the November 8, 2023, Commissioners meeting minutes; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

CLAIMS

G. Newman made a motion to approve the claims as presented; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

COUNTY-WIDE BURN BAN

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners, along with the County Fire Chiefs have issued a county-wide burn ban, effective November 17, 2023, for seven days, at which time it will be reevaluated.

SPRINGFIELD ROAD REZONE REQUEST

B. Collins stated the Commissioners received a request from both participants' attorneys to table this discussion until the December 5, 2023, meeting to allow for time for both parties to mitigate this issue. G. Newman made a motion to table this rezone request; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

HIGHWAY YEARLY BIDS

B. Collins opened the following yearly bids for the year 2024 for the highway department:

Fuel:

- Wabash Valley
- Synergy

Labor:

- Russell's Excavating
- Chastaine Excavating

Gravel:

- Mulzer

Stone:

- Mulzer

Tire:

- Ries Tire

G. Newman made a motion to approve all the above bids with the exception of the fuel bids, which are to be tabled until the December 5, 2023, meeting; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

SHERIFF/EMS FUEL BIDS

B. Collins opened the following two bids for the Sheriff and EMS fuel procurement for 2024:
Wabash Valley

Synergy

G. Newman made a motion to table these bids until the December 5, 2023, meeting; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

COLISEUM BUILDING REMODEL BIDS

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners received the following five bids for the project of remodeling a portion of the Coliseum:

Core Contractors: \$149,570.00

KM Construction: \$183,000

Deig Brothers: \$151,240.00

Danco: \$174,000.00

ARC: \$182,515.00

G. Newman made a motion to accept the low bid from Core Contractors in the amount of \$149,570.00, with the recommendation being supported by Haafer; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

SURPLUS VEHICLES

B. Collins opened the following bids for the surplus vehicles:

2016 Dodge Ram

- John Hoehn: \$450.00
- G. Newman made a motion to award this bid to John Hoehn in the amount of \$450.00; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

2009 F150

- John Hoehn: \$50.00
- B. Collins made a motion to award this bid to John Hoehn in the amount of \$50.00; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

SEWER PROJECT RFQ

B. Collins opened the following three bids for the sewer project:

Commonwealth Engineering

American Structure Point

Midwestern Engineers

Crawford Murphy Tilly and Inc.

B. Collins made a motion to table these RFQs until the next Commissioners meeting on December 5, 2023; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

OLIVER ROAD NUISANCE COMPLAINT

Posey County Building Commissioner Ed Batteiger updated the Commissioners on this nuisance complaint. Mr. Batteiger stated that some clean-up has occurred; however, the current owners are currently in the process of deeding this property to a new owner. G. Newman made a motion to table this complaint for thirty days and allow the Building Commissioner time to speak to the

new owners; B. Collins seconded. Mr. Batteiger stated that a new complaint would have to be filed since this would be a new owner. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

NATION ROAD COMPLAINT

Posey County Building Commissioner Ed Batteiger updated the Commissioners on this nuisance complaint. Mr. Batteiger stated that some clean-up had occurred; however, it has gone back to being out of compliance since. G. Newman made a motion to impose a \$250.00 fine and give thirty days for more progress to be made before imposing another fine; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

HANDBOOK ORDINANCE

Posey County Auditor Maegen Greenwell stated she, Joe Harrison, and Paul Micheletti worked together to develop the language presented in this updated ordinance suggestion. Mrs. Greenwell stated that this would clarify the language surrounding the EMS department and how many hours are considered in a shift when calculating paid-out benefit time.

G. Newman made a motion to waive the second reading of this ordinance; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

G. Newman made a motion to approve this ordinance amendment; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

TIMECLOCK DISCUSSION

Posey County Auditor Maegen Greenwell stated that, again, she is requesting that the Commissioners consider a policy that would have employees signing-off on their timecards before being submitted to the Auditor's office. Mrs. Greenwell stated that this would help protect both the County and the employee by allowing the employee to verify that the hours that are credited are correct. Mrs. Greenwell stated this is a policy that some offices are already implementing and would consist of the employee checking the employee verification box stating they agree with the time being submitted.

