

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon, on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. Commissioners Bill Collins, Greg Newman, and Bryan Schorr were in attendance. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Representative Derrick McDowell were also in attendance.

Sheriff Tom Latham led the Commissioners in prayer.

MINUTES

B. Schorr made a motion to approve Commissioners meeting minutes from April 2, 2024; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

G. Newman made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes from April 9, 2024; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

CLAIMS

G. Newman made a motion to approve the claims as presented; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0. B. Schorr stated that he had not seen the claims.

TREASURER'S REPORT

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the March Treasurer's Report; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

OFFICE SPACE STUDY RFP

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners tabled the Office Space Study RFP at their last meeting to clarify their questions regarding the RFP. B. Collins stated that the difference between the quote from American Structure Point and Hafer was due to Hafer's quote is not for any engineering or detail regarding the move. B. Collins stated that Hafer is simply going to say if Posey County has enough room to move all the offices if the Court offices move into the Coliseum. B. Collins made a motion to approve Hafer's proposal for the space study; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

TAX SALE PROPERTIES

B. Collins stated that the City of Mt. Vernon often will ask for the County to sign deeds over to the City after an abandoned property is cleaned up by the City in order to sell the property. Mr. Collins stated that he has asked the Mayor of Mount Vernon if he would be willing to set a twelve-month time frame for the properties to be sold. Mr. Collins stated that if they were not

sold in twelve months, the City would come back to a Commissioners meeting to have a discussion, and the property would be listed on the Sheriff's sale to get the property back on the tax roll. B. Collins made a motion to have the County Attorney draft that into a proposal for the City to consider; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

OLIVER ROAD UNSAFE BUILDING

Posey County Building Commissioner Ed Batteiger stated that the new owners of the property were renotified on March 26, 2024. Mr. Batteiger stated that there has been very little progress on the property. Mr. Batteiger stated that the owners were asked to appear at the meeting today. William Allison stated that he owns the property with Mary Redman. Mrs. Redman stated that the property has been cleaned significantly since they purchased the property. B. Collins asked what the timeline for having the property cleaned up is. Mr. Allison stated that they had placed a fence and caution tape around the area, and he estimated it would take six months to get it completely cleaned up. Mrs. Redman provided the Commissioners with recent pictures. Mr. Collins stated he would be in favor of giving the landowners until the end of July to have this cleaned up before fines are issued. G. Newman stated he would be in favor of the end of July for a completion date as long as updates were given to the Building Commissioners in the meantime. G. Newman made a motion to table this discussion until the August meetings, provided the Building Commissioner is given updates regularly; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

FARMERSVILLE ROAD NUISANCE COMPLAINT

Posey County Building Commissioner Ed Batteiger presented the Commissioners with a nuisance complaint regarding trash at 1775 Farmersville Road. Mr. Batteiger stated he sent a notice to the address. Mr. Batteiger stated that the Commissioners did hear this complaint last year, and the claim was closed after it was cleaned up. Mr. Batteiger stated that he would send a notice to both the renter and the landowner regarding this complaint, giving thirty days to have the property cleaned up.

AREA PLAN REZONE REQUEST

Dave Ripple, Interim Area Plan Director, presented the following rezoning requests:

1. CountryMark is requesting to rezone 90 acres on the north side of Givens Road at Base Road from AG to M-2 to allow for the expansion of its current tank farm and employee parking. Mr. Ripple stated that this was heard at the April Area Plan meeting and passed unanimously with no remonstrators.

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

2. CountryMark is requesting to rezone 4.93 acres on the south side of Givens Road at Base Road from R-1 to M-2 to allow for the expansion of their current employee parking. Mr. Ripple

stated this was heard at the April Area Plan meeting and was passed unanimously with no remonstrators.

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

Commissioners Bill Collins, Greg Newman, and Bryan Schorr thanked Mr. Ripple for his service to Posey County as the interim director for the last six months.

COUNTY STORM DAMAGE UPDATE

Carrie Thompson, Posey County EMA Director, addressed the Commissioners regarding the recent storm damage throughout Posey County. Mrs. Thompson stated that her office continues to gather information for the State regarding damage. Mrs. Thompson stated that the County met with State representatives last week to begin working on disaster funding.

Mrs. Thompson stated that one of the first steps is for the County Commissioners to declare a county-wide disaster declaration for the three confirmed tornados. Mrs. Thompson stated this would allow the County to move forward with asking for disaster funds.

