

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon, on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. Commissioners Bill Collins, Greg Newman, and Bryan Schorr were in attendance. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were also in attendance.

Pastor Mark McDonald led the Commissioners in prayer.

MINUTES

G. Newman made a motion to approve the February 21, 2024, Commissioners meeting minutes; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

G. Newman made a motion to table the executive session minutes from February 27, 2024; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

CLAIMS

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the claims as presented; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

CLERK'S REPORT

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

OLIVER ROAD UNSAFE BUILDING COMPLAINT

B. Collins stated at the last Commissioners meeting, there was a \$500.00 fine imposed, and since that meeting, it has come to light that the owner of this property changed hands effective in November of 2023. Posey County Auditor Maegen Greenwell stated that the deed was recorded around February 1, 2024, but the date on the deed was November of 2023. Mrs. Greenwell explained that when transferring property, the date the deed was signed is the transfer date, not the recording date. Mrs. Greenwell stated that the property changed hands prior to any fees being imposed. Joe Harrison, County Attorney, stated that the fines are null and void, and the complaint process will have to start over with the new owners.

B. Collins stated that he would speak with the Building Commissioner to have this process started over; however, the Commissioners would like to ask the new owners to be present at the next commissioner meeting to discuss their plan.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER PART-TIME CONTRACT

B. Collins stated this issue will be tabled until the next Commissioners meeting.

COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC GRANT DISCUSSION

Paul Micheletti, EMS Director, addressed the Commissioners regarding the ongoing Community Paramedic Grant. Mr. Micheletti stated that he received an email from the State regarding this grant, and he is expecting the State to supplement the current grant with \$40,000.00. Mr. Micheletti stated that the State asked for an updated budget showing how the extra funds would be utilized. Mr. Micheletti stated he is submitting \$38,000.00 to be used for salary, \$1,000.00 for truck maintenance, and \$1,000.00 for fuel. Mr. Micheletti stated he has followed up with the State and was told the funds would likely be disbursed as requested, but he is still waiting for the official notification.

B. Collins asked Mr. Micheletti how long the current funds would sustain the Community Paramedic program. Mr. Micheletti stated through 2024. Mr. Collins asked what the plan is after that time frame. Mr. Micheletti stated that he is currently looking into other grants.

HIGHWAY BIDS

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners received the following bids:

- J.H Rudolph
- E&B Paving
- J. H. Rudolph
- David Enterprise

B. Schorr made a motion to table these bids until the next Commissioners meeting in order to allow the Highway Superintendent to review properly; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

DRIVER EXCLUSION LIST

Andy Weintraut, with Schulteis Insurance, addressed the Commissioners regarding the current Driver Exclusion list and issues that have arisen with this.

Mr. Weintraut explained the process of checking the driver's list for the County and stated that this is being done on a yearly basis based on the list of drivers that is provided by the County.

Mr. Weintraut stated he has spoken with several department heads and elected officials regarding the process of hiring new employees and making sure they would be eligible, per the insurance, to operate a county vehicle.

Mr. Weintraut suggested the County consider adding driver eligibility to the handbook in regard to conditional employment. Mr. Weintraut stated that the Commissioners should also consider adding a drug test requirement when an employee has been in a vehicle incident with a county vehicle. Mr. Weintraut stated that this is going to protect the County if any issues were to arise with an accident.

WTH REQUEST

Posey County Auditor Maegen Greenwell stated that CoreLogic is requesting information from the County's GIS program. Mrs. Greenwell stated this is something that is done several times per year, and a fee is paid to WTH, and that is passed on to the County.

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

SOLAR PROJECT MORATORIUM

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners would like to consider a moratorium on commercial solar projects until the County has completed the Comprehensive Plan that is currently under review. Mr. Collins stated that this does not include solar projects for personal use, this will only be for commercial solar projects.

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

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

BULK COPY FEE ORDINANCE

Posey County Auditor Maegen Greenwell stated that the IC Code states that the Recorder can charge a bulk copy fee above the .10 fee currently in the county's fee ordinance. Mrs. Greenwell stated that a bulk copy fee of .20 can be charged if an ordinance is in place.