B. Collins stated that after speaking with a department head who reached out, he would be in favor of making this a voluntary policy.

B. Collins made a motion to put a voluntary policy in place; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

EMA DIRECTOR

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners recently conducted EMA Director interviews, as the current Director, Larry Robb, will be retiring at the end of the year. Mr. Collins stated he is pleased to announce that the Commissioners have appointed Carrie Thompson as the incoming EMA Director for the year 2024, effective January 1, 2024.

FORD ROAD REZONE REQUEST

Posey County Interim Area Plan Director Dave Ripple addressed the Commissioners regarding a rezoning request for 6238 North Ford Road. Mr. Ripple stated that this request is to rezone 6.67 acres from M2 to R1. Mr. Ripple stated that this was passed unanimously at the last Area Plan meeting.

B. Collins made a motion to approve this request; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

EREP 2024

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners were presented with the 2024 EREP service agreement. Mr. Collins stated that the total amount for services for 2024 is \$125,683.00.

G. Newman made a motion to approve this agreement; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

BOARD OF REVIEW

Posey County Assessor Nancy Hoehn informed the Commissioners of a vacancy on the Board of Review that she would like to have filled before 2024 to enable the board to meet still this year. Mrs. Hoehn stated she is still looking for a qualified person and would like to come back at the first meeting in December to appoint to the board. G. Newman made a motion to table this request; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County Highway Superintendent Steve Schenk informed the Commissioners that he received the pavement assessment management plan that is required by the State of Indiana for the highway department to utilize any State or Federal funding. Mr. Schenk stated that the department uses BLN to compile this report on the department's behalf. Mr. Schenk stated that the full report is housed at the highway department.

Posey County Dispatch Director Jamie Bradford informed the Commissioners of the progress on the new tower site. G. Newman stated that the final agreement with the landowners is in the works and should be finalized soon. Mr. Newman stated that the hope is that the new tower will be operational by March of 2024.

Mrs. Bradford informed the Commissioners that she has been in touch with AT&T regarding spam calls that are coming through to the administrative phone lines. Mrs. Bradford stated that their suggestion is to implement a call tree for these phone lines. Mrs. Bradford stated this would not be for the 911 lines, only for the administrative lines.

B. Collins gave the following animal control report:

27 complaints

8 animals picked up

1 bite report

0 euthanized

0 rabies test

Cody Simpson, with Morley, addressed the Commissioners regarding the ongoing Mainstream broadband project. Mr. Simpson stated that punch list items that needed addressed for sections two, three, and four were addressed by Mainstream.

Mr. Simpson stated that one segment is awaiting Morley inspection, one segment is under punch list and being completed, and all other segments are under construction.

Mr. Schenk addressed a few concerns regarding permitting issues that he will work with Mr. Simpson on.

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

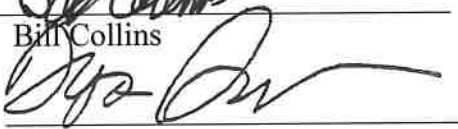
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35 Vanderburgh County
90 Posey County
141 total

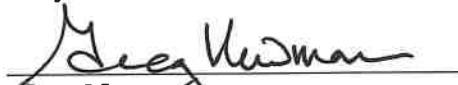
Posey County Auditor Maegen Greenwell reminded the Commissioners that their December 19, 2023, meeting will be a joint meeting.

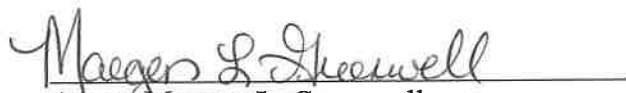
Mrs. Greenwell reminded the audience that an email with end-of-year procedures for paying claims, payroll, and financials was sent to department heads and urged them to call with any questions.

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


Bill Collins


Bryan Schorr


Greg Newman


Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell