

**POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026.**

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, February 3, 2026. Commissioners Bill Collins, Greg Newman, and Eric Koester were in attendance. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were also in attendance.

Deacon Mark McDonald led the Commissioners in prayer.

**MINUTES**

G. Newman made a motion to approve the minutes from January 21, 2026; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

E. Koester made a motion to approve the executive session minutes from January 21, 2026; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

**CLAIMS**

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

**SHERIFF VEHICLE BIDS OPENED**

B. Collins opened the following bid that was solicited for the Posey County Sheriff's office: Kelley Chevrolet: \$53,688.00 per vehicle. Sheriff Latham stated that the bid that was received was in line with the specifications. E. Koester made a motion to accept the bid from Kelley Chevrolet; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

**COMMISSIONER ATTORNEY CONTRACT**

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners have been presented with the 2026 contract for legal counsel. Mr. Collins stated that nothing has changed from the prior year.

E. Koester made a motion to approve this contract; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

**EREP CONTRACT**

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners have three contracts to consider for services provided by EREP for 2026.

E. Koester made a motion to approve the contract with EREP for six months for \$62,841.50; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **COMMUNITY CROSSING GRANT BID AGREEMENT**

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners approved the low bid from Jerry David at the last Commissioners meeting for the Community Crossing Grant. Mr. Collins stated that this is signing the bid agreement for Jerry David.

### **HAFER PROJECTS PROPOSAL**

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners asked Hafer to provide a proposal for project management for three future projects.

B. Collins stated that the following projects were included, and the price provided by Hafer to provide a scope of work to bid, oversee the bid process, and provide project management:

Annex Building for cameras: \$2800.00: B. Collins made a motion to approve this proposal; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Coliseum for new carpet throughout: \$14,400.00: G. Newman made a motion to approve this proposal; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Courthouse for various painting projects, including sandblasting and windows: \$59,200.00: G. Newman made a motion to approve this proposal; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **HIGHWAY 69 NUSIANCE COMPLAINT**

Posey County Building Commissioner Ed Battieger provided the Commissioners with updated information regarding the nuisance complaint on Highway 69. Mr. Battieger stated that no work had been done at the property and believed the homeowner was still incarcerated.

Attorney Joe Harrison asked if a fine had been imposed on this property yet. Mr. Battieger stated that he did not because the owner was incarcerated.

The Commissioners discussed the options for gathering quotes to have the property cleaned up. Mr. Harrison stated that a letter needs to be delivered to the homeowner at the jail, stating that the Commissioners will gather quotes to complete this work, and giving her the option to gather her own quotes.

B. Collins made a motion to proceed with gathering quotes for consideration at the second February meeting and contacting the homeowner; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **DAVIS ROAD NUSIANCE COMPLAINT**

Posey County Building Commissioner Ed Battieger provided the Commissioners with updated information regarding the nuisance complaint on Davis Road. Mr. Battieger stated that little progress has been made.

The homeowner was present and spoke to the Commissioners regarding the ongoing progress.

G. Newman made a motion to continue this complaint until the first March meeting to allow for more progress to be made; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0. B.

Collins thanked the homeowner for attending the meeting and for continuing to work on the issue.

## **WESTERN BYPASS UPDATE**

Justin Hoffman, with American Structure Point, provided the Commissioners with an update on progress with the Western Bypass. Mr. Hoffman stated that Phase 1 East bids will be opened at the March 3, 2026, Commissioners meeting.

## **HIGHWAY LEASE AGREEMENTS**

Posey County Highway Superintendent Steve Schenk provided the Commissioners with a lease agreement for two new dump trucks for the Highway Department. Mr. Schenk stated that the annual payments for each truck will be \$70,414.12, paid over three annual lease payments. E. Koester made a motion to approve these lease agreements: G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

## **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Posey County Highway Superintendent Steve Schenk stated that, with recent weather, the department would likely need to post weight limits on County roads in the near future. Mr. Schenk stated that he would update the Commissioners before that time and that he would have permits available to those who need to use those roads once the roads have a posted weight limit.

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

DOC: 7

Vanderburgh County: 10

Posey County: 90

Total 107

Sheriff Latham addressed the recent officer-involved shooting and the need to make changes to the current radios.

B. Collins stated that he has spoken with the company servicing the radios, and they have expressed concern and need to ensure that all County radios have been inspected by the company so they can find a solution to the current issues.

Kyle Jones with Posey County Health Department provided the Commissioners with a drawing of the remodel that the department is proposing. Mr. Jones stated that the department received three bids. Mr. Jones stated that the lowest bid, 29,450.00, was from Mike Greenwell, who completed the first remodel of the building. B. Collins asked whether this was in the Health Department's budget. Mr. Jones stated yes, this would come from the 2025 HFI carry-over funds. G. Newman made a motion to accept the low bid of Mike Greenwell Construction; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Posey County Extension Director Kristin Lowry addressed the Commissioners regarding the annual report she emailed them.

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

213 requests

115 transports

\$92,764.00 revenue

Mr. Micheletti stated that during the recent snow event, the department staffed an extra ambulance for a total of 60 hours in anticipation of longer run times.

Mr. Micheletti stated that at the most recent EMS Advisory Board meeting, the board discussed what has been happening in Vanderburgh County, with the City of Evansville taking over ambulance services from AMR. Mr. Micheletti stated that, initially, with this change, it was thought that McCutchanville and Perry Township would be serviced by AMR; however, he has now heard that McCutchanville may have an agreement with the city to continue services, leaving Perry Township to be serviced by AMR. Mr. Micheletti stated that he is unsure whether AMR will continue to service only Perry Township, as it is a small area. Mr. Micheletti stated that it would leave either the City of Evansville, Vanderburgh County Fire, or Posey County EMS to respond to Perry Township. Mr. Micheletti stated that currently, Posey County has a mutual aid agreement with Vanderburgh County to respond to Perry County if needed. Mr. Micheletti stated that, if this is the case, he is concerned that the call volume will exceed what Posey County is used to.

B. Collins stated that the purpose of a mutual aid agreement is to address emergency situations, which is different from being unprepared, as it seems. Mr. Collins stated that if Posey County is going to make continuous runs to this area, there should be some type of financial agreement. Mr. Micheletti stated that he is bringing this to the Commissioners' attention in advance so that plans can be made.

G. Newman clarified that if mutual aid is requested and help is available, this is one thing, but if help is not available, it must be turned down. Mr. Micheletti stated that currently, if mutual aid is requested and all but one ambulance is not in service, Posey County will provide help, but if more than one ambulance is on a run, the request is turned down.

B. Collins informed Mr. Micheletti that the Commissioners may want to use the current Tahoe that is being replaced and asked Mr. Micheletti not to make plans for this vehicle once it is replaced.

Posey County EMA Director Carrie Thompson informed the Commissioners that she has been in contact with the State regarding the recent snowstorm and the disaster declaration. Mrs. Thompson stated that she will provide the State, as requested, with the estimated cost of this storm to the County. Mrs. Thompson stated that the State as a whole will have to meet a disaster threshold before Counties will be considered for reimbursement.

Mr. Newman thanked all the local agencies for planning ahead for the snowstorm and for the work done during the storm.

*Bill Collins*

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*Greg Newman*

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*Eric Koester*

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*Shelley Hargrove*

Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell

Shelley Hargrove Chief Dep. Auditor