

POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

The Posey County Council met in regular session at the Hovey House on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 9 a.m. The following members were present at the said meeting: Heather Allyn, Aaron Wilson, Brandon Deig, Dave Dausman, Jerry Chastain, Tom Schneider, Zach George, County Attorney Josh Clayborn, and Auditor Maegen Greenwell.

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

Deacon McDonald led the Council in prayer.

MINUTES

Z. George made a motion to approve the minutes from November 14, 2023; T. Schneider seconded. H. Allyn stated the section under Salary Discussion should read 35-40 hours is straight time, also, under the discussion regarding the County gas tanks, it should read that it was asked if the EMS Director had looked into getting cameras, not if he had looked at the cameras. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

T. Schneider made a motion to approve the November 1, 2023, special Council meeting; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve the October 11, 2023, and November 1, 2023, Executive Session minutes; J. Chastain seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

CLERK'S REPORT

A. Wilson made a motion to approve the September Clerk's report; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Z. George made a motion to approve the October Treasurer's report; B. Deig seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

LOCAL INCOME TAX CHANGES

H. Allyn stated that all the necessary paperwork with the State has been completed and filed and approval has been given by the State.

RECORDERS AFFIDAVIT

H. Allyn stated this affidavit allows the Recorder's office to pay their two full-time deputies and one part-time deputy from the Recorder's Perpetuation fund. Posey County Recorder Chris Hoehn was on hand to present this affidavit.

Mrs. Allyn stated that all salaries are set through the Salary Ordinance. Mrs. Hoehn stated that this affidavit states that they have the funds to cover up to the stated amount on the affidavit.

2024 SALARY ORDINANCE

Posey County Auditor Maegen Greenwell stated that during discussions in November, the Council indicated that they wanted to raise the Prosecutor's admin positions to \$50,500.00; however, no

discussion was had regarding the IV-D Prosecutor. Mrs. Greenwell stated the salary ordinance that was presented has the IV-D Prosecutor increased to \$50,500.00 also.

D. Dausman stated during the November meeting that the EMS Director's hours were changed to 40 hours from 35, and the salary increased to \$66,000.00. Mr. Dausman stated he made a mistake in not understanding this fully. Mr. Dausman stated he would like to revisit this and change the hours back to 35 for the current ordinance that they are approving today. D. Dausman made a motion to leave the EMS Director position hours at 35 and increase the salary to \$65,000.00; J. Chastain seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

The following changes were made:

Dispatch:

The part-time rate will be equal to the full-time hourly rate.

Z. George made a motion to approve this change; D. Dausman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Area Plan:

Change two administrative positions to \$42,500.00.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve this change; Z. George seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Sheriff:

Chief Deputy may accrue overtime using a 40-hour workweek schedule.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve this change; Z. George seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

J. Chastain made a motion to approve the 2024 Salary Ordinance with the stated adjustments; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

2024 COUNCIL SCHEDULE

A. Wilson made a motion to approve the presented dates for the 2024 Council meeting, changing the February 13, 2024, meeting to February 6, 2024, after the Commissioners meeting; J. Chastain seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

Posey County Superior Court Judge Travis Clowers is requesting the following two additional appropriations:

\$10,000.00 in the Guardian Ad Litem account of County General

\$10,000.00 in the Pauper Fees account of County General

A. Wilson made a motion to approve these requests; B. Deig seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Posey County Auditor Maegen Greenwell is requesting the following two additional appropriation requests:

\$2,000.00 into the Animal Control Overtime line of County General

\$2,500.00 into the System Support line of County General

T. Schneider made a motion to approve these requests; J. Chastain seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Posey County E911 Director Jamie Bradford requests an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$9,000.00 into the Contractual Service line of County General. J. Chastain made a motion to approve this request; D. Dausman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Posey County Auditor Maegen Greenwell is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$35,100.00 into the ARPA Contractual Service line. Z. George made a motion to approve this request; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Z. George asked if the County could ask the State to be reimbursed for ARPA funds that will be spent with the extension that the State granted. Mrs. Greenwell stated that the Commissioners have contacts that they could use to reach someone at the State to discuss.

Posey County Prosecutor Thomas Clowers is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$3,850.96 into the equipment line of the Infraction Deferral fund. T. Schneider made a motion to approve this request; J. Chastain seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0, with B. Deig abstaining.