G. Newman made a motion to approve the proclamation of a county-wide disaster for the April 2, 2024, storms; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

COUNTY BUILDING LAWN CARE

B. Collins stated that he would like to advertise for bids on lawn care at various County Buildings, including mowing.

B. Schorr made a motion to advertise for bids; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT

B. Collins stated he was approached by Amy Smith with the Posey County Community Foundation regarding a grant that they will be applying for to help with funding for the new park on the Hagemann ground. Mr. Collins stated they asked the Commissioners to provide a letter of support on their behalf.

G. Newman made a motion to provide a letter of support; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

CREAMERY ROAD FLASHING LIGHT

Posey County Highway Superintendent Steve Schenk addressed the Commissioners regarding a request to place a flashing light at Creamery Road and St. Phillips near the ballfield. Mr. Schenk stated that this request comes after concerns over parking for the ballfield were brought to his attention. Mr. Schenk stated he would like to place a solar-powered flashing light at this intersection that could be turned on and off according to the schedule of the ballfield. Mr. Schenk stated the cost to install this would be \$25,800.00, along with a \$550.00 yearly maintenance fee.

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

HIGHWAY CONTRACTS

Posey County Highway Superintendent Steve Schenk addressed the Commissioners regarding the following two contracts:

1. SJCA will conduct the road assessment for Posey County. Mr. Schenk stated this will include an on-call rate. B. Collins made a motion to approve this service agreement; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
2. EGIS will conduct inspections regarding the solar project on the County's behalf. Mr. Schenk stated this would be billed at 40 hours per week, to begin with, then taper off to 20 hours per week eventually. Mr. Schenk stated this agreement is not to exceed \$172,000.00. Mr. Schenk stated the solar company would reimburse this cost. B. Schorr made a motion to approve this request; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

REIS LANE STOP SIGN

Posey County Highway Superintendent Steve Schenk addressed the Commissioners regarding the request to place a stop sign at Reis Lane and Vienna Road. Mr. Schenk stated there is currently a stop sign on Vienna Road that he would like to remove and move to Reis Lane. G. Newman made a motion to approve the first reading of this ordinance; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS

Donnie Martin, with the Posey County Health Department, presented the Commissioners with the following two contracts for the Health Department:

1. Hyman Services will provide lawn care for the Health Department
 2. Scott Regan will provide building maintenance for the Health Department
- B. Collins made a motion to approve this request; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Steve Schenk, Posey County Highway Superintendent, informed the Commissioners that the department is still assisting with storm cleanup and getting roads cleaned up.

Jamie Bradford, Posey County Dispatch Director, informed the Commissioners that this week is National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week. Mrs. Bradford stated that construction on the new tower location is underway, pending weather. Mrs. Bradford stated that radio issues are still being addressed throughout the County.

Donnie Martin, with the Posey County Health Department, updated the Commissioners regarding the ongoing health issues with several mobile home parks in the County.

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

42 DOC

34 Vanderburgh County Inmates

85 Posey County Inmates

\$35,925.00 from Vanderburgh County

Sheriff Latham thanked Mrs. Thompson, the first responders, and the highway department for the swift response to the recent storms and cooperation with his office.

Paul Micheletti, Posey County EMS Director, gave the following report for March:

236 Request

187 Transportation

\$82,006.88

Mr. Micheletti stated he recently replaced a washer and dryer at one of the EMS stations and would like to pay the invoice from the Commissioners furniture line.

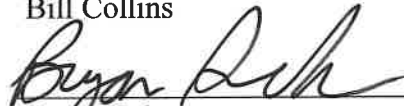
Commissioner Bill Collins stated that the County owns a mower that is currently housed at the Sheriff's office but not being used, and he is seeking permission to give that mower to the highway department for use. G. Newman made a motion to approve the transfer of equipment from the Sheriff's office to the Highway Department; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

John Moyer, a resident at 4481 Wade Road, addressed the Commissioners regarding issues with Mainstream and property damage. Mr. Moyer also addressed issues with Marshall Services along Wade Road.

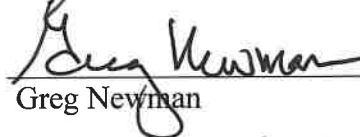
Posey County Auditor Maegen Greenwell advised that the next Commissioners meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2024.



Bill Collins



Bryan Schorr



Greg Newman



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell