

**Commissioners Meeting
January 2, 2024**

Present: Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Heather Gries, Auditor Melissa Bunner, Attorney Joshua Claybourn

Meeting was called to order by President Gries at 3:00 P.M.

Minutes

Seller made a motion to approve the minutes for the Commissioners Meeting dated December 19, 2023, and the Executive Session dated December 28, 2023. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims

Brown made a motion to approve claims as presented. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VSO / Ricky Biggs

The announcement was made that Biggs has given his notice and will work until the end of February. **Seiler motioned to have the Auditor post the position. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Health Department / Mindy Spinks

Nothing to report.

Highway Department / Dale Kenney

Kenney brought in Form 96 for the Commissioners to sign. This is to accept the bid for Bridge 152. The bid was contingent on funding and the County Council approved this at the December meeting so they are ready to move forward. The project is expected to begin in March 2024.

Courthouse Space

Gries discussed the need to move around some office space with the end goal of getting the Surveyor's office out of the basement. This is her proposal:

The Surveyors Office moving to the Planning Office

The Planning Office moving to the front of the Health Offices used by the Environmental and Food Sanitation Inspectors. The Environmental and Food Sanitation Inspectors will need to move to the back of the office space with all movements completed by February 1, 2024. **Seiler motioned to approve. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Legal Report

There was an introduction to the new County Attorney Joshua Claybourn. He discussed the agreement made between the County and Jackson Kelly PLLC out of Evansville, Indiana. The annual retainer for legal services is \$48,000 per year and does not include any benefits. **Seiler motioned to approve the agreement. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Claybourn followed up on the ordinance proposal for the Onsite Sewage Systems from the last meeting. Even though the ordinance was not adopted, the current ordinance needs to be amended. This will be followed up at the next meeting.

Old Business

Bunner provided a copy of the SRI Commissioners Certificate Sale Services Addendum to the SRI Tax Sale Services Agreement. They also needed to set a price for the properties being sold. **Brown motioned to approve \$100. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Brown made a motion to approve ARPA funding for Option 3 - \$11,671.86 for the TFS quote to fix the concrete around the courthouse. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business

Gries set the Financial Board meeting for Tuesday January 16, 2024 at 2:45 P.M.

Seiler motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 P.M.




President



Ryan P. Brown

Attest:



Auditor, Melissa L. Burner



Melissa L. Burner