Posey County Sheriff Tom Latham is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$100.00 for the repairs and maintenance line of the K9 fund. Sheriff Latham stated this was from a donation. B. Deig made a motion to approve this request; J. Chastain seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Posey County Highway Superintendent Steve Schenk is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 into the contractual services line of the Community Crossing Grant. Mr. Schenk explained these are the Community Crossing funds that are used to pave County roads. J. Chastain made a motion to approve this request; B. Deig seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Area Plan Interim Director Dave Ripple is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2551.83 into the legal service line of the County General fund. A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

TRANSFER REQUEST

Posey County Superior Court Judge Travis Clowers is requesting the following transfers within his County General Superior Court Lines:

\$500.00 from Recording Tapes to Guardian Ad Litem

\$1,000.00 from Travel-Judge to Guardian Ad Litem

\$2,000.00 from Transcripts to Guardian Ad Litem

\$1,000.00 from Maintenance Contracts to Guardian Ad Litem

\$2,000.00 from Juror Meal to Guardian Ad Litem

A. Wilson made a motion to approve these requests; B. Deig seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Posey County Sheriff Tom Latham is requesting a transfer in the amount of \$20,000.00 from the equipment line of the Jail Maintenance fund to the operating supply line of this fund. B. Deig made a motion to approve this request; J. Chastain seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

Posey County Sheriff Tom Latham is requesting reimbursement in the amount of \$4,118.85 into the vehicle maintenance and repair line of the LIT Public Safety fund. B. Deig made a motion to approve this request; J. Chastain seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County E911 Director Jamie Bradford updated the Council regarding ongoing tower issues. Mrs. Bradford stated the discussion regarding the new tower site is ongoing and moving forward. Mrs. Bradford stated that all radio sites are working temporarily. H. Allyn asked where they are in the process of J&K adjusting the tower heights. Mrs. Bradford stated the J&K contract was signed last week, and there was no hard deadline for this project. D. Dausman stated that the scope of work and schedule are not apparent in the contract. H. Allyn stated after speaking with Commissioner Greg Newman; stated that the concerns stated were addressed in an attachment that the Commissioners received and reviewed.

Posey County Sheriff Tom Latham gave the following inmate housing update:

32 Vanderburgh

26 DOC

92 Posey County

150 total

\$37,275.00 was taken from Vanderburgh County in October

Sheriff Latham stated he is 100% in jail staffing, and interviews have been conducted for the open deputy spots.

Sheriff Latham stated after speaking with Judge Goedde, they would like to proceed forward with purchasing the security equipment that has been discussed at previous meetings. Sheriff Latham stated he had held off on purchasing the equipment due to the lack of staffing; however, he would like to proceed at this time. Sheriff Latham stated the X-ray machine will cost \$22,138.00, and the walk-through metal detector will cost \$2,778.44. Sheriff Latham stated these

amounts do not include shipping. Sheriff Latham stated that he is able to cover the cost of the metal detector on the department's credit card, but he will need to ask for an additional appropriation at the December meeting to fund the X-ray machine. Sheriff Latham is asking if these items can be purchased at this time. Z. George asked if this price includes installation. Sheriff Latham stated yes, along with all the training that will be needed. H. Allyn asked if there would be adequate staffing to use the equipment. Sheriff Latham stated for the upcoming trial, they are trying to cover, yes, and he has several deputies attending the academy, and after July he is expecting to be staffed with Court Security Deputies. D. Dausman made a motion to approve the purchase of the needed equipment; Z. George seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Posey County EMS Director Paul Micheletti gave the following update for October:

Request: 229

Transports: 180

Income: \$175,058.32

Mr. Micheletti stated they have hired two new EMTs, and there is one full-time paramedic opening.

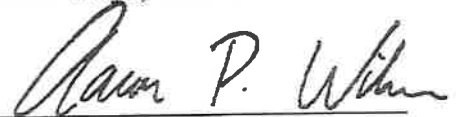
Community Paramedic Amy Woodley gave a monthly report.

Kristin Lowry, with Purdue Extension, addressed the Council regarding several grant opportunities.

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



Heather Allyn, President



Aaron Wilson, Vice President



Brandon Deig



Dave Dausman

Jerry Lee Chastain III

Jerry Chastain

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ATTEST: Maegen L Greenwell