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

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

TAX SALE CERTIFICATE ASSIGNMENT

B. Collins stated that the City is requesting a deed be assigned to the City on a property that is currently on the tax sale list. Mr. Collins explained that the property was cleaned up by the City and by signing ownership to the City, it will allow the City to sell the property and recoup the funds that were spent. Mr. Collins stated this is something that the County has done before.

B. Schorr made a motion to approve this request; G. Newman seconded. Mr. Collins stated he would like to know how many of the properties that the County has deeded to the City have been sold in the past. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

CENTERPOINT RATE INCREASE OPPOSITION

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners have prepared a resolution in opposition to the proposed rate increase from Centerpoint.

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

EQUIPMENT SURPLUS

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners were made aware of the need to surplus two unused body scanners from the Courthouses.

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

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

B. Collins gave the following Animal Control Report for February:

39 Complaints
13 Animals Picked Up
2 Animals Euthanized
5 Bite Reports

Posey County Highway Superintendent Steve Schenk stated that he has been working with the County Attorney and the Sheriff to recoup funds from damage to a guardrail during an accident.

Carrie Thompson, with Posey County EMA, reminded the Commissioners that the County is under a County-Wide Burn Ban until Friday. Mrs. Thompson stated this would be reevaluated on Friday to see if it needs to be extended.

Jamie Bradford with Posey County Dispatch informed the Commissioners that with the mailing of the donation request letters to local businesses they have received a donation from WSI in the amount of \$500.00. Mrs. Bradford updated the Commissioners regarding the several ongoing issues with equipment.

Mrs. Bradford stated that in dealing with several IT issues, the County's IT company is suggesting her department utilize a bank of tech hours that can be used by dispatch for projects that are not covered by the current contract. Mrs. Bradford stated that these tech hours would be banked at a discounted rate, and the rate needed would depend on which technician is available for the needed project. Mrs. Bradford stated that the cost given was \$15,000.00, and these hours never expire. Mrs. Bradford stated she would be taking this request to the Council next week.

Donnie Martin with the Posey County Health Department addressed the Commissioners regarding the changing COVID-19 recommendations from the CDC. Mr. Martin stated the new guidelines from the CDC advise that COVID-19 should be treated like the flu.

Mr. Martin stated the Health Department has met the first benchmark of the new Health 1st Indiana funding requirements.

Mr. Martin stated he is still working with the State regarding the ongoing trailer park issues.

Posey County Sheriff Tom Latham gave the following housing update:

82 Posey County Inmates
35 Vanderburgh County Inmates
43 DOC
160 total
\$38,625.00 was taken in from Vanderburgh County.

Sheriff Latham stated the new security equipment at the Courthouse is up and running and in use.

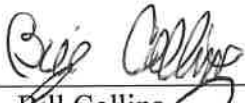
Paul Micheletti, Posey County EMS Director, informed the Commissioners that Posey County EMS is utilizing the backup ambulance due to ongoing issues with the ambulance that rear-ended

last year. Mr. Micheletti stated he is working with Mr. Weintraut to reopen this claim on this accident due to the ongoing issues.

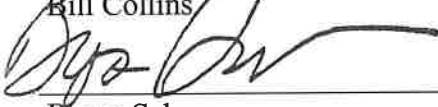
Mr. Micheletti stated that he intends to have an extra ambulance in rotation for the upcoming eclipse.

Cody Simpson, with Morley, addressed the Commissioners regarding the ongoing broadband project. Mr. Simpson stated that Morley met with Mainstream last week with seven punch list areas that needed to be remediated.


Posey County Veterans Affairs Officer John Dike addressed the Commissioners regarding the upcoming Veterans Appreciation Event that will be held at the American Legion. Mr. Dike stated that this will include several resource booths and will be held on April 10, 2024, from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Mr. Dike stated that he is utilizing grant funds to organize this event.



Bill Collins



Bryan Schorr



Greg Newman



